





# Conference on Needle Trades Big Success

By BEN GITLOW

The First National Conference of the Needle Trades Educational League was a big success. Seventy-five delegates from twenty-two states and one Canadian province were present.

The conference demonstrated that the League is a vital, living institution in the needle trades organization.

There were present leaders true to the struggle of the needle trades workers, many militants who had fought in some of the bitterest struggles and many who demonstrated their commitment in the fighting staff that is a prerequisite for militant leadership in the labor movement.

This First National Conference signified that amalgamation is the next step in the going on of the needle trades when it comes to its head a revolutionary, experienced leadership fully able to organize and capable of fulfilling them.

One of the greatest difficulties in getting a national conference among the workers in the needle trades was the lack on their part of a national outlook.

The First National Conference succeeded in definitely breaking down the local psychology.

The important local difficulties that before loomed tremendously in importance in their minds faded in significance and the national problems that affect all the 500,000 needle trades workers assumed prime importance.

At the coming conventions of the International Ladies Garment Workers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, as a result of this national psychology established by the conference in the minds of the militants.

The most important discussion at the conference today was the consideration of the proposed plan for a federation of existing needle trades organizations.

However, there were some, and their number was not large, who believed that in the evolution of the needle trades organization towards complete amalgamation a federation of the existing organizations will necessarily be the next step.

The overwhelming majority of the conference would have nothing to do with such a middle compromising course. As amalgamationists they wanted amalgamation brought about by the rank and file and not a federation imposed upon the rank and file by the existing reactionary officials.

They wanted a radical change in their organization, not the continuance in a federation, of the present evil. They know the weakness and shortcomings of federation and wanted the opportunity of exposing its fault to the vast membership.

The conference dealt with a large number of organizational and principle matters. Resolutions on many important matters concerning the militant and revolutionary program were adopted.

The conference endorsed the Red Trade Union International and officially joined the International Propaganda Committee of Needle and Textile Workers.

With the election of a National Committee of 20 members, the conference ended, closing a most important event in labor history.

# Call to All Militants by Eastern Trade Union Educational League Conference

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At the close of the meeting that lasted 100,000 of the 200,000 shoe workers; 100,000 of the half-million packing house workers; 100,000 of the 200,000 railroad workers; 100,000 of the 200,000 garment workers; 100,000 of the 200,000 steel workers; 100,000 of the 200,000 coal miners; 100,000 of the 200,000 oil workers; 100,000 of the 200,000 other workers.

In another column we published in the last issue the resolution that was adopted. Its passage alone was worth the whole effort that had gone into it.

The conference was a success. It was interesting to read the communications that came to this Eastern Conference of Militants from the various international committees of the Trade Union Educational League, calling for greater organization activity.

This call came from the General Committee for Amalgamation in the Food Industry; from the International Committee for Amalgamation of the Building Trades; from the International Maritime Workers' Amalgamation Committee; from the International Committee for the Textile Union Educational League.

It was significant that in selecting the executive committee for the Eastern District, Organizer Manley nominated a big representative of the steel workers of Western Pennsylvania. Marrick is now in a Pittsburgh office, and will be here for the conference in Chicago.

James Campbell of the Buffalo, N. Y. Moulders' Union, who was elected to the executive committee, declared it to be the most historic gathering of labor ever held in this country.

The Eastern District Conference was the climax of conferences held in the Needle Trades, the Textile Trades and the Eastern Railway section of the country.

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# ISAC Needs Says Manley

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The various organizations of workers in the textile industry are united in a common demand for a program as a result of the First National Conference of the Textile Union Educational League.

There were gathered together in the conference representatives of the Amalgamated Knit Goods Workers, Amalgamated Textile Workers, various Textile Councils, American Federation of Textile Operatives, United Textile Workers, A. F. of L. Associated Silk Workers and the "One Big Union" of Lawrence, Mass.

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# Kaiser Says Spies Here, Is Grudge Taken

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Kaiser's charges that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is spying on him and his operatives and producing a scandal of big proportions.

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This week we publish extracts from the court record in the effort to locate the spy station in this country of the German Imperial Government that fell in November, 1919, are illuminating by a look by the examination of Gustav R. Means, former superintendent of the Burns' Agency.

Attorney Meyer Steinbrink questioned Means as follows: Q. Are you acquainted with Captain A. The German Attaché, yes, I know him.

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# Howat Speaks in New York on May 20th

Alexander Howat, leader of the Kansas miners in their fight against his position and freed a broadside will speak in New York Sunday afternoon, May 20th, in the New Star building, 107th Street and Lexington Avenue.

This is Howat's first public appearance in New York, and a big crowd will undoubtedly run out to hear him. Howat will pay particular attention to the strike of the coal barons against the United Mine Workers' Union.

# The Church and Revolution

By ELMER T. ALLISON

In the village where I was reared, in the borderland between North and South, there stood a "meeting house" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, SOUTH, dedicated to the service of God if not of man.

# Needle Trades Workers Hear Foster Saturday

This Saturday, 1 P. M., at Casino Hall, 82 E. 4th St., will be held a General Meeting of all members and sympathizers of the Needle Trades Educational League.

The meeting is to launch the Amalgamation Drive in the Needle Trades in New York. Ida Rothstein will be the principal speaker. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the mass line, and it is likely that it will take a different course elsewhere.

# Supreme Court Seeks More Light in the Gilow Case

More light is evidently being sought by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Ben Gilow, convicted under the criminal syndicalist law of New York State.

The lawyers, the witness and the Comptroller left the room for a while and returned to the docket and ordered a rearrangement, according to Gilow's attorney. The case was argued the month ago and a decision was being awaited which affected, not only the criminal syndicalist law in New York State, but in 35 other states.

# Mutual Aid Welcomes Spring

The League for Mutual Aid, an organization that is violating any secrecy laws, is holding a meeting in New York City.

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