

AFL Rank and Filers Must Expose Social Democrat and GOP Clique

(This is the last of a series of three articles on the role of David Dubinsky.)

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While David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, waxes indignant at the supposed violation of the Polish government, he hasn't a word of protest for the anti-Semitic indignities that very government imposes on his own people, the Jewish people. Dubinsky pays homage to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto but says not a word about the stooges of the present government-in-exile within Poland who insisted on COD payment for every gun they gave the Jews, who sabotaged this heroic struggle sending many of the Warsaw heroes to their death at the hands of the fascists, as revealed in a letter written by Shmuel Ziffoholm a Polish Jewish Socialist, connected with the government-in-exile, who committed suicide in disgust with the government's neglect of the Polish Jews.

Dubinsky pays lip service to the policies of the United Nations, but places himself in opposition to the leadership of President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull and Prime Minister Churchill—all of whom take in good faith the commitments of the Soviet Government for an independent Poland. The Soviet Union has demonstrated its attitude toward smaller nations in its treaty with Czechoslovakia. The Red Army in collaboration with the Czechoslovakian government is already on the road toward liberating Czechoslovakia, the first victim of Hitlerite aggression. It has demonstrated its attitude in the generous peace terms offered to Finland and in Molotov's declaration on Romania.

The Soviet Union was the first country to recognize the French Committee of National Liberation and to give its recognition to Italy (which has greatly helped clarify

the situation there, and hastens the creation of a democratic government in that country). Repeated statements have come from the British and American governments that all these actions were taken in consultation with these governments; that there is joint agreement among all leading nations with regard to all these questions including the treatment of Germany.

But these public policies of the Soviet government backed by deeds, the assurance of the governments of Britain and the United States carry no weight with Dubinsky and his Republican cronies. The reasons are obvious. It is not the fate of the small nations with which they are concerned, but the growing prestige of the Soviet Union and the world-wide recognition that neither victory nor peace can be assured without the closest collaboration with the Soviet Union.

Dubinsky, in common with the enemies of the United Nations, places himself on the side of the Polish government-in-exile—on the side of those who prate about imperialistic aims of the Soviet Union—about "spheres of influence" and are secretly conniving to break the unity of the United Nations and advance a negotiated peace. Dubinsky's alliance with these enemies will cause great concern not only among the members of his own union but in Social Democratic trade union circles generally.

The process of differentiation between the true supporters of the war and those so blinded by their hatred of the Soviet Union and the Communists that they become willing tools of the enemy is already taking place.

The leaders of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers parted company with the Dubinsky clique in the AFL. Max Zaritsky, president of the Millinery Workers, who addressed the recent AFL

conference on post-war planning, expressed these differences. He spoke for national unity, for labor unity behind the Commander-in-Chief, showing his disagreement with the line of the Matthew Woll-Republican-Social Democratic sponsored conference whose main intent was to create a platform against the President's foreign and domestic policies.

How dangerous this gathering was we can see from the pitiful summary speech of AFL President William Green who singled out Dubinsky's attack against the Soviet Union as the outstanding contribution to the conference.

The win-the-war forces in the AFL cannot allow the small clique of reactionary Republicans and Social Democrats to presume to speak in their name. The membership of the AFL time and again have spoken out in support of the foreign policies of the President, enthusiastically supported the President's last message to Congress. The New Bill of Rights was reprinted in the official journals of the most important internationals affiliated with the AFL. Important AFL unions—national, state, city and local unions—have urged the participation of the AFL in the world labor conference in London.

It is high time for the win-the-war forces—the forces of unity—to coordinate their activities, get into action to give true expression to the sentiments of the millions of AFL organized workers. Dubinsky's speech is a challenge. It must be answered and repudiated.

We must tear the flimsy cover under which Dubinsky hides his dastardly anti-unity, anti-Roosevelt activities and show him and his cronies up as the enemies of national unity and foes of unity of the United Nations. For support of the Teheran Conference means a speedy victory, a durable peace, jobs and decent conditions for the masses of the people throughout the world.