

# Appeal of I. Amter to Party Members in Ohio on 'Daily'

Points Out That Important Industrial Centers of Youngstown, Akron, Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland; Have Absurdly Small Circulation

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Comrades of the Party in Ohio:

I have just completed a three week's tour of Ohio. The Ohio workers are filled with discontent—and correctly. Mass unemployment continues. The information spread in the capitalist press about hundreds and thousands of workers returning to work is a pack of lies. The workers in the towns and cities know that they are lies. The papers which print these lies say nothing about the thousands of workers who are being laid off. The capitalist papers and the N. R. A. officials talk about increased production, but they say nothing about the fact that this increased production in the industries is taking place without the addition of workers. One fact: auto production, according to one paper, has risen 112 per cent without adding a single worker. In the meantime, 8,000 workers were laid off at the Frigidaire, 5,000 at the Delco in Dayton, 1,200 at the Goodyear plant in Akron, 600 at Libby, Owens and Ford in Toledo; blast furnaces are being blown out in Youngstown, etc. THIS IS NOT REPORTED IN THE CAPITALIST PRESS—FOR THE NIRA HAS TO BE PUT THROUGH AND THE WORKERS HAVE TO BE MADE TO BELIEVE THAT THE

NIRA AND ROOSEVELT ARE THEIR SALVATION!

THE DAILY WORKER is our main organ in liquidating the lies and illusions of the workers. It is the only organ showing the workers the way out of the crisis.

WITHOUT THE DAILY WORKER WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY ON THIS FIGHT.

But what do we find in Ohio? We find a total circulation of the Daily Worker of about 1,100 in the whole district! This is a disgrace, a crime against the working class. It means serious neglect of one of our most important revolutionary tasks—the spreading of the circulation of the Daily Worker.

This is not the worst. Take Youngstown, the heart of the steel section of the district, a concentration section. It receives a bundle order of TEN COPIES! Akron, the home of the rubber industry, receives a total of 63 copies. The Cincinnati section, the gateway to the South, receives 200 copies. Toledo, 94 copies! Cleveland, the sixth city in the country, a city of steel, metal, auto and similar industries, with a working population of 240,000, has a total circulation of 568 copies!

Is this not a disgrace? Does this

not show the most shameful neglect

of building the revolutionary press,

which is basic for building the revolu-

tionary Party and the revolution-

ary organizations?

For more than three months, the circulation drive of the Daily Worker has been in progress. Only on Aug.

24 did the District Buro take up the drive! During my tour, I did not discover that anywhere plans had

been made to put the Daily Worker on its feet in the District, to get the Daily Worker into the hands of the workers.

Only in Toledo did I find that a Negro comrade has started a carrier route in the Negro section,

beginning with 7 copies, which

jumped to 20, then 30 and at the

latest report (Aug. 11) jumped to

50. If a single comrade can do this, why cannot the rest of the Party do likewise?

But this is not all. Hardly at one

mass meeting at which I spoke was

a Daily Worker anywhere to be seen.

It is pretty hard to appeal to the workers to read and subscribe for the Daily Worker and not have a single copy even to show them. This

is the situation in Ohio.

FINALLY, many comrades of the

Party and Y. C. L. do not read

the Daily Worker. How can the

Party and Y. C. L. comrades speak

about the Party line, the work of the

Party—how can they successfully ex-

pose the NIRA and the preparations

for war, if they do not read the Daily

Worker? Many comrades are not in

a financial situation to be able to sub-

scribe for the Daily Worker. The sec-

tions and units must take up this

fundamental question, otherwise a

great part of the education of the

Party members will continue to be

neglected.

On the basis of the District Buro

decisions, the sections and units must

immediately make their plans for the

Daily Worker. Irrespective of whether

the drive is over or not—the Daily

Worker must become the property

of the workers of Ohio. This is an

outstanding point in the Open Let-

ter. To fail to fulfil this point

inevitably means inability to meet

the other demands of the Open Let-

ter.

Comrades of the Ohio District:

Once Ohio was well in the front in

the revolutionary movement—put it

again into the front by at least no

longer neglecting the Daily Worker.

Systematic work for the Daily

Worker is basic for pushing forward

the whole Party work!

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