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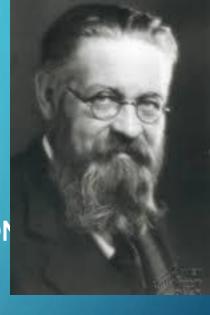
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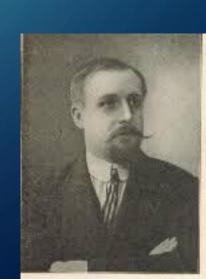
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- TRIPARTISM: AN INCLUSIVE YET SELECTIVE STRUCTURE
  - COOPERATIVES HAVE BEEN « OMITTED » FROM THE ILO CONSTITUTION
    - HENRY MAY TO ALBERT THOMAS IN 1920)
  - REPETED REQUESTS FOR A FAIR REPRESENTATION OF COOPERATIVES WITHIN THE ILO
- ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES
  - HOSTILITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY
    - « lack of enthousiasm » « hostility » « ignorance »
  - COMPROMISE: COOPERATORS AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS
- CIRCUMVENTING THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE
  - COOP SECTION AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
  - OBSERVER STATUS: THE UN LEVERAGE





## MINIMAL USE OF THE ILO GENERAL OBSERVER STATUS

