
Lithuanian Opposition Organized

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Some months ago the leadership of the Lithuanian Buro of the Communist Party ([Rojas] Mizera, [Anthony] Bimba, [Leonas] Pruseika, [Vincas] Andrulis, Taurus) were conferring to work out a plan to open a principled fight against the bureaucratic regime of the Party. But when it came to an actual struggle they capitulated. The last one to capitulate was Comrade Pruseika who, though he had the majority of the Lithuanian workers and delegates to the *Vilnis* Conference, refused to assume any responsibility and refused to fight for his position against the adventurist line of the official Party leadership. In spite of his refusal to fight at the time when he had the chance to deal telling blows for his principles, the Party bureaucrats managed to capture the *Vilnis* Conference by a vote of only 262 against 201. However, since the *Vilnis* fiasco there has started a movement amongst the rank and file members of the Lithuanian fraction of the Communist Party to resist the destructive ultra-left line and to crystalize a definite Lithuanian Communist Opposition.

Recently there was held a conference of these comrades at which there were 42 delegates representing the Lithuanian Communist groups in the Anthracite, Philadelphia, New York, Huntington [NY?], Great Neck [NY], Newark, Paterson, Maspeth [NY], Cliffside [NJ?], etc. The attempt of the conciliators in Chicago to prevent definite crystallization of a principled opposition to the Party wrecking line failed. The overwhelming majority of the delegates rejected the Pruseika maneuver. The policy of Pruseika and those who are with him is the following:

Let the Bimbas [hardline CEC loyalists] destroy the Communist and workers organizations. In this way they will expose themselves. Then the workers will come to us asking us to save them. This non-Communist attitude was rejected by the Conference, which decided to organize itself definitely as a Lithuanian Communist Opposition and to publish an organ called *The Bulletin*. The first issue of *The Bulletin* has just appeared.

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