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The point of difference between the United Mine Workers of America and the Red International in this respect can be better exemplified by a reference to the following sections of our International Constitution:

"Section 2, Article 2.—To increase the wages and improve the conditions of employment of our members by legislation, conciliation, joint agreements or strikes."

"Section 19, Article 20.—Any member or members shutting down a mine in violation of Joint Agreement shall, upon conviction by the District organization, suffer such penalty as may be imposed upon them by the respective District organizations."

It may not be amiss to also add that Section 2, Article 14, of the International Constitution, deprives from membership, and also provides other penalties for those of our members holding membership in a dual organization not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. It has come to our knowledge that the Red International is, in the estimation of the American Federation of Labor, a dual organization. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Article 14, those of our members holding membership in the Red International will be required to pay the penalty provided in this Section, which reads as follows:

"Mine managers, top foremen, operators' commissioners, persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, and members of the Civic Federation shall not be eligible for membership."

"Any member accepting membership in the Industrial Workers of the World, the Working Class Union, the One Big Union, or any other dual organization not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, or membership in the National Chamber of Commerce, or the Ku-Klux Klan, shall be expelled from the United Mine Workers of America, and no members of any such organization shall be permitted to have membership in our Union unless they forfeit their membership in the dual organization immediately upon securing membership in the United Mine Workers of America. Any member of the United Mine Workers of America who accepts office in any dual organization shall be permanently expelled from the United Mine Workers of America, unless reinstated by the International Executive Board."

Toward this union-wrecking movement the usual sentiment within the great and genuine trade unions is regret that anywhere working people can be found so woefully deficient in the knowledge of trade unionism that they will blindly follow the false teachings of the propagators of such movements. Invariably from their beginnings mushroom organizations of this kind are doomed through their faults of intention and organization to dissension, disruption and destruction. With the passing of time, less and less excuse exists for anything of their nature being brought into existence. Impatient resentment at social wrongs may prompt wild attempts for the abolition of Capitalism. Organization like the Red International may proclaim world happiness through the abolition of collective bargaining, or the inequitable wage system, but it remains for the trade union movement to continue its work with unflinching and direct practicability. It proceeds in safe steps from accomplishment to accomplishment as necessity develops, naturally one step after another. It takes no leaps in the dark. It is our purpose to continue the onward march of progress to greater and better days for the United Mine Workers of America through the safe, sane, orderly and lawful methods of the American Labor movement. Our Organization has brought to its members notable and beneficial results, and in the performance of those duties it is destined to ever go forward. We cannot subscribe, give comfort or sympathy to the promotion of an Organization whose chief claim to fame lies in its attempt to destroy institutions such as the United Mine Workers of America.

It is the decision of your Committee that no unit affiliated with the International Union, United Mine Workers of America, can in conformity with the constitution of our Organization, affiliate with the Red International. We would therefore recommend that District 26 be required to withdraw their application for affiliation with this Organization, and providing they refuse to comply with the decision of the International Executive Board on this question and affiliate with the Red International, that the autonomy of District 26 be suspended, the International Organization assume control of the affairs of that District, and this status be maintained until it has been fully demonstrated that it is the purpose of the membership of District 26 to comply with this ruling.

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ENGINEERS HEAR A PLAIN TALK ON LABOR PROBLEMS

Retiring President Speaks on the Exploitation of the Workers by Labor Agitators.

Montreal.—Some very plain speaking as to the relations of the engineering profession with labor problems and the dominance of professional labor agitators as a hindrance to the industry and the prosperity of the country, by increasing costs of production and reducing purchasing power, was given by J. G. Sullivan, the retiring president of the Engineering Institute of Canada, at the annual luncheon of the Institute here. Mr. Sullivan, who is now practicing at Winnipeg, occupied the chair. Dealing sharply with the question of organized labor and its work, Mr. Sullivan continued: "Objects of Unions. 'What are the objects of labor organizations? To better the con-

ditions of the workman. Do they live up to this object? My answer is emphatically 'no.' By false teaching that all men are equal, by teaching that the organized laborer is producing from two to twenty times what he gets paid for, and by teaching that there is sufficient capital in the world for all to live in comfort and leisure, if it were properly divided, they have created a feeling of unrest, hatred and distrust in the minds of their members. By teaching and putting into practice the false doctrine that the less a man will do, the more jobs there will be for others, by restricting the kind of work a man may do and by restricting the time he may work and the amount of work he may do in a given time, they have increased the cost of production to such a point that they themselves, as well as the rest of the world, are scarcely able to make both ends meet. All the people of the world are consumers, and anything that increases the cost to the consumer is a detriment to the world. "My personal opinion is that the professional labor leader is the guilty

party. It is to his private advantage that the members of his unions be kept poor, that they be kept as tenants, rather than as home owners and that they be kept in trouble and strife. It is only under these conditions that the leaders can exploit the poor man. You can draw your own conclusions—look up the probate records of John Mitchell's will. Ask your financial agents for the rating of Samuel Gompers. See the public press re the voting of \$250,000 to John L. Lewis, to be used without accounting during the recent coal strike. He can easily explain to his dupes why he should not show a receipt for

work similar to that done at Herrin. Medal for London. It was announced at the afternoon session that a past president's fund for the establishment of a series of medals and prizes for the best technical papers on engineering scheduled during the year had been arranged for. A sum of \$2,350 has already been secured as a start for a permanent endowment of the fund, it was stated. Intimation was made of an invitation from the Ottawa branch for the convention next year, and it was considered certain that this would be accepted.

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