

Communists of Mexico Have Daily

NOTE:—This is the third article in the series on the Second Congress of the Mexican Communist Party:

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MEXICO CITY.—From his jail in Vera Cruz came the voice of Heron Proal, to the Second Congress of the Mexican Communist Party, announcing by message the purchase on credit of a printing press for the Communist four-page daily newspaper here, "El Frente Unico."

The delegates from Vera Cruz appealed for party support for the paper on a more adequate basis, and threw an interesting sidelight on the poverty of the peasants by explaining that the paper cannot be sold to them but must be given to them because it costs more than the land which represents their right to live. "They pay 12 pesos a year for their land," explains one. "We are forced to charge 10 centavos (five cents) a day for the paper, which makes over 36 pesos a year or three times the cost of their right to live. The party must make it possible to sell the paper for five centavos and also to give it free to the poorest elements."

Later, under the head of Press, the Secretary of the Party, Manuel Ramirez, moved that "El Frente Unico" be taken over by the party as its national daily organ for the use of workers' and peasants' unions, that it continue to be published in Vera Cruz but that its circulation be made nation-wide and funds raised everywhere to purchase outright the mortgaged printing press, on which 500 pesos is owing, and thus put the paper out of financial danger.

"La Plebe", he explains, will continue to be the national political organ of the Central Committee published weekly in Mexico City. His motion carries unanimously.

The delegate from Orizaba reports that the "yellow labor government" here, in conjunction with "yellow labor leaders" in the unions, is persecuting the Communists, preventing them from getting work and boycotting them. He requests moral and material aid for his district and the sending in of representatives of the National Executive.

A peasant delegate rises to inquire how he can explain to his fellows the United Front, the Red Trade Union International, and reasons in favor of co-operation between the Peasants' Union and the Communist Party. He listens patiently to patient lectures by Ramirez, Lorenzo, Carrillo and others.

The Red Labor International is taken up. An anarcho-syndicalist tendency manifested by one of the delegates, is rebuked by Manuel Ramirez.

"As Communists," he declares, "we believe in a united front of workers' political and industrial organizations. Clause 2, of Article II, of the Statutes of the Red Trade Union International, provided for interchange of committee members of the Red Unions and Communist Parties. At the Second Congress of the Red Unions (which he attended as delegate from the Mexican "Red" Unions) we threw out that clause because the anarchists of the entire world attacked it. In its place we provided for Committees of Action in such emergencies as confront the French, German and Belgian Parties and Unions in the present Ruhr crisis, where they have formed a temporary united front. But this is not good, because it is not permanent, it is not planful, it is not organic."

"We continue to believe as Communists, in organic unity, but offer this as a concession to unclear elements in order to form a united bloc."

"Here in Mexico it is difficult to form a united front with the present yellow leaders. (The shameless ones, he calls them.) They have a united



Delegate Valverde, of Cordoba, full-blooded Negro, member of the Presidium of the Second National Convention, Mexican Communist Party.

front with the government. In any workers' crisis, the government plucks them by the ear, whispers instructions, and they are obeyed.

"Consequently, efforts for the united front in this country take the form of Committees of Action, similar to the Syndicalist Revolutionary Committees of France and Spain, which are nuclei within both sets of unions to force a United Front."

The convention takes up the agrarian problem, urges the peasants to refuse to be disarmed, elaborates details for the uniting of the agrarian communes into a nation-wide organization, provides for lessons on stock-raising and other matters in the daily paper, "El Frente Unico", plans to unite the peasants unions with the Red Union International.

Resolutions are adopted congratulating the workers of the United States, thru the Workers Party, on the victory scored by Foster in the jury disagreement; congratulating the American workers on Foster's work and leadership, providing for reaffiliation of the Young communists with interchange of committee members, denouncing the formation of tenants' unions by the yellow leaders in places where tenants' unions already exist—which they were not able to control; calling for the workers of all factions to unite in armed battalions of combat against the Fascisti and counter-revolution.

Frederick W. Leighton, director of the Mexican Branch of the Federated Press, addresses the convention in Spanish on the work of the Press, announcing the imminent starting of a Spanish news service, and calls for endorsement and the appointment of a party representative on the "all-faction" advisory committee. The Federated Press is endorsed and a delegate provided for.

It is reported that the paper "Laborista", of the rival Laborista Party has stated that Enrique Flores Magon has returned to Mexico to assume leadership of the Communist Party, and that the capitalist paper "El Mundo" declared that the Party wanted a united front of all workers in order to put Magon at its head. The convention adopts a resolution informing those interested that it has nothing in common with Magon who is an anarchist.

Help Soviet Air Fleet

DETROIT, MICH.—In accordance with a proposal submitted by the editors of the "Glos Robotniczy" Voice of the Workers, the workers gathered at the May Day celebration, held in "The International Workers' Home" in Tamrack, Mich., took up a collection of \$75.55 for the Red Air Fleet of Soviet Russia in order to demonstrate their opposition against the war plans of the international counter-revolution in general, and the Polish reaction in particular.

Demand Howat Reinstatement

Houston, Pa., Local, No. 1724, United Mine Workers, has adopted resolutions calling upon the Miners International Executive Board to reinstate Alexander Howat and his fellow officers of District 14, Kansas.

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