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Farmer's Building,
Regina, Oct., 17, 1931.

Dear Sir;-

Complying with the request which you made over long distance telephone this morning that I communicate with you indicating whether or not the Miners' Union in its affiliation with the Third International may be regarded as a communistic organization or not.

The Red International of Labour Unions was organized as an outcome of a conference of Russian trade union officers and members of the Third Communist Internationale held in Moscow July 15, 1920. The following are among the aims and objects of the Red Internationale of Labour Unions;-

1. to organize the large working mass in the whole world for the overthrow of capitalism;
2. to carry on a widespread agitation and propaganda of the principles of revolutionary class struggle, social revolution and revolutionary mass action for the purpose of overthrowing the capitalist system;
3. to co-ordinate and regulate the struggle of the working class in all countries and organise Internationale demonstrations each time when the situation demands them.

Membership in the Red International of Labour Unions is open to any revolutionary economic class organization provided it recognises the aims and objects of the Red Internationale as set out in its constitution, some of which are quoted above.

In order to provide an organization on the

American continent for carrying on the propaganda and principles of the Red Internationale there was organized on August 1, 1929, the Trade Union Unity League of the United States of America. The promoter was W. Z. Foster who spent several months in Moscow in consultation with some of the chiefs of the communist Internationale. This Trade Union Unity League carried on the work of the Red Internationale in Canada as well as in the United States up until June 28, 1930 when the Worker's Unity League of Canada was organized as the counterpart in Canada of the Trade Union Unity League of the United States.

In publishing its constitution the Worker's Unity League of Canada states that this organization shall be the Worker's Unity League of Canada, the Canadian section of the Red Internationale of Labour Unions.

Its purpose is to organize the Canadian workers into powerful revolutionary industrial unions created on the axis of the widest rank and file control to fight for the defence and improvement of the conditions of the working class, mobilizing and organizing the Canadian workers for the final overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a revolutionary workers government.

It would seem to me therefore, that any organization affiliated with the Worker's Unity League of Canada must subscribe to the constitution of the League and in subscribing to the constitution of the League the local union becomes affiliated with the Red Internationale of Trade Unions and is pledged to a programme and policy of revolution and the setting up of a new system of government along the lines laid down in the constitution of the parent body.

I trust that the foregoing information may be of some service to you in deciding the question of whether or not the Red Internationale of Trade Unions is a revolutionary organization.

Faithfully yours,


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