

# A FUNCTIONING SHOP NUCLEUS.

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SHOP Nucleus No. 20, Chicago, located in a manufacturing plant employing thousands of workers, is functioning quite actively. The comrades are enthused over the future possibilities for work.

A Shop Bulletin is now being issued regularly; the third issue has just come off the press and was well received by the workers. Difficulty was at first experienced in getting the comrades and workers to send in shop material, but now the news comes in steadily. 5,000 copies are at present printed. An editorial committee meets to outline each bulletin.

THE shop nucleus, at its inception, had the usual difficulties, such as getting the comrades from many language elements together and meeting regularly. There was a complete lack of English comrades. A couple of comrades were attached to aid in work. A comrade speaking the language of the largest language group in the nucleus was attached to help these comrades in translation, writing for the bulletin, etc., at meetings.

## Active in Various Fields.

The nucleus now meets regularly with an average attendance of 75 to 80%. The nucleus is a fairly large one.

THE nucleus executive committee meets before each meeting and prepares the meeting. No communications are read at the meeting except where action is required by the nucleus on every point. Instead a brief report is made containing the gist of the communications. Actions are recommended and discussion takes place on them.

Meetings are alive. They are not cluttered up with an endless and needlessly long agenda. One or two points are handled primarily at each meeting. Other points are laid over for another meeting or assigned to individual comrades thru the executive for carrying out. In this manner, the major points are handled well and (this is important too), the meeting adjourns not later than 10:00 P. M.

A RECENT meeting for instance, the immediate campaigns in Illinois, particularly the miners, were discussed. Then \$60.00 in pledges were made by the comrades present, and a third collected immediately. More has

come in since. The other point dealt with was the Workers School of Chicago and the Politminimum course. Seven comrades were gotten for the various classes.

## Shop Bulletins Issued.

At another meeting, the entire evening, almost, was devoted to report on shop conditions, writing of news and general preparation for the issuing of the next number of the Shop Bulletin.

THE next meeting will deal mainly with the trade union question, both theoretically and practically; for the meeting will take up the matter of how and when the individual comrades are to join their respective unions. Four have definitely joined thru previous discussions.

This is a very brief report of a shop nucleus which has the same difficulties that are pointed out too often by elements not ready to put the necessary energy into the job of making a shop nucleus really function. There is no excuse for this. The job can be done. The publication of a Shop Bulletin, for instance, even if only 5000 copies are printed at present, alone more than justifies the change to the new form. These pieces of literature, distributed regularly to the workers, mean genuine mass propaganda and agitation—and ultimately organization for the Workers (Communist) Party and for Communism.

## LOS ANGELES DAILY WORKER BUILDERS TO HOLD PICNIC OCT. 10

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 3. — On Sunday, October 10th, a United Porkers' Press Picnic will be held. All workers who are interested in building up their paper are asked to reserve this date and come to Rose Hill Park bringing friends and relatives.

Sports of all sorts, games, and dancing are on the program. A plate lunch and other refreshments will be served. Leave your lunch at home. Admission, fifty cents. Reserve tickets at the Workers' Book Shop and Library, 322 West Second St., Open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Phone, Metropolitan 3265. Directions to picnic: Take Sierra Vista car to park or Mission Road past Luna Park.