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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NC MEMBERS

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is copy of a list of initial sponsors of a National Rank-and-File Conference in Chicago, June 27-8. This is a Stalinist effort to re-establish contacts and renew old acquaintances in the unions. I would be surprised if half those listed here as sponsors of the conference will attend. But the purpose of the Stalinists is to get as many of them together as possible in order to launch their drive in the unions for support of "good, peace-loving, progressive" Democratic Party candidates in the 1970 elections. They also want to impress their youth section with the amount of "influence" they have in the union movement, and possibly work some of these young people into positions of support within the union apparatus to advance their political line.

This information is forwarded to you so that we can get information about those in your locality listed as "initial sponsors". We know that not all of them are Stalinists. Many who in the past have been associated with the Stalinists are not now very happy with "good Democrats". Some are active in anti-war committees and more interested in helping to build mass demonstrations with broad union participation than in directing the anti-war sentiment into the safe channels of the Democratic Party and retaining the two-party political game.

We intend to have knowledgeable observers and competent reporters at this Stalinist Conference. The call that has been sent out specifically states who can attend:

- "1. Any trade unionist who represents: a local union, a local union committee, a department, shift or group of workers in a plant; a group of workers organized in any form of rank-and-file committee or caucus (such as black caucus, Puerto Rican or Chicano caucus, women's or youth caucus, tax committee, peace committee, committee for the right to vote on contracts, etc.)

"2. Any worker representing:

a group of organized or unemployed workers;
a union-associated group, such as retirees, credit
union, women's auxiliary, etc.

"3. Any full-time trade union leader who supports the
goals outlined in this Call."

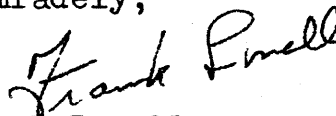
As you can see, this is a typical Stalinist conference,
called so as to allow them to exclude those who may not agree
with them and include everyone who supports their line.

The magazine "Labor Today" serves as a cover for the
conference and will be used to publicize the results of it.
Some union activists whom we know have been invited and can-
not be excluded and will attend.

Depending upon the results of the June 19-21 Conference
in Cleveland (see Militant, June 5) we may attempt a limited
intervention in this Chicago conference of the Stalinists which
follows by one week. That is, some delegates to the Stalinist
Conference may be prepared to challenge their line and propose
the alternate course of involving the union movement in mass
actions which we hope will be the course of the Cleveland
conference.

The conference will be covered by Militant salesmen, of
course.

Comradely,



Frank Lovell

INITIAL SPONSORS FOR NATIONAL RANK-AND-FILE CONFERENCE*

*(Union and title, where given, are for identification only)

—List In Formation—

The following rank-and-file leaders have already signed this petition and urge you to sign it. Representative rank-and-file leaders are urged to attend the NATIONAL RANK-AND-FILE CONFERENCE on JUNE 27-28, 1970, at the PACKINGHOUSE LABOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER, 4859 S. WABASH AVE., CHICAGO.

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