

PALESTINE LABOR HAS CONFERENCE FOR UNION UNITY

Hebrew, Arab Workers Meet in Harmony

MOSCOW (By Mail)—The Central Secretariat of "Trade Union Unity in Palestine," "IUD" sent the Executive Bureau of the Profintern (R. I. L. U.) the following letter:

To the Executive Committee of the
Red International of Labour
Unions, Moscow.

Dear Comrades,

The first conference of "Trade Union Unity in Palestine" held on the 17-19 December, in Tel-Avive authorized the Central Secretariat to inform you as follows:

"The first Conference of "Trade Union Unity in Palestine" acknowledges receipt of your telegram of greetings. We believe that the present 1st Conference in international professional organizations in Palestine will mark the first stage in setting up a strong international trade union movement."

This Conference, whose letter we have received, marks a big step forward on the road to uniting the Palestine trade union movement, which up to the present time has been weakened by national hatred, which was supported by the reformist leaders and Zionists.

Hundreds of Arabians.

The fact that the Conference was convened is in itself a great victory in the work of unity. For the first time in the history of the Palestine trade union movement representatives of the Hebrew and Arabian workers have worked together. Out of 93 delegates, 20 were Arabs. Among the large number of guests more than 2,000, present at the meetings of the Conference, hundreds were Arabian workers.

The Conference adopted many decisions, which must bring about the uniting and strengthening of the Palestine trade union movement. The most important resolutions adopted are the following: (1) The decision to struggle for reorganization of "Gistadrut" (Federation of Palestine Trade Unions affiliated to the Amsterdam International), which at the present time is an organization enrolling only Hebrew workers, into an International Federation of Trade Unions which would admit all workers independent of their nationalities or religious and political views; and (2) the demand that all those excluded from "Gistadrut" for their political convictions should be accepted back again.

The N. I. L. U., for whom the question of world trade-union unity is one of permanent importance, will of course assist by all means possible the further strengthening and widening of the union of workers of different nationalities, as now observed in Palestine.