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# The “New Line” Among the Ukrainians: A Letter

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Before the split in the Communist Party, the *Ukrainian Daily News* was a very effective Communist organ among the workers here. But what do we see now? The new line and the bureaucrats of the Ukrainian National Bureau have been doing things in such a way as to smash almost everything so that it gives every class-conscious worker, every old member of the Communist Party a heartache.

The administration of the Ukrainian National Toilers Organization is now in the hands of Nastas [M. Nastasivsky]. When you get the *Ukrainian Daily News* nowadays you wonder where they get the lies with which they fill the paper. This is a shame. Did we workers pay for the newspaper so that the editor should permit page upon page of lies? We workers know that the *Ukrainian Daily News* does not belong to the bureaucrats but belongs to us workers. With the newspaper smashed and everything turned upside down, we ask ourselves what's going to be the end of it all. Our revolutionary faith tells us that there is going to be an end to this tragedy.

We say to the bureaucrats; You may be able to fool some Ukrainian workers outside New York but you cannot fool them everywhere because we know how things were before the split and the new line. The workers now know who you are and what you stand for. We know that formerly we had more than 1200 members of the Ukrainian fraction of the Party. After Nastas,

Dmytryshin, and Knezevitch broke up everything there were only about 300 workers left following the new line under the leadership of Foster. Nastas, Dmytryshin, and Knezevitch were formerly with the “Majority Group” [Pepper-Ruthenberg-Lovestone faction] in the Party for years but when they saw that they would lose their jobs they went over to Foster. These comrades know today that the CP-Majority Group has had and still has the correct position and policies for the American labor movement. It is most shameful that these bureaucrats stick to their jobs in an absolutely unprincipled way.

Who’s responsible for the first Ukrainian Toilers opposition? Who brought about an opposition in the Ukrainian Labor House in 1930? Whose fault was it that the majority of the stockholders of the Ukrainian Labor House have asked for their money back and why don’t the bureaucrats dare return the money to the workers who were told that their money is just as good as in a bank? Now these workers can ask the Ukrainian Labor House for their funds a hundred times and get nothing.

Among the Ukrainian workers there’s a lot of talk and suspicion why Nastas, Dmytryshin, and Knezevitch are not giving back these funds taken from the workers. The workers are even wondering what happened to the \$6000 which was collected for publishing a special paper for the West Ukraine. The workers have time and again asked to see an account but to date no statement has been prepared for them. So disturbed and aroused are the Ukrainian workers over the bureaucratic manner in which the leaders are working that many are even beginning to ask how many thousands of dollars the Ukrainian Paschuk pulled with him to Poland and what became of the money since he left for Poland. The workers are very much concerned as to where the money for the concert “Stenchenka” and the money from the shares of the Ukrainian Labor House, which was taken to Lvova, East Galicia, from Hamtramck in the Detroit branches. Was this money used as it should have been, for prisoners starving in Polish jails in East Galicia? The Party bureaucrats ought to be asked to answer these questions since they were the ones who took this money.

We workers who have donated, who have given our all, are entitled to know what is being done with the money we have given. But it is useless to ask for justice and responsibility from Party bureaucrats. The moment you ask a question you are denounced with all kinds of names. For us Ukrainian Communists, for those of us who are members of the Party, for all the workers, it is impossible to stand it any longer and we must rebel. Every Ukrainian should join the Communist Party (Majority Group) and should help build up a constructive opposition in the Ukrainian toilers Organization. All Ukrainian Communists and workers sympathetic to Communism should join the Communist Party (Majority Group), build it and help unify the Communist movement in the United States so as to build in this country a mass Communist Party.

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