

(Editorial note:

For the information of the Appeal membership, we publish here the resolution adopted by the SP local in Santa Monica, California. This document is another indication of the profound discontent with the policies of the Appeal leadership. The resolution reflects in sharp and emphatic language the natural reaction of worker-comrades to the reformist, social-patriotic SP, and to the centrist line and vacillations of the Appeal misleadership. It expresses the revolutionary impatience of these comrades to break away once and for all from the hopeless swamp of the SP.

The MPC is in fundamental agreement with the political line of the Santa Monica resolution. The article beginning on p. 5 of this issue of the MPC BULLETIN, presents more fully our position on questions raised by this resolution. )

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Reformists and centrists are quite within their tradition in expelling revolutionists from the SP. The latest expulsion drives are only a continuation of the process begun in 1919. On the other hand, revolutionists are quite eager to get out of this dead corpse of social democracy which has been betraying the working class, and which during the past few years, has put on a "radical" cloak only to hide its reformist policies. As regards the latest split within the SP, we can only repeat a Leninist formula: "A split with the reformists and centrists is unity of the working class. Unity with the reformists and centrists is a split within the ranks of labor and unity with the agents of the bourgeoisie."

From this Leninist criterion flow all our actions and policies. Unlike those legalists and constitutionalists who cry out protesting the initiative of the reformists in splitting the SP, we can only say: a bad situation where the right wing has to press for split. This branch does not care to go into technical lawyer stunts to prove that "it is loyal to the SP" and that "it is the right wing which is destroying the Party". First we are not loyal nor have anything in common with the SP, its policies, its program, which have led to betrayals and will do so in the future. Secondly, we are the initiators of the split, since we do not believe that revolutionists can remain revolutionists while staying in a party of betrayal. For Marxists to stay within such a reformist outfit means that the Marxists have to subordinate themselves to the discipline of the betrayers; it means that they cannot speak their message to the class, that they have to water down their program, keep quiet about their principles, in order not to arouse the ire of the reformists for fear of being expelled. We are glad to separate ourselves from the company of Thomas, Hoan, Zam, Tyler, or those who compromise with them.