

Wild-Eyed Tactics of "International" Officials Are Continued

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The yellow-socialist officialdom of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is continuing the wild-eyed tactics of expelling members of the rank and file who happen to hold different political or trade union views from those made sacred by the high post-beds of the General Executive Board.

The latest step in this vicious campaign, after the arbitrary removal of 19 of the 24 members of the executive board of Dreammakers' Local 22, of New York, is the threat to expel the entire Finishers' Local 9, of the same city for having voted not to accept the General Executive Board's ultimatum that the progressives and radicals be summarily expelled.

The manager of this local, Louis Hyman, made public a statement of the local executive board which shows clearly the falsity and complete lack of foundation of the "reasons" given by the International leaders for their criminal policy.

It is pointed out that the last convention of the union refused even to consider certain motions that had as their object the policy which is now being carried on with Nero-like abandon by the ruling powers in the union.

The statement also makes public for the first time the complete record of the case of this particularly unfortunate local and proves that the conscious policy of the officialdom expressed itself in a constant anxiety that locals which did not agree with their views should withdraw from the International, thus leaving the exalted muck-amucks in unquestioned and undisputed power.

This was made evident in a letter sent to the executive board of Local 9, dated Sept. 29, asking them either to appeal to the next regular convention or to withdraw. The hyper-cry of the offer of these alternatives can be understood when one thinks that an appeal to the next convention is dependent upon acceptance of the order to expel the militants, thus leaving the election of convention delegates to the right-wing reactionaries who would beyond the faintest shadow of a doubt turn down any appeal no matter how justified—assuming, of course, that a delegate who had enough courage and honesty to raise the question was elected by some local, a wild improbability.

A committee of three hundred workers, appeared before the G. E. B. of the I. L. G. W. U., which is meeting in the Morrison Hotel, demanding an all union industry. This is the story given to the capitalist press by Sigman. The real story, however is, that this committee was made up from the different shops in the city and their demand was, that the G. E. B. put an end to Perlstein's terrorist tactics, and reinstate the expelled members. They were told that they could not be recognized because they had no credentials from their union, at the same time they denied the right of local 9 to send similar committee to the G. E. B.

In almost every large city where there is a danger of a growing sentiment against the reactionaries, the Sigman-Baroff-Perlstein-and-lesser lights' clique is stabbing the union in the back with cold blooded cynicism such as has hardly ever before been displayed by the blackest shade of reaction.

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