

many words: "Kill the revolutionary workers!" After we find the following: "If anyone is hurt, it should be the rioters." And more explanation:

"On the other hand its killing power is so great, and its range so extensive, that its use as a firearm against crowds is generally prevented by local conditions and its moral influence is greatly diminished by the general belief of the crowd that the order to fire will not be given."

No illusions, the American officers will give

## The National Training School To Raise the Political Level of Our Party

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THE activities of the Communist Party are expanding at a rapid pace. The economic and political developments are putting tremendous new tasks upon us. However, we are greatly lacking functionaries, who are trained in Marxist-Leninist theory, especially as it applies to the current struggles in the U. S. This is without doubt one of the chief factors which is preventing our Party from moving forward more rapidly. Let us take some examples.

In Jersey City, an important industrial city with many Negro inhabitants, our Party unit is composed of comrades who received their training in one of the old language federations. They meet in a hall the controlling body of which has many Communists. Yet they do not advertise their meetings in the hall because "this might antagonize non-Party members of the building." The unit has won only one new member in the last eight months. It does not have a single Negro member. In fact, when the question of organizing the Negro workers arose, one of the leading comrades said, "We can't bother with this question because even if we won them for the Party where will they meet?"

In Union City, New Jersey, our unit was instructed to hold a Lenin Memorial Meeting. The idea of mobilizing the masses of workers in the important industries located there for Leninist struggle against war and unemploy-

ment obviously never entered their minds. Instead, they wanted to hold a "respectable" affair. The unit secretary wrote to the section organizer as follows:

"It was agreed upon at a meeting of the executive committee held Sunday morning that the Lenin Memorial Meeting should be held as a lecture by Scott Nearing for that would assure us a success as he is well known and respected here. The nature of the lecture should be similar to all other lectures by Comrade Nearing but to add a bit concerning Lenin thereby giving it a memorial character. The theme should be one which can easily include something Leninistic."

One gets a conception of the lack of contact with the masses from this bit penned by one of the members of the unit which gives us a picture of their life.

In Cliffside, N. J., we are ready to issue our first shop paper in a sugar refinery. When the question was raised in the unit as to the distribution of the shop paper it was found there was considerable resistance. After some discussion it appeared that the leader in the resistance against the building up of the shop paper was a boss barber who said: "Some of the foremen in the refinery take shaves in my shop. If we issued a shop paper they won't give me their trade anymore. I can't have anything to do with it." Unfortunately, the comrades argued with him on the basis that even if the foremen stop coming to his shop, more workers will come as a result of the shop paper. This is no solution for such elements in our units. Petty-bourgeois people who refuse to do Party work for fear of losing their

petty-bourgeois standing must be quickly eliminated from our ranks.

In speaking to the masses and to new recruits to our Party, we must simplify our terminology. But Marxist-Leninist analysis cannot be made in the old bourgeois phraseology. Now that our discussions are taking on a non-factional constructive character the political backwardness of many of our functionaries comes to light when we find that many important and leading functionaries are under the impression that the Party must discuss the program and thesis of the Comintern in the language of bourgeois daily metropolitan newspapers so that they—the functionaries—should understand it. These comrades fail to recognize that in order to carry on agitation and propaganda work among the masses, they must learn the method, content, and inevitably the phraseology of Marxism-Leninism. They must not succumb to the jeers of the cheap bourgeois journals which talk about the "slogan makers" and the "jargon of Marx and Lenin." The failure of some functionaries to understand these things is hindering the political development of the Party. Some comrades, fortunately not characteristic of the Party, have even shown the old I.W.W. "know-nothing" attitude—they are under the false impression that ignorance of Marxism and Leninism is a sign of proletarian character.

These things are not true of the entire Party. They are remnants of an un-Communist past. They keep our Party from greater progress. But we must answer them. There can be only one answer—to raise the political level of the Party through study of Marxist-Leninist theory, through discussion and in Party schools and classes so as to better understand mass activity. The Central Committee is undertaking a six weeks national training school to begin February 10. If all the districts and sections cooperate, a corps of newly trained comrades could be made available for various sections of the Party, to infuse new Bolshevik spirit and knowledge and methods of work where slovenly, sloppy and social-democratic characteristics yet prevail. Every support should be given to the National Training School. It is a means of insuring Communist leadership to our future struggles.

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