

# AMTER DESCRIBES GREAT PROGRESS IN ORGANIZING SHOPS IN DISTRICT NO. 6; ORGANIZERS REAL NEED

Israel Amter, Organizer of District No. 6, (Cleveland) now in New York City to attend the Fifth Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party, reports that the work of the Party in District No. 6 is progressing at a speed which has not been equalled before in the history of the District and is only retarded at present by a dearth of comrades fitted to organize the field which lies open to the Party.

## Shop Work Most Important.

The most important work which is being pushed in the Ohio District, despite the fact that there are not a sufficient number of trained organizers to cope with the demand, is our work in organizing the shops and in publishing shop papers. The bulk of the activity is concentrated in the steel, mining, rubber and automobile industries.

There are, at present, nuclei functioning in 26 shops in eleven of which shop papers are being regularly published. Shop papers are also being published, tho irregularly, in shops where the Party possesses no nuclei.

## Miners Show Fight.

The industries in the Ohio District depend for their labor supply chiefly on the South Slavs, Poles and Russians, tho their are large native American elements, especially in the mines. The Party is learning now to solve the problem of cooperation between these different racial groups who are purposely hostile by the propaganda of the bosses.

In discussing the situation in the Ohio coal fields, Amter declared that the miners are showing a splendid fighting spirit for they know that if bosses succeed in making the Ohio fields non-union it means the smashing of the union thruout the country. But the leaders are weak or fakers.

## Workers Rescue Speaker From Jail.

Comrade Amter tells how, in Martins' Ferry, a coal town where the police revoked their permission for a Sacco and Vanzetti protest meeting, and arrested the Workers Party member who was trying to speak, the miners and steel workers streamed thru the streets of the town in thousands in order to rescue the speaker from the jail.

On the other hand, he tells the story of Earl Daugherty union leader, who ordered back the strikers who were marching to plead with the miners in the Hocking Valley fields.

The problem in all the important industries in Ohio, according to Amter, is the formation of shop committees. The shop nuclei have proved what can be done in the factories and it is only a question of sufficient organizers in order to make still more effective our activity among the shops of District 6.

District No. 6 made tremendous efforts in protesting against the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti. Despite the attitudes of the Central Labor Council and the socialist party that refused a united front with the Workers Party, the demonstrations in Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Conneaut, and Canton called out thousands of workers. The meetings and processions in a number of these big industrial towns were the largest ever held there.

## Sacco and Vanzetti Work Wins Workers.

Thru its agitation in the shops and with the shop papers, the Party in District No. 6 was able to tie up its struggle for Sacco and Vanzetti with the demands of the workers for the election of shop committees or for unionization where unions do not exist. Thousands and thousands of workers have seen thru the Sacco and Vanzetti demonstrations that the Workers Party is the only Party leading the masses. The best elements in the International Workers of the World and the socialist labor party have been won over thru the fight against the Boston murders.

## Organizers Needed.

Much credit for the success of the Sacco and Vanzetti fight must go to the International Labor Defense which successfully organized meetings and demonstrations thruout the state.

While much of Ohio remains to be effectively organized, especially in the western half of the state, great strides forward have been made, and our future success depends in great measure on the number of organizers we can send into the rubber, automobile and steel mills and the mines.