

Organization Brings Results

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I AGREE with the comrades who say that the reason our Party does not grow faster is not because of the objective difficulties, but because of insufficient attention to the work.

In transport, we have a unit which has been in existence for a year and half, but the membership of the unit is stationary although the Party members in this unit are among the foremost builders of the union.

In another unit in a power house, which started with only one comrade, the unit in a short time grew to five. The members in this unit helped to carry through the first sit-down strike in the city. As a result of this good work, the unit today has grown to a membership of fourteen, and at a recent meeting the comrades pledged themselves to recruit another twenty members by July 30.

We have a similar situation in the shipyards. In one shipyard where a strike is now in progress, the comrades are selling five to ten copies of the *Daily Worker*. They

said that more could not be sold because of the "Red" scare. In another yard, where the same type of workers are employed, comrades are selling from 800 to 1,000 copies of the *Daily Worker*. This shows that it is not the difficulties of the "Red" scare, but the kind of work we are doing, the kind of organization we have, that determines the failure or success of our work.

A word on fluctuation. We have this kind of a situation in the Party: We follow up a sympathizer for months, visit him at his home, become friendly, etc. But the moment he is recruited, we pay no more attention to him, and the consequence is that many of the new comrades drop out. Especially is that true of the new type we are recruiting in our district. We have a sort of business relation with them. For example, we have Irish workers. They come to a meeting and after the meeting they go back to their Irish circles, to an atmosphere removed from our Party; and we remain among ourselves. This is wrong.

In addition to the formal meetings, we should begin to give attention to meeting more frequently with these comrades, to mingle with them socially. This will help to stop fluctuation. The assigning of our best comrades for the personal guidance of new comrades should be seriously considered in our district. By doing this, we shall be able to keep those we recruit and to increase recruiting.