

Eastern Militants! Greetings!

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The Eastern District Conference of the Trade Union Educational League will mark one of the most important events in the history of the League. The East is the home of American capitalism. The East leads the country in industry, commerce and finance.

From Wall Street, New York, the capitalist class dominates the industrial and political life of America. The dictatorship of Wall Street champions the open shop, the Daugherty injunctions, West Virginia massacres, the ruthless exploitation of foreign-born workers and their treatment as convicts, the persecution of militant and revolutionary labor leaders and is responsible for all the bloody and brutal acts of barbarism perpetrated upon the workers.

The organized labor movement of the country and particularly of the East must counteract this capitalist dictatorship. It cannot do so as constituted at present. Organizationally the forces of labor, and this is more true of the East, are divided in small weak craft unions. United action on the part of the organized workers as now constituted is practically impossible.

The old reactionary labor leaders are content with their fat salaries and stand in the way of every progressive move on the part of the rank and file. Politically organized labor in the United States is sold out body and soul to the political parties of the enemies of the workers.

The Trade Union Educational League with the program of amalgamation and independent political action on the part of the workers thru a genuine Labor Party is the only force in the American labor movement that can weld the forces of labor together industrially and politically.

Furthermore the Trade Union Educational League thru its adherence to the Red Trade Union International seeks to link up the present internationally isolated American labor movement to the International revolutionary workers movement of the whole world.

The success of the Trade Union Educational League means the es-

tablishment nationally and internationally of a real united front against the capitalist combine of cruelty, greed and exploitation.

Delegates to this conference, you have a very important task to perform. Your labors will help to weld together the very important labor forces in the East and the success of your endeavors will strike terror into the hearts of the capitalists and the reactionary labor union bureaucracy.

The fights that you will face at home in carrying out your decisions here will be a difficult one, but I am sure that you will get the support of all the militant and revolutionary workers and that together you will face the task before you fearlessly and with a determination that will overcome all obstacles.

Celebrate in Queens

Queens County Labor Lyceum Association will hold its 10th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 13th, at 4 P. M., at headquarters, 785 Forest Ave., corner Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. The Manhattan Quartette, several comedians and vocal artists will appear. Dancing all evening. Music by our favorite. All workers regardless of political opinions, who have the labor movement at heart, are cordially invited to attend.

Postpone Y. W. L. Convention

The National Convention of the Young Workers League has been postponed for one week. It will be held on May 20-21, at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., Chicago.

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