

PARTY CALLS FOR MASS RECRUITING AS AN URGENT NEED

Organization Forms Revised By Convention

Stress Laid on Flexible Units and Education of All Members

With the aim of speeding mass recruitment into the Party, rooting the Party among the masses and carrying through the most energetic election campaign, the Ninth Convention of the Communist Party unanimously adopted a resolution calling for certain improvements in the organizational structure of the Party. The text of this resolution follows in full.



Assemblage of delegates at the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City last June is shown above.

RESOLUTION ON ORGANIZATION

Never before were such large numbers of workers and toilers generally willing to listen to our message. The years of the crisis have made a profound impression upon the masses. Great changes are taking place in the labor movement. The prestige and authority of the Communist Party as the champion of the unity of the masses against capitalist reaction is growing. Ever increasing sections of the toilers realize that what is wrong is capitalism itself. More and more the masses lose faith in the ability of capitalism and the old parties who stand for the maintenance of the capitalist system to give them security. They look for a way out. In this situation the Communist Party has been able to play a more important role than ever before in rousing and organizing the masses for struggle for their every day needs, and to win wider circles to a sympathetic attitude towards the program of the Communist Party.

The membership of the Party has also made gains. There are today 50,000 organized Communists in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

For a Mass Party

In this situation it is possible to build the Communist Party into a mass political party of the toilers in the immediate future. But in order to accomplish this task as rapidly as possible, the new conditions and the new tasks of the class struggle demand that the Party shall bring its whole organizational work and its structure in line with these needs. It must combine, in a more simplified structure that lends itself to the greatest efficiency and flexibility, the Leninist principles of organizations and best traditions of the American political structure.

Emphasis upon Inner Party organization

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1. Shop Nuclei

Shop units remain the most important form of lower Party organization, the most decisive link of the Party with the masses of industrial workers. Since the last Convention, the Party membership in shop units has doubled, numbering now over 5,000 in 600 shop units; but the tempo of this growth is slower than in the period of 1933-34, despite the growth of the number of employed workers and especially of our improved trade union work in the past period. Today there are within the Party some 7,000 employed workers in street units, many of whom could be utilized to organize new shop units.

2. Industrial Units

In regard to industrial units the Ninth National Convention concludes that where the process of reorganization of these bodies was reorganized and controlled, this form of organization has proven its correctness in life. This form of organization helps the Party to: 1. Activate all Party members in one given industry with the aim of building shop nuclei in that given territory. 2. Activate all Party members in their respective trade unions and make the industrial unit the political leader of the respective local.

3. Branches

The increased political activity of the masses, their growing readiness to break with the existing political parties, the need for building the Farmer-Labor Party, the need for making the neighborhood organization of the Party a more vital political factor in the localities, demand from our Party that we adjust the organizational forms in the neighborhood. Therefore, the Convention decides that the organizational form of the Party in the neighborhoods shall be the branch, based on the political divisions and sub-divisions (ward, assembly districts, etc.). The branch will be composed of all Party members living in the territory of one political division or sub-division (who are not members of any other form of Party organization) and shall number approximately 50 members. The number of branches will be determined by the size of the Party in the political sub-division.

4. Political Readjustments in Structure

The reorganization of the lower bodies along the above lines demands a readjustment in the structure of the Party. The Party structure wherever possible should correspond to the existing political sub-divisions such as county, assembly districts, state, etc. In the larger industrial centers, wherever conditions are ripe and the Party has the proper forces, it shall establish city or county committees. In the large industrial centers the section form of organization shall be maintained.

5. Public Branch Activities

The branch also has the task of carrying on in the most systematic manner the broadest agitation and propaganda among the population in the form of public activities, such as mass meetings, forums, distribution of leaflets, in order to answer all the problems facing the masses, and to win them for the Party position on various issues. The most effective instrument in the hands of the branch for this agitation will be the Daily Worker, Sunday Worker and the neighborhood paper of the Communist Party. The branches by reacting to the needs of the masses and raising the struggle to a higher political basis, linking up the local campaigns with the struggle against war and fascism, will stand out in the eyes of the masses as a real political leader and will succeed in mobilizing them around the program of the people's front.

6. Party Membership

The lower organizations of the Party, shop nuclei, industrial units, branches, must become real schools of political education for the membership. The doors of our Party must be open to all those workers who want to join their forces with ours to lead the struggle for making our country a better country to live in, the struggle to free the toiling people from capitalist exploitation and oppression. It shall be the task of the units to make of every worker who joins the Party a full-fledged active Communist rather than to expect him to be such before joining the Party.

7. Meeting Dates and Dues

To make it possible for the Party members to devote more time to their trade union activities, to their activities in the neighborhood organizations and not to overburden them with numerous Party meetings, thus making our Party more suitable and attractive for the many workers who would like to join our ranks, the Ninth Convention is of the opinion that wherever the State Committee thinks it advisable to adopt the system of semi-monthly meetings in accordance with the wish of the Party membership and organizational tradition of the locality, that such system be introduced.

8. Education—Leading Forces

A central problem confronting the Party today is the political weakness of the lower organizations in fulfilling the tasks of the Party regarding mass work. The reason for this is the insufficient political education of the Party membership and slow development of new leading forces. The problem of improving the political education in the whole Party, of developing the Communist consciousness of the entire member-

Party Members: Watch for Next Sunday Worker

Next Sunday's issue of the Sunday Worker, which will be printed in an edition of 500,000, will carry material especially designed to aid in recruiting new members into the Party. All Party members are particularly urged to make plans to distribute this issue more widely than ever before, and to use it in their work of drawing new forces into the Party.

Delegates to the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party are shown above cheering following the report by Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, last June.

ship, making of every Party member a capable agitator and organizer, making of the lower organizations political bodies conscious of their Party role, depends on the ability and number of capable leading forces in the lower organizations (units, sections).

Effective Work of Communists in Mass Organizations

Every Communist should be a member of a mass organization. It is in the first place obligatory for all Communists who are eligible to join the union in their trade or industry. The Communists in the trade unions must by their active work among the workers on the job, in the carrying through of the tasks of the trade unions, in their constant efforts to strengthen the numbers, power and influence of their union, by their imparting of their experience to their fellow trade unionists, prove in practice that just because they are Communists, class-conscious revolutionary

Onward to a Mass Party!

The great possibilities for building a mass Communist Party at the present time make every Party member duty bound to be actively engaged in recruiting his fellow workers, his friends into the Communist Party.

DETROIT and VICINITY

Hear A. E. Smith Leader Canadian Labor Defense and Edw. B. Haskell Author, Traveler and Lecturer NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8:15 P.M. "Terror in the Balkans"

100,000 Is Set As Membership Goal of Party

Building Up of Leading Forces Presented as an Urgent Task

For 100,000 Members

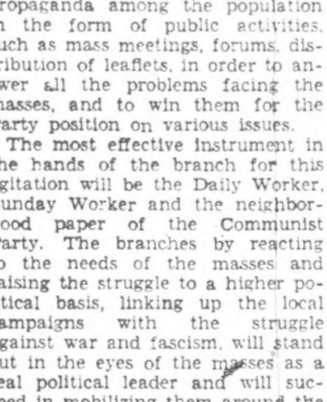
The leading comrades, following the beginnings made in the last recruiting drive must continue with vigor and enthusiasm to connect themselves closer with the largest possible masses, to recruit from among the best elements for the Party, so that their example will swing every Party organization and individual Party member into mass recruiting. Our present Party of 50,000 adults and Young Communists is a strong basis to develop in the next period a mass Party of 100,000 members capable of coping with the new and manifold problems that present themselves to the American people, and building our Party as a most influential and determining factor in the present and future life of our country.

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