TRANSPORT GROUP ATTACKS BRIDGES

International Federation, at Havana Meeting, Declares War on His WFTU Unit

HAVANA, Sept. 12.—The International Transport Workers Federation today declared war on the maritime section of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions. The motion was adopted by delegates representing the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, and the Oldenbroek group.

J. A. Oldenbroek, general secretary of the Oldenbroek group, reported that the Bridges organization was opposed to all the ideals for which his organization stood. The Oldenbroek group claims a membership of 5,000,000 dockers, railwaymen, seamen, fishermen, civilian aviation employees, inland transport and other transport workers in fifty countries.

At today's conference of Latin-American transport workers, Mr. Oldenbroek reported on the present state of the international federation's boycotts on Panamanian flagships. The boycott was promulgated last May, but has not been fully applied because of negotiations with the Panamanian Government pending further meetings in December in Geneva.

Referring to the new maritime section of the World Federation of Trade Unions, Mr. Oldenbroek said it "will obviously support and encourage labor unrest in ports where possible."

"The new organization will sabotage the Marshall Plan and will set up centers for seamen and dockers in many ports," he declared. "They will use their organization as an instrument of Soviet policy and will try to create the impression that the Western powers cannot rely upon the support of seafarers and dockers in case of international conflict." "Last but not least, they will use their organization for espionage purposes."

Mr. Oldenbroek announced that the International Transport Workers Federation would expel any affiliate which followed the lead of the Bridges transport section. He indicated that his organization would also carry the fight to "the Bridges group in various countries behind the Iron Curtain."

The meeting here today, sponsored by the Oldenbroek group, brought together delegates from fifteen Latin American lands and from the United States. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a regional office and to grant to the regional unit a larger degree of autonomy in federation affairs.

Mr. Oldenbroek said he looked forward to a diminution of influence by the World Federation of Trade Unions when the new labor federation, limited to unions from democratic countries, was informally set up in London this November. The new labor federation, he said, would conduct a global war against Communist infiltration in unions.

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