

Workers(Communist) Party

Build Pillars of Workers' Power---Join the Labor Unions Now!

By Martin Abern.

OUR party is intensifying its campaign to draw every eligible member into a labor union and to make him active therein. Thru the labor unions, our party gains access to the large organized mass of workers and tries to exercise influence and leadership over them. Without the Communists and left wingers working within them with a consistent policy and program, and striving for leadership and control on such a basis, talk of revolution becomes balderdash. Nor will it do to talk of other roads and campaign for dual organizations as means of contact with and development of the working class. "The development of the proletariat could not proceed by any other road than that of the trade unions," declared Comrade Lenin. America is no exception to that opinion, despite its Greens, Lewises, Hillmans and others. Germany has its Liepert and Grassman, England its MacDonald and Thomas, France its Jouhaux. Yet revolutionary victory lies in domination of the organizations they now control.

In these mass organs of struggle of the working class, our party members must be firmly organized in their fractions, always prepared to take up whatever struggles and issues arise in the local unions, central labor councils, district councils, labor conventions. Communists have to be able not only to guide the workers generally along correct paths, to know only the theoretical phase and development of the class struggle, but to lead on concrete issues.

Various Burning Issues in the Unions.

In the unions will arise many issues, all of value, but some more important than others, depending on the situation in and outside the organization. However, our members must be prepared to take the lead in questions of wages, living standards, other trade questions, strike proposals, campaigns to organize the unorganized, trade union unity, amalgamation, labor party and independent political action by the workers.

Communists Must Take Lead on Concrete Issues.

For those who join and those who are in already, many immediate problems of interest confront the unions and the Communists therein. For instance:

In the Machinists' Union, there is the big issue of class collaboration, exemplified thru the "B. and O" plan. To smash this class co-operation scheme is to go a long way toward a

real labor party development there.

In the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Nash-Hillman agreement "organizing" Cincinnati symbolizes a great threatening danger, the slide toward company unionism in place of a fighting Amalgamated. Then, too, all militants and party members will have to conduct a struggle against the terroristic methods now being employed against all progressive elements by the Hillman administration. In the I. L. G. W. U., the left wing must consolidate its forces ideologically and organizationally to be effective in their struggle to eliminate Sigmanism completely from the garment workers. In the railroad industry, a campaign to organize the unorganized into the various unions is outstandingly necessary, and no doubt at this time is the most appealing issue, probably more than the burning issue of amalgamation of the railroad unions. Among the auto workers, organization of the hundreds of thous-

ands of unorganized auto workers into the Auto Workers' Union and Machinists' Union, especially, are outstanding requirements, demanding full energies of all Communists. Among the coal miners, our comrades must be alive to the formation of the Progressive Miners Committee in order to fight successfully the Lewis and Farrington machines particularly. And in every union, the Communists have work to do which would do more to establish the Communists among the masses of workers than almost any other phase of work.

Trade union activity is one which every party member can and must be active in.

Party members! Join the union of your trade or industry!

Be active in the Fraction!

Help build the left wing!

"The unions are the pillars of the workers' power," says Losovsky. Win the union for Communism.

Reds, Radicals, Militants and Progressives to Gather for Jolly Events on Feb. 27th

Are you a tired radical? Are you an energetic radical? Are you any kind of a radical? Or what are you?

We do not ask these questions out of idle curiosity or for the purpose of gathering statistics. We ask in order to find out how many of the red-blooded, fun-loving working men and women of Chicago will come to the Temple Hall on February 27 in order to have the time of their lives.

Naturally, you proceed to ask of us what will take place at the hall on that date. And we whisper into your ears: the Fourth Annual Red Revel Masquerade Ball!

To those who have been to one or all of the previous Red Revel Balls we need not speak. They have all enjoyed hugely the fine fun, dancing, camaraderie, and amusements which have characterized those that have gone before. But to those unfortunate persons who have for one reason or another failed to attend in the past we will say this:

Temple Hall is situated at Marshfield and Van Buren.

February 27, is on a Saturday night.

Fifty cents is the price in advance, and an extra two bits—making a total of seventy-five cents—is the price at the door.

And if you know all this, then put on your best mask, bring your best girl—or someone elses if you must—and be at the hall in order to take part in this affair. Need we say that

everyone else will be there? Need we expatiate on the entrancing music, or grow enthusiastic about the wealth and color of the national costumes that will be there? Shall we point out that there will be a number of enticing cash prizes for the best costumes? Must we declare that unless you are there you will find yourself, on the morning of the 28 of February, cursing yourself for being such an utterly damned fool?

Of course not! You are wise enuf to make sure to be there!

PARTY MEMBERS ATTENTION!

A meeting of all party members who are shareholders of the Russian American Industrial Corporation will be held at the party headquarters, 108 East 14th Street, New York City on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 8 p. m. All party members who are shareholders are instructed to attend this meeting without fail.

But Not For I. W. W.

OLYMPIA, Wash.—(FP)—Gov. Roland Hartley, wealthy Washington lumberman, has issued 130 paroles and final discharges from the state reformatory and 61 paroles and final discharges from the penitentiary at Walla Walla. None of the Centralia I. W. W. boys were in the lists.