

COMRADES: Now that we have adopted the report of Comrade Horton which gives the orientation for our State Party organization regarding education—that is, the orientation toward mass agitation and propaganda—I wish to speak on the training of comrades to carry out this task, on the production of the means of production—more specifically, the training schools.

Since our last convention approximately 10 per cent of our State membership went through training schools, from full-time to part-time schools. It has been very gratifying to see at this convention a large number of delegates who have gone through our training schools.

We have accumulated great experiences as a result of the increase of training schools. These experiences and lessons *now* bring forth in the sharpest form the need of emphasis on the *quality* of our school system, as the main orientation in this field of work, for the immediate period following this convention.

For the further extension of our schools with special emphasis on the quality, the following must be borne in mind to serve us as guide:

1. A serious planning of our work with the view of making real preparations on the basis of the immediate tasks and objectives of the Party. Preparation means to seriously seek to improve the curricula outlines, the quality of teachers, etc. Together with this it will be necessary to coordinate all this work so that we establish such a school system which is to give the utmost result in training comrades for Party and mass work. It will be the task of the State School Commission to establish a centralized supervision in accordance with this orientation for our school system.

2. Serious attention to the selection of comrades for these schools with the view of training industrial workers and particularly from basic industries. A net of special classes and schools for the comrades in the basic industries.

3. Concentration in the work of giving training to Negro comrades; also the training of white and Negro comrades for Negro work.

4. With regard to the curricula, we must adopt a system of integration of courses, having in mind the teaching of Marxist-Leninist theory, thoroughly combined with the immediate objectives of our Party; the struggle for the Democratic Front, and all the tasks connected with it. Special attention to our struggle for progressive legislation so as to better equip our comrades for mass work.

5. We must seriously tackle the solution of the problem of scarcity of instructors, insisting that the leading comrades in the Party and mass organizations devote time to this task, as well as the establishment of centralized schools to train instructors.

Finally, that this convention adopt the decision to train 300 to 500 comrades in short-time courses to prepare them for active participation in the various fields of work in the coming Congressional elections.