

to hide from the rest of the world, and of the dissatisfaction with Mussolini's open efforts to drive the Communist and progressive elements generally out of the labor movement, substituting—as has been done in some places—open-shop Fascisti unions.

The critical situation is indicated by the fact that following an interview with the Fascisti dictator, officials of the General Federation of Labor called a special meeting of their executive committee.

In the interview Mussolini told the representatives of organized labor that he, of course, wished the workers all sorts of good luck—but?! They must respect the "right to work" and the "sanctity of contract." In other words, he has made a declaration of benevolent principles worthy of an American open-shop advocate.

Calls U. S. Despotism in Philippines Worse than Rule of Spaniards

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—A cable has just been received by the Philippine Press Bureau that Fernandez, who recently resigned as mayor in protest against Leonard Wood's high handed rule, is now running for the senate to fill the vacancy of Pedro Guevera who is leaving on August 17th to take his newly elected position as resident Commissioner to the United States.

Fernandez as the candidate of the Collectivist and the Nationalist Parties is opposed by Judge Juan Sumulong of the Democratic Party. The principal issue involved in the election is the break of the Filipino leaders with General Wood. Tho the Democrats join the other parties in denouncing the despotism of Wood, yet they criticize the coalitionists for unnecessarily submitting

the case to the people in this election and contend it is a matter that should be brought home to the American people instead.

In his keynote speech before a monster audience in Manila, Senate President Quezon said: "The Governor General has repeatedly passed over the heads of departments and repeatedly submitted bills to the Philippine Legislature without consulting them. Even Colonel Johnston, one of the army officers on Governor Wood's military staff, prepares bills. I have told the Governor that his private advisers are superfluous and have no legal status in our government and have no authority in the eyes of the legislature.

Manuel Rexas, speaker, Philippine House of Representatives, said:

"He has sought to establish a Colonial Despotism worse than that which has cursed our country for the last ten generations. As to the development of our vast natural resources the government has sought to denationalize our national economic organizations accepting advice from those American interests that want to come here to exploit our resources on a large scale."

The Filipinos are looking on this election as a test of strength and feel sure that General Wood will be given another decisive rebuke.

F. S. R. Issues Statement

The Friends of Soviet Russia has issued a statement on the removal of its national headquarters from New York City to Chicago, about Sept. 1. It points out that this will give it a more central location for touring speakers, the circulation of its press and movies, and also a more favorable industrial center for carrying on its relief work among the unions.

Illinois Convention September 10

CHICAGO.—"We expect about 700 delegates to our 41st annual convention," says Victor A. Olander, secretary Illinois State Federation of Labor. Decatur is making big preparations for the affair.