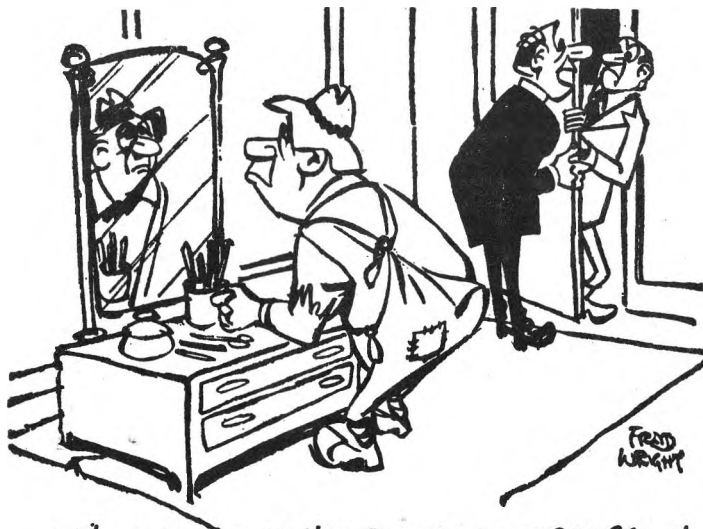


U.S. WORKERS PLAN REVOLUTION

By Canadian Observer

A conference for the purpose of drafting a program of revolution for the trade union movement of the United States was held recently near San Francisco, California. About forty delegates considered proposals from all parts of the U.S. for a program that will give guidance to the struggles now gaining impetus within the U.S. itself



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against the imperialist policies of the Administration. How to revive the suppressed militancy of the trade union movement and integrate the negro liberation upheaval and the student awakening into a common front

with the working class for a socialist goal was the main theme.

This was far more than an ordinary meeting of revolutionary-minded workers for it undertook the task of co-ordinating the efforts and discussions of Maxist-Leninists that have been going on throughout the U.S. for months, and the result was a document that is going to have a powerful influence on the working class movement. The delegates themselves reflected the power of the new awakening in the U.S. A hard core of veterans in the militant trade union movement, veterans from the old C.I.O., and other struggles of the 1930's were there and combined their thinking with the new revolutionaries; the young workers, young veterans of integration and other struggles with a keen desire for participation in a wider battle of greater significance.

There was humility among the older delegates in recognition of mistakes made in the past and some arrogance among the young. The blend was a good one and made a deep impression on this observer.

The results of this conference will be printed in pamphlet form by the Progressive Labor Party which sponsored the meeting and will be available soon. To attempt an analysis of the program in this article would be presumptuous as the program is itself an analysis. It deals with the conditions now prevailing in the U.S. labor unions. It analyzes some of the events that led to the emasculation of the trade union movement and outlines some patterns that may lead to its revival.

Of particular significance is the section dealing with negro liberation struggles and the necessity of stressing the class nature of this problem in the U.S. The need for a common struggle for black and white workers on the economic front is dealt with comprehensively.

The need for struggle in the trade unions against all aspects of U.S. imperialism was emphasized and of special interest to Canadians is the section demanding complete autonomy for the Canadian membership in the U.S.-controlled unions.