

Reorganization Progress in District 8

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SHOP nuclei reorganization has now reached the point of action in the city of Chicago. Beginning next Wednesday, October 21, 1925, the first of a series of section membership meetings will be held, at which all party members belonging to branches in each section will be completely reorganized either into shop nuclei or street nuclei. The meeting of Section 1, the Loop-South Section, which comprises the membership in the Englewood English, the South Side English, the South Side Scandinavian and the clothing shop nuclei, number two, three, and four, will be held on October 21, at the Community Center, 3201 South Wabash Ave. Each week thereafter, there will be another section membership meeting at which reorganization is to be completed. There are six sections in all into which local Chicago, Workers (Communist) Party is divided. In another column are given the boundary divisions, branches comprising the sections, the time and meeting place of these section membership meetings, which all comrades should study to familiarize themselves, both as to place of work and residence.

Shop Nuclei Campaign Thruout District No. 8.

SPECIAL branch meetings have been held at which the practical phases of reorganization are being discussed. Wednesday night, October 14, there was held the special meeting of all branch and city functionaries (reported on elsewhere). These functionaries have been vested with the duty of getting out the full membership to the section meetings.

The C. E. C. reorganization commission, which is taking charge of the reorganization in District No. 8, consists of Comrades Jay Lovestone, Robert Minor and Martin Abern.

The District Executive Committee of District No. 8, while concentrating on reorganization in the city of Chicago, is also simultaneously organizing the party units on the shop nuclei basis thruout the remainder of the district. Zeigler, mining town; Gary, steel town; Dowell, coal mining town, are already on the shop nuclei basis. In Springfield, Ill., meetings have been held and at the next meeting, the reorganization should be completed there. Meetings are being scheduled in Kenosha, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Madison, West Frankfort, Johnson City and other cities in the district.

Reorganization in Chicago is expected to be done about December 1, and the district committee hopes to have this done in the rest of the district shortly thereafter. Speakers from the C. E. C. commission and the district committee are addressing the reorganization meetings.

District No. 8 Pushing "Join The Unions!" Drive.

DISTRICT NO. 8, Workers (Communist) Party, is pushing the drive to get all party members into labor unions, to develop the T. U. E. L. on the broadest possible lines, and to build Communist fractions in the local unions, central councils, etc. The district committee has outlined a structural program for the formation of party fractions in the unions and has sent copies to all party units and existing Communist fractions in the district. In addition, a special letter stressing the need of union activity and declaring that disciplinary measures will be taken, if necessary, to carry out the policy of the R. I. L. U., has been sent to the party units in the district.

Special party fraction meetings are being called in all trades and industries in Chicago. Successful fraction meetings have already been held in the needle trades industry and the building trades industry. The party fraction meeting of the metal trades will be held Sunday, October 18.

Program for Party Fractions Outlined THRUOUT the district, party membership meetings are being called to push the formation of Communist fractions in the labor unions and to

get the members into the unions. Comrade Arne Swabeck will tour the southern Illinois sub-district for these meetings and Comrades Jack Johnstone, Martin Abern, Tom Bell, Andrew Overgaard and others will cover the cities in the rest of the district.

Importance of activity in the trades unions, especially in view of the big struggles now on in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Machinists' Union, Furriers' Union, Painters and others, is being made clearer to the party membership. The general letter sent to the party units follows:

TO ALL THE BRANCHES IN DISTRICT NO. 8.

Dear Comrades:

"The Communists must learn to do their best, most energetic and concrete work in the trade unions; they must prove to the non-party and social democratic trade union members, by means of object lessons, that they are able, in their character as Bolsheviks, to be active trade union members at the same time. This means a number of fresh tasks for our fractions in the trade unions," says in part the Comintern to the German Communist Party on this question.

The trade union bureaucracy in this country is determined to render the unions useless as organs of struggle against the bosses. This is seen in the enormous development of all forms of class-collaboration, compulsory arbitration, "B. & O. plan," labor banks, betrayal of strikes, etc.

TO achieve this end the labor fakers have declared war on all progressive forces in the unions. The brunt of this campaign falls upon the Communists in the unions because they lead all elements desiring to convert the unions into organs of class warfare against the bosses. Because of this mighty drive against the Communists and all progressive elements, it is the duty of all party members to redouble their efforts to penetrate the unions no matter how reactionary they may be.

In the past too much lip-service has been paid to the Leninist conception of work in the trade unions—and not enough actual work has been carried on. In District No. 8 hundreds of party members do not yet belong to unions.

IN August of this year the C. E. C. of our party received a letter from the Communist International on the trade union work of our party. The following appears in the letter:

"The party must use disciplinary measures to compel its members to join the labor unions and become active in them. It must be firmly fixed in the mind of every party member that no worker in an industrial coun-

try like America can be a real Communist unless he is an active labor unionist. The party must take a determined stand against any sign of slackness of labor union activity. The work in the labor unions must be regarded as the basis which will determine the success of the party in most other spheres of work."

In accordance with the above the D. E. C. decides that the period of temporizing with those comrades who are eligible for membership in a union but who refuse to join has come to an end. From now on disciplinary measures will be applied, so that those who are eligible for membership in a union shall join.

Disciplinary Measures to Be Used.

THE following instructions must be carried out on this matter:

1. The question of trade union membership of each member must be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the unit.

2. The secretary shall demand of those members who are not in unions and are eligible for membership that within one month they shall apply for membership in the appropriate union.

3. At the end of this period all those who were instructed to join shall provide proof that they have carried out the instructions.

4. All disciplinary measures in this matter must be ratified by the leading committee in the territory in which the unit is situated.

5. All Sub-Section, Section and City Committees are instructed to see that these instructions are properly explained to their membership and complete reports of the carrying out of these instructions are sent to the District Committee.

The program and method of organization of Communist fractions in the labor unions, has been sent you under separate cover.

To belong to a union is not sufficient—it is necessary also to be active therein.

Comrades! Our party is in immediate danger of becoming completely isolated from the organized masses. This will condemn us to becoming a sterile sect divorced from the main stream of the labor movement. We must overcome this by resolutely setting ourselves the task of getting every member eligible into the unions.

The C. I. declares: No one can be a real Communist in America unless he is an active labor unionist. Those who desire to stay in the party must be real Communists.

Join the union! Join the Communist fraction in your union! Join your industrial and general group of the T. U. E. L.!

With Communist greetings,

District Executive Committee,
Workers (Communist) Party,
District No. 8.
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N. Y. Reorganization Meetings Sunday and Monday; Very Important

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The beginning of reorganization work, with the functionaries meetings called in accordance with the plan of the C. E. C. will take place as follows:

October 18th:

Downtown, 108 E. 14th St., 10 a. m.
Harlem, 64 E. 104th St., 10 a. m.
Williamsburg, 56 Manhattan avenue, 3 p. m.

Brownsville, 1844 Pitkin Ave., 3 p. m.

October 19th:

Bronx, 1347 Boston Road, 8 p. m.
Boro Park, Bath Beach, Coney Island, 764—40th St., 8 p. m.

All branch organizers, industrial organizers and financial secretaries must appear at these meetings.

Any one of these officers of the branches in the sections listed are to notify the other officers of these meetings, so as to be sure that every one attends without fail.

Special representative of the district office will cover these meetings to explain at length the actual stages of reorganization. All functionaries designated must be present at these meetings. Failure to do so means cutting off the branches from the work of reorganization.

Saklatvala Meeting Held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Is Big Success

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 15.—An enthusiastic meeting to protest against the exclusion of Shapurji Saklatvala was held at the Labor Lyceum in this city last Sunday. Comrades Ella Reeve Bloor, Israel Amter, George Papcun of the Young Workers League and Charles W. Fulp of the American Negro Labor Congress and of the United Mine Workers of America spoke. A resolution of protest was unanimously adopted.

Another Treat in Store for All Who Understand the Russian Language

Altho he was supposed to leave this week for Soviet Russia, the famous Russian poet Vladimir Mayakovsky yielded to the request of his Chicago admirers to give another lecture in Chicago. He will speak here on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Schoenhofen Hall, corner Ashland and Milwaukee Aves. Floor is expected that the hall may