

Farmers' Building,  
Regina, Saskatchewan,  
September 22nd, 1931.

Dear Sir,-

Your communication of the 18th instant respecting the labour organization among your employees reached me on Saturday but owing to pressure of business and absence from the office on Monday, I was unable to reply sooner. I see by the Press, however, that you have arranged a temporary agreement with your employees; consequently, I do not know that the information I can supply you will now be of any value to you.

From what I can gather, however, the Lumber and Agricultural Industries Union has undoubtedly affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. The full title of this League is "The Trade Union Unity League of United States of America" and was organized on March 31, 1929, as a continuation expansion and reorganization of the Trade Union Educational League which was formed in November, 1920.

The promoter of the League was William Z. Foster, who spent several months in Moscow where it was reported he, in consultation with some of the chief communists, arranged a new plan of labour organization for the North American continent.

The scheme differs from the ordinary Trade Union in that they endeavour to form industrial groups. The organization provides that no dues were to be collected from individual workers, the revenues of the League were to be provided through voluntary donations, meetings, entertainments, sale of literature, etc. After complete organization, there was to be introduced a National Uniform Dues Paying System on a basis of 25¢ per member per month.

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The organization is aggressively revolutionary and provides in its constitution that the League shall be affiliated with the world leader of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement - The Red International of Labour Unions. This affiliation with the Red International brings the organization into the group which boasts as one of its objects " the organization of the working class for the overthrow of capitalism, the destruction of the Bourgeois State and setting up of the dictatorship of the proletariat and International which will cease all the means of production and establish communist commonwealth. "

Whilst men frequently join organizations of this type, they are not always familiar with the basic principles on which the organization is founded and even though they may be members of a Union affiliated with the Red International, they sometimes have no sympathy whatever with the principles of the parent organization.

The activities and attitude of the local Union would be determined entirely by the type of leaders whom they select for officers. The organization, however, is undoubtedly a dangerous combination of men - especially when led by a group of officers who are entirely unsympathetic to our present form of society and its inherent institutions.

As above noted, however, you have already bridged your difficulties and I trust that by the time you are prepared to re-open in the Spring, you will have adjusted a lot of the difficulties you are now experiencing.

If there is any further information of historical or other character respecting your particular organization which you desire, I would be glad to furnish it to you and I would also highly appreciate any information you may be able to give me from time to time as to who the prime movers are in your organization, as well as any policies which they propose to adopt in order that I may have my records up to date.

Faithfully yours,

  
Deputy Minister.

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