

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

By I. AMTER.

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 revolutionary Party and the revolutionary 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 expose 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 subscribe for the Daily Worker. The sections 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 Letter. To fail to fulfil this point inevitably means inability to meet the other demands of the Open Letter.

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!

Red Builder Helps Penetrate a Shop Exposed by Worker

By a Red Builder.

NEW YORK.—The day the letter from a worker in the Ever Ready Label Company appeared in the Daily Worker, I went down there and marked off their article in red crayon, telling these printers to read of their shop. I sold 25 Daily Workers to the workers in that shop.

The next morning when I went down to the same shop with 25 Daily Workers, after I had sold about two, and the workers who had bought them got upstairs, the boss came down and told me: "You can't sell that paper around here, and if you don't go away I'll get you arrested." I told him: "If this had been the New York Times you wouldn't mind, but because this is the workers' press you object." This shows the reaction the bosses have to the Daily Worker.

A few workers were standing on the inside of the doorway when the boss told me this. After the boss went upstairs these workers came and bought seven Daily Workers. I told these same workers that if they had anything to write up about their shop, they should send it in and the Daily Worker would publish it if it had not done so before. I also told them that if it had been the New York Times I was selling the boss would have had nothing to say. They said, "We know that."

I put subscription blanks for the "Daily" inside my copies on the second day I went there, and since ten workers bought the "Daily" that day, I suppose there will be some new subscriptions. The workers told me the boss went around the shop trying to find out who put the article into the "Daily," but I told them that he would never be able to find out.

I told the workers that the "Daily" printed letters from workers all over the country.

If other Red Builders would watch for articles appearing from workers in shops, and mark these articles as I have done, and then go down to the shops with the Daily Worker, they could build up sales in shops all over the country. **W.J.C.**

Editor's Note:—The workers from this shop should get in touch with the Committee for the Organization of Unorganized Printers, headquarters at 80 E. 11th St., Room 240, telephone Gramercy 5-0857.

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