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# Hillquit, Leader of SP, Dies of Heart Attack at Age 63

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New York, Oct. 8 [1933].— Morris Hillquit, long considered the leader of the American Socialist Party, died today of heart attack at the age of 63.

Hillquit was the leader of the Socialist leadership fight against the “left wing” group that wished to affiliate with the Communist International in the days following the Russian Revolution. His bitter hatred of the Communist movement grew more bitter with the years.

One of his most famous utterances was the statement that the

“Russian Revolution is the greatest misfortune that ever could have happened to the International Socialist movement.”

A few years ago he gained prominence as the attorney for a group of former owners of oil wells now in the hands of the Russian workers. In his brief before the American Supreme Court, Hillquit stated that the Russian workers had seized the wells “illegally.”

Early this year, together with Norman Thomas, Hillquit visited Roosevelt at the White House to commend him upon his efforts to relieve the sufferings of the unemployed.

William Green, President of the AF of L, declared last night the “labor movement has lost in his death a devoted and sincere friend.”

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