

Chicago Now Completely On Shop and Street Nuclei Basis

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SHOP nuclei in printing, clothing, harvester, railroad, and electric plants were organized at the Section Four reorganization meeting of Local Chicago, Workers (Communist) Party on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1925 at Roosevelt Hall. Three hundred members registered at this meeting, a number slightly larger than at the Section Six meeting, the week previous.

The total number of shop nuclei in Section Four is nine: three in clothing shops, with 5, 4, and 6 members respectively; 16 in The DAILY WORKER printing nucleus; three in each two other large printing establishments; 12 in a harvester concern; 14 in an electric plant; four in a railroad freight house.

Twelve street nuclei with a total membership at present of 187 members were also organized. About 75 members living or working in order sections are being attached to units in other sections.

Of those present, 126 had union affiliations, as follows: Teamsters—1; carpenters—4; Amalgamated Clothing Workers—22; International Ladies' Garment Workers—4; Track repairers—1; Hod Carriers—6; Food Workers—5; Office Workers—10; Typographical—15; Newspaper drivers—1; Sign painters—1; Journeymen Tailors—1; Barbers—4; Cabinet makers—2; Electrical workers—4; Wood Turners—2; Cleaners & Dyers—1; Butchers—1; Blacksmiths—1; Leather workers—1; Metal Workers—1; Shoe Workers—1; Miners—2; Chauffeurs—1; Laundry Workers—1; Coopers—1. A compilation of the entire city will be made shortly.

Section Six Secretaries Meet Tonight.

Temporary secretaries of the street and shop nuclei organized at the Section Four meeting have been appointed. These secretaries will hold a meeting to organize a provisional section committee, on Monday, Nov. 23, 1925 at 6 p. m. at the District Office, 19 South Lincoln street. All secretaries have been instructed to attend.

All other sections now have temporary section committee organizations and are proceeding to the work of

getting the shop and street nuclei to function.

It must be emphasized that all officers in the shop and street nuclei and the section committees are only temporary. These were either appointed or elected at the section meeting to start the functioning of the newly organized units. Regular elections will be held later in the nuclei for nuclei officers and also to elect delegates to a section conference which will elect a permanent section committee.

Comrades Being Transferred to Shop Nuclei.

Further, it will be necessary to transfer many active comrades who are not in shop nuclei, to shop nuclei organizations to aid in their work. No comrade is permanently in a shop nucleus but is subject to transfer at any time. There are many potential shop nuclei to which comrades will be attached. During the period of the section reorganization meetings, such transfers were not made; all comrades were placed in party units as they belonged according to the registration. With all section meetings over, transfers can now be made with the best possibilities for good results.

900 Comrades in Shop and Street Nuclei.

Nearly 900 comrades have registered thus far in Chicago or approximately 80 per cent of the membership. Additional registration cards are coming in daily and the percentage of those who are coming into the reorganized party will be materially increased. All the nuclei are on the job reaching the comrades who failed to register at the section meetings. The party now has the task of developing the street and shop nuclei in existence, to organize live sections, sub-section and nuclei executive committees and to draw in the entire membership into work in the shops and factories. A better organizational base for work has been laid. It has been demonstrated, even to the most skeptical, that the membership would respond to the reorganization. Articles reviewing the complete reorganization of the party in Chicago, the trade union composition, character of the nuclei, etc., will be written.