

Support Party Against Right Danger and Trotskyism

No Reservations on C. I., C. Y. I. Decisions

PUZZLE

CUT OUT THE PIECES AND
PASTE THEM TOGETHER PROPERLY
SEND TO:
AND WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE

PASTER



A BAD MISTAKE

General—Look here, my man, why don't you be careful?

Army Clerk—What is wrong, sir?

General—Why instead of addressing this letter to the "Intelligence Officer" you have addressed it to the "Intelligent Officer." You should know there is no such person in the army.

NOT MISSING MUCH

At a discussion meeting one of the speakers had great difficulty in winding up his speech. The audience became restive, shuffling their feet and moving the chairs about. Perspiration rolled off the face of the speaker. Then he stopped abruptly and said: "With all this noise and interruption

THE OLD SWAN SONG

Chairman (at the union concert) "Miss Bello will now sing, 'Oh, that I were a dove, I'd flee.'"

Member of the audience: "Point of order Mr. Chairman. Before the lady starts may I ask for a description of a dove-eyed flea?"

THE OLD BOY SMOKES

Question: "What is a volcano?"

Answer: "A mountain with a hole in the top. If you look down you can see the creator smoking."

AMERICANISM

Figuring out a way to take something else on the installment plan.—From The Railroad Worker

E. C. C. Y. I. LETTER

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Dear Comrades:

Trotskyism in America represents a serious danger for the League and Party. Its seriousness lies in the fact that under the cover of leftist phrases it is making a counter-revolutionary attack on the Party which provides dangerous Social-Democratic elements with a weapon against the Party at a time when it is faced with grave Right wing dangers. It is therefore necessary to conduct an ideological campaign exposing the ultra-left phrases with which Cannon attempts to cover his opportunism and at the same time exposing "Trotskyism" as utilized by many extreme Right and Social-Democratic elements within the Party (Askell, Sulkanen) as well as by openly Social Democratic elements outside the Party, (Lore, etc.)

At the same time we must emphasize that the Right Wing danger is the chief danger. The struggle against Trotskyism must not be allowed to weaken the struggle against the Right danger but must be linked up with it. This is because the past years of struggle against Trotskyism has resulted in its defeat in its most important strongholds, the discrediting of its platform and its complete exposure as a Social-Democratic deviation which attempted to hide beneath leftist phrases. Therefore Cannon will rapidly abandon ultra-left phrases and begin to merge with the outright Social Democratic elements, (Lore, etc.).

The main danger now for all Parties is the Right Danger as pointed out by the last Congress of the Comintern. The resolution of the 6th World Congress of the C.I. says: "On the basis of the partial stabilization of capitalism and directly owing to the influence of Social-Democracy, the principle line of deviation from the correct political position observed within the Communist Parties is to be found at the present time towards the Right." In America, as pointed out by the C.I. and Y.C.I. Congresses, the Right danger finds its expression in the under-estimation of the war danger, in tendencies not to play a sufficiently independent role in relation to the strike movements the organization of the unorganized and the consolidation of our position in the existing union; in the question of our relation

with the Socialists; in tendencies to under-estimate the full importance of Negro work; in the poor social composition of the League and in the difficulties confronting the League and Party in adapting many elements to the new conditions and methods of work etc. etc.

In the light of the foregoing analysis it is clear that the resolution of the Majority of the N.E.C. gives an incorrect estimation of the Cannon-Trotskyist development: It states: "Trotskyism... at the present time presents the greatest danger for the Party and for the revolutionary movement. In the American Party at the present time the Right danger is represented sharply by the Trotskyists." To declare that the struggle against the Trotskyists is the chief form of the struggle against the Right danger means in effect to deny that the Right danger as amplified above is the chief danger confronting the Party. The resolution of the Minority of the N.E.C. gives a correct estimation of the Trotskyist development in so far as it shows that the Right wing danger as stated by the Comintern is the chief danger for the League and Party. It fails, however to differentiate between the Right danger and the ultra-left phrases and approach of Cannon. In order to successfully combat Cannon's Trotskyism it is necessary to unmask his leftist phrases with which he endeavors to conceal his Social-Democratic position. The Resolution of the Minority of the N. E. C. where it stresses the Right mistakes of the Party must not be interpreted as directed solely against the C. E. C. Majority. It is the task of the League to struggle against the Right mistakes of the Party as a whole. The role of Trotskyism itself is indisputable and the entire League must take a united stand against it.

The entire League must support the Party in its struggle against the Right danger and Trotskyism. The Y.C.I. regrets that the Majority and Minority of the N.E.C. failed to work out a common resolution on the Right Danger and Trotskyism. The entire League must support without reservation the decision of the C. I. and Y.C.I. and fight unitedly on this line against the Right danger and Trotskyism and for the liquidation of fractionalism in the League.

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