

FOR THE UNITY OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

Towards a Latin American Trade Union Secretariat.

Since November 15th the Executive Bureau of the Red International of Labour Unions has held several meetings with trade union representatives from Central and South America who attended the October Celebrations.

The immediate result of these meetings has been an extremely important decision, adopted unanimously on December 11th last, on setting up a Latin American Trade Union Secretariat.

Below we give the text of this Decision, which opens a new page in the history of the Trade Union Movement of Latin-America:

"We, the delegates of class trade unions in Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba, Mexico Uruguay, Chili and Ecuador, meeting in Moscow during the Tenth Anniversary of the October Revolution, and coming together on the 11th December, 1927, in the Red International of Labour Unions, and discussing the question of the position of the working class and trade unions in Latin-America, have come to the following conclusions:

"Whereas United States imperialism is becoming more and more aggressive towards all countries in Central and Southern America, and the United States is endeavouring to convert the whole of Latin-America into a colony for American capital;

"Whereas the Pan-American Federation of Labour created by the reactionary American trade union leaders is nothing but a tool for Wall Street and as such, an enemy of the toiling masses both of Southern, Central, and North American;

"Whereas the reaction raging in the Latin-American countries is chiefly directed against the working class and whereas nothing but the united forces of the toiling masses all over Latin-America can resist both United States imperialism and the aggressive policy of the bourgeoisie in the Latin countries, it is unanimously resolved:

"To inaugurate preparatory work in all Latin American countries for the unification of all trade union class organisations for the struggle against United States imperialism, the imperialist Pan-American Federation of Labour and the attack of the national bourgeoisie, and for the establishment of close fraternal ties with the international labour movement and the creation of an all-embracing class International uniting the trade unions of all countries, races and continents in order with combined forces to struggle against imperialist wars and for the complete emancipation of labour from the domination of Capital:

"We, the undersigned, undertake to do everything possible in our country for the convocation at the end of 1928

in Montevideo of a conference of class trade unions in the whole of Latin-America for the purpose of setting up a Latin American Trade Union Secretariat."

The foregoing Decision was signed by the following Delegates:

Atilio R. Biondi, A. Resnik, Martin S. Gacia: Trade Union Federation of Argentina.

Antonio Maruenda, Trade Union Council of Province of Cordoba (Argentina).

Francisco Castrillejo, Independent Trade Unions of Uruguay.

Guillermo Hernandez Rodrigues, Central Labour Union of Columbia.

Bernardo Lobo, National Labour Confederation of Cuba.

Rufino Rosas, Labour Federation of Chili.

Pablo Mendez, National Peasant League of Mexico.

Prospero Malvestitti, Town Federation of Trade Unions of Buenos Ayres and Independent Trade Unions of Buenos Ayres.

Ricardo Paredes, Railwaymen's Federation of Ecuador and Labour Federation of Chimborazo (Ecuador).

Representatives from: Miners' Federation of State of Hidalgo, Mexico — Comrade Sisneros,

Union of Workers of Oil Works in State of Tamsulipos, Mexico (Comrade Montemajor); Transport Workers Confederation of Mexico (Comrade Contreras), took part in the preliminary discussion of this question and supported the formation of the Latin-American Trade Union Secretariat, but owing to their departure were unable to sign the present Resolution.

Moscow, December 11, 1927.

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