

CHICAGO PARTY ACTIVITIES

UPON report made to Local Chicago city central committee on fight carried on by the left wing in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union election for the left wing candidates, and their program of measures vitally needed by the members of that union, a motion was carried unanimously backing up this fight with all the resources of the party.

Extensive preparations were made for the Chicago aldermanic elections to be held Feb. 28. These elections are so-called "non-partisan" and Communist candidates will be entered in all wards possible. A general campaign committee composed of the following elected: Abern, Kruse, Gomez, Herzon, Hammersmark, Ida Dailes, Thurber Lewis, Candella, N. Juel Christensen, H. Epstein, Mrs. Kalousek, Manes, N. Shafir, Cejak, A. Maki, Robert Minor and two members of the Y. W. L. Sub-committee on organization which is to organize ward committees, propose candidates, organize meetings and general propaganda activities composed of Abern, Kruse, Lewis, Manus, Epstein and Mrs. Kalousek. A sub-committee on petitions which is to organize the work of gathering signatures and filing petitions composed of the following: Hammersmark, Christensen, Candella, Cjeka and Abern, and finally a committee on publicity composed of Comrades Gomez, Dailes and Shafir. Signatures required to petitions to enter candidates are two per cent of the votes cast in the last municipal election and petitions must be filed before Jan. 30. Many wards offer good possibilities for entering Communist candidates. Only the working class wards will be concentrated upon and all opportunities will be made use of to bring our message to the workers during this campaign. The Communist candidates will in definite terms state their position on the many vital working class issues.

On the now developing unemployment situation the city central committee adopted the following statement:

Unemployment in Chicago is on the increase. At the free employment office during November there were 156 persons registered for each 100 jobs available. These figures mark an increase over the two preceding months, altho they do not reach the high mark of July and August.

Our party must take the leadership in gaining the measures for relief of the unemployed workers and create the organizations necessary to attain this aim. Our party members must take up energetically the formulation of the demands of the unemployed and initiate the fight for the realization of these demands. They must bring the issue into all trade unions and workers' gatherings. Apply our slogans to the concrete situation and with these slogans penetrate the masses, organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, to prepare them for action, following closely the program adopted by the C. E. C.

Our immediate slogans must be: "Work or Compensation for the Unemployed." "Governmental legislation making appropriations for relief of the unemployed, funds to be administered by the labor organizations." "Employers to pay regular wages to workers whom they cannot keep steadily at work, out of their accumulated profits."

The city central committee elected a committee composed of Swabeck, Bell, Davidson, Milkovich and two comrades to be selected from the Y. W. L. Committee was instructed to gather information about development of unemployment, prepare publicity and assist our membership in propagandizing the needs of the unemployed. It was also instructed to make arrangements at the earliest possible date for a series of unemployment mass meetings and take steps toward organization of the unemployed.

To effectively prepare the work of our party, to establish a united front fight against child labor, to bring this issue to all working class organizations, to bring pressure to bear, to bring the state legislature to immediately ratify the child labor amendment to the constitution and to compel the state and federal legislature to pass a law providing for full government maintenance of all school children of workers and poor farmers. The following committee was elected: Abern, S. Borgeson, John Anderson, Charles Erickson, Chiloisky and two

from the Y. W. L., Reiseroff and Greenberg.

Applications: A total of 26 applications were accepted including a Czecho-Slovak branch of ten members organized in Brookfield, Ill.

The minutes of the last district executive meeting showed that during the four months period July-October more new members had been initiated into our party in this district than any previous similar period.

Workers Party, Local Chicago, Martin Abern.

Italian West Side Branch Unanimous For Minority Thesis

The minority thesis was unanimously indorsed by the Italian Side branch, No. 1, by a vote of 41 to 0. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Having heard Robert Minor speak in support of the minority thesis and Tom Bell in support of the Foster-Cannon thesis, the West Side branch of the Italian Section of the Workers Party indorses the minority thesis. We declare in favor of the continuation of the class farmer-labor party united front slogan as an effective means of building a mass Communist Party in the United States.

"After two meeting nights of thoro discussion, we declare that there is a mass need for independent political action of the working class and we condemn the sectarian defeatist attitude displayed in the majority thesis.—Signed: G. Balocco, Secretary."

The branch voted that every member must take out an insurance policy to insure the DAILY WORKER for 1925. This motion was also unanimously carried.

Three Act Drama In New York City For Sacco-Vanzetti

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Pants Makers' Union of New York is rallying to the relief of Sacco and Vanzetti. At the last meeting of the trade board the delegates voted unanimously to donate \$25 and to call a special relief meeting.

The latter is arranged to take place as a dramatic performance of the three act play "La Vigilia" by L. Kampf, and will be held on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 7 p. m. in the Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave.

Admission will be one dollar, and tickets are in the hands of shop chairmen.

British Trade Unionists Return.
LONDON.—Representatives of British trades unions were back at their homes today after a visit of inspection to Soviet Russia. Their views on Red Russia will be presented in a report later.

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sheep. The minority tactic of constant contact with the farmer-labor sections of the American working class is mighty good common sense. As Communists we cannot pursue a policy of "splendid isolation" and hope to engage in every struggle to advance the cause of the working class.

It is the duty of every Communist to discuss the minority and majority propositions and to view all angles with an open mind. I firmly believe that our C. E. C. will arrive at their conclusions in due time and map out a policy to guide us in the future campaigns our party will engage in.

Until such a decision has been reached we of the rank and file should keep plugging and put thru the immediate tasks before us.

The injection of personalities into the argument will get us nowhere. All engaged in this debate have rendered a lifetime of service to the working class. As Communists we are concerned with FACTS.

If I can be convinced that a policy of "splendid isolation" is the correct tactic for a Communist Party for American conditions, then I will support the majority viewpoint. The mass farmer-labor party under Communist leadership meet with my hearty approval, therefore I support the minority position.