

CHICAGO CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY BACKS IRISH FAMINE RELIEF CAMPAIGN

AT its meeting Wednesday, Feb. 18, the City Central Committee Workers Party, Local Chicago endorsed the campaign for famine relief for Irish workers and peasants and instructed all delegates of Labor Defense Council to give complete support to the International Defense Day commemorating the Paris Commune, March 29th at Ashland Auditorium.

The demonstration will be for the release of world's class war prisoners and for the relief of Irish workers and peasants.

The various language units of the party are to furnish special forms of entertainment and propaganda for that day. The party is throwing full energy behind the Irish Workers' and Peasants' Famine Relief Conference and every effort will be made to get affiliations of labor unions and other working class organizations to the conference.

Work in the Unions.

A spirited discussion took place on ways and means to get more of the trade union comrades active in the unions and the Trade Union Educational League and to get others into the union.

The work in the building trades, carpenters, metal and needle trades groups is of paramount importance and has greater possibilities for the development of left wing movement in the trade unions than was ever before possible.

The building trades comrades are visiting the party branches explaining the work and every co-operation should be extended.

In the needle trades the T. U. E. L. group decided to issue a leaflet thru the Amalgamated group on the coming agreement. The issue in the Amalgamated today is clear; it is Hillmanism versus the left wing and the Communists.

In all of these unions the fight for reinstatement of the expelled has taken on a militant and national character. The coming pamphlet exposing the corruption of the Hutcheson machine in the Carpenters' Union promises to be a scorcher and many orders are already coming in for this pamphlet.

Labor Defense Council activity is being pushed thru the unions and our speakers are appearing wherever possible, and where our comrades are on the job to get them the floor. The T. U. E. L. groups are preparing to push THE WORKERS MONTHLY in the unions.

The North Side English branch, as a starter, has decided that every member of the branch must get at least three copies of the Workers Monthly each month and, further to push the Communist work in the trade unions, has decided, altho the comrades in this branch are already more active than the others that anyone failing to attend a union or T. U. E. L. meeting in the needle, building, printing and metal trades is automatically suspended from the party for three months. This is a good example for other branches to follow and will no doubt do a great deal towards getting our party members active in the unions, the basic organs of the class struggle.

The T. U. E. L. page covers the union activities in detail and an endeavor is being made to see that every group has its correspondents. Comrades who fail to attend unions are being made to run the gauntlet in the branches and city central committee.

This is especially necessary because in some local unions, on the question of expelled carpenters and labor defense work as well as elections to executive boards; the left wing lost out from two to five votes and absent party members would have been sufficient to carry the results in our way.

The DAILY WORKER drive is mentioned elsewhere in these columns.

Propose to Form Shop Nuclei Branches.

On shop nuclei the city central committee instructed the nuclei department to proceed with the districting of the entire city in order as quickly as possible to form shop nuclei branches out of the existing shop nuclei. These shop nuclei branches, when organized, will send delegates to the city central committees, conventions, etc., in place of shop nuclei units. This is in accordance with the organizational form of nuclei.

In order to become more fully acquainted with the language press the delegates will report at the C. C. C. on contents and make up of the language press.

May Day Committee Forming.

Branches are to elect delegates at once for a May Day committee in an endeavor to make the coming May Day a gigantic affair.

Also all branches are to make certain that delegates come to the Labor Defense Council united front conference on Thursday, Feb. 26, 8 p. m., 180 W. Washington St., Room 301.

Membership meeting scheduled for next Tuesday in accordance with C. E. C. instructions and agenda given in another column, was reported on.

The fight against the C. P. P. A. is one point on the membership meeting agenda, and in this connection there are hardly any local unions in Chicago which have endorsed the C. P. P. A. conference. The issue is cold among the rank and file and is rousing no sentiment whatsoever, an indication of correctness of the policy of the party in exposing the C. P. P. A. as a bourgeois outfit.

Push the Child Labor Campaign.

On the child labor campaign now that the Illinois legislature has the issue of a referendum before it, comrades in the unions and fraternal organizations should push the child labor campaign and resolutions in accordance with policy and send in reports at once to the local office.

Comrade Swabeck has been appointed district organizer by the Central Executive Committee in the Pittsburgh district and Comrade Abern has replace him.

70,000 Election Campaign Leaflets Distributed.

On the elections campaign it was reported that the 50,000 election campaign leaflets containing the program of the Workers (Communist) Party in the aldermanic elections had already been distributed. In addition, special leaflets are now being printed for some of the remaining aldermanic candidates and also special cards. The number of election leaflets used will run up from 70,000 to 75,000. As reported previously, three of the party candidates were eliminated from the ballot by the usual methods of capitalist procedure and legality. Comrades Brooker, Cejka, Dozenberg and Epstein remain on the ballot.

The situation in the Italian Federation was reported upon and the Italian comrades are now working to issue again the Il Lavoratore as a daily as quickly as possible in the city of New York. Federation bureau also to be moved there.

The city central committee approved the expulsion of six comrades from the South Slavic branches for their support of the paper, Novy Swijet, against the policy of the party and for their support also of the Svetkoff anti-party group outside of the party and also approved the reinstatement of two of the comrades upon a written declaration of loyalty to the party.

The following applications for membership were accepted:

Polish North Side.....	2
Finnish	3
Douglas Park English.....	1
North Side English	2
Mid-City English	1
Italian 19th Ward	1
Greek	1
South Slavic	3

Poll watchers are wanted for the aldermanic elections on Tuesday, February 24. Comrades should report to the office to get credentials and addresses of comrades who can be poll watchers.

All arrangements are being made for a successful Sacco-Vanzetti meeting on March 1, which will be held in the Emmet Memorial Hall.

The next meeting of the city central committee will be held at 722 Blue Island Ave., on March 4, 8 p. m.

Faternally yours,

Workers Party—Local Chicago,
Martin Abern, Secretary.

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