

SHOP NUCLEI REORGANIZATION GOES OVER IN CHICAGO SECTION TWO

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The formation of five shop nuclei, four potential shop nuclei and two street nuclei was the outcome of the section reorganization meeting of Section No. 2 (Pullman) Chicago, Workers (Communist) Party on Wednesday, October 28, 1925.

Nearly 50 members or two-thirds of the membership in this section were present when Comrade Martin Abern, district organizer took up the party reorganization.

After the preliminaries, actual work of reorganization took place. One shop nucleus, having at present 19 members, was organized in the Pullman Car company. In the Ford automobile works a nucleus of eight was formed and then two housewives and a meat dealer were attached to function with the automobile nucleus. In one of the railroad shops, six members were found to be working together.

Additional Shop Nuclei Being Formed

The remaining comrades were found to be working either alone, at the moment, or were at occupations such as domestic work, etc. There were placed into street nuclei.

One street nucleus which was formed has 13 members and Street Nucleus No. 2 has 11 members. Both of these street nuclei have many comrades working in steel, railroad plants and other industries where possibilities of shop nuclei organization are excellent and these comrades are expected to get on the job to form shop nuclei as quickly as possible. As soon as the formation of additional shop nuclei by members now organized in street nuclei is achieved, the remaining street nuclei members will be attached to other shop nuclei to aid in shop nucleus organization. This has already been done in the case of the Ford nucleus.

Absent Comrades to Be Reached

Comrades are being assigned to reach those members who were absent from the meeting so that they can be registered and organized into shop or street nuclei.

Shop nuclei organization in the Pullman section of Chicago should meet with marked progress and success, when the comrades have acquainted themselves more with the shop nuclei work.

This section is highly proletarian and the vast majority of members work in the basic industries, such as steel, railroad and automobile industries. The comrades in the Pullman Car nucleus have been organized for some time and are now proceeding to draw in new blood. Similarly the Ford plant nucleus has been organized and also one of the nuclei in the large steel plant. Possibilities for developing larger units in the railroad shops appear good.

Membership in Basic Industries.

The registration revealed that 45 members are steel workers in steel plants; manufacturing, general steel implements, but for the most part builders of railroad cars. Eight are automobile workers, five are carpenters on the railroad; one air-brakeman, a street car worker, three machinists; one janitor in a hotel; two doing general work in hotels, a cement finisher, a real estate broker, one bridge worker, one fireman in a hospital, a barber and a barber student, one working in

a tack factory, two unemployed steel workers and a number of general laborers, one stenographer, one tinner and five housewives.

From this classification it is plain that potentialities for Communist work are very good. A revolutionary proletarian viewpoint prevails and this can be developed into mass Communist activity in Pullman.

The steel corporations and the Pullman Car slave-driving outfit have done everything in their power at all times to crush any attempts at union organization and they have been successful despite the strong resistance at many times by the workers in their attempts to organize.

The registration showed only four members belonging to the unions in this steel bulwarked open shop town. These belong to the barbers, carpenters and Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Need to Unionize Members

In the Pullman Car company the employee plan of representation has prevailed. This has been nothing but a company union of the vilest and worst sort, and at all times organized in the interests of the corporation.

There are many comrades, however, who are now in a position to join a union and one of the tasks of the party organization is to get these comrades wherever possible to join unions and to lay a basis for greater unionization later.

Each of the units organized either on the shop or street nuclei plan, immediately elected temporary officers and organized a provisional section committee:

This provisional section committee met Sunday morning to take up some of the immediate organizational tasks. **Develop Leaders Immediate Necessity**

An immediate task will be to develop a few leading comrades who can take over the technical direction of the various shop nuclei. Meetings must be held regularly if the nuclei are to function and to live.

In the section meeting last night, a number of points of activity were discussed, such as the need of getting more comrades to write of their experiences, the lives of the workers in the shops and at the earliest moment to issue a bulletin. In a number of smaller nuclei, the first order of business must be the recruiting of more new members. Higher party units must give constant help and direction to the work of the shop nuclei in order that they may swiftly feel confident of their ability to carry on genuine Communist work in the shops and build the party.

Comrades present at the meeting felt satisfied with the change and strongly believed that the reorganization will benefit the party greatly, however difficult the work may be at the beginning. A few members may be lost, but their loss will not be felt and the new members gained will more than make up.

Nuclei Take up Campaign

The Pullman comrades are organized in a number of steel nuclei which makes many of their problems common, altho organized in different shops. The same holds true for those working in the automobile and railroad shops. This will make the planning of the work much simpler than in other sections where industry is much more diversified.

The Pullman comrades are taking up some immediate party campaigns, such as building International Labor Defense and preparing for the eighth anniversary meeting of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to be held in Pullman on Nov. 8th.

Section meetings in Local Chicago have now been held in Section No. 1 and Section No. 2. Section No. 5 (North Side) meet the day following the Pullman meeting and will be reported on at a later date. Following the North Side Section (No. 5) meeting, Section No. 3 (the Stockyards territory) will hold its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4th in Vilnis Hall, 3116 So. Halsted St.

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