

HARVESTER SHOP BULLETIN TELLS WORKERS' NEEDS

Third Edition Is Full of Meaty Information

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The third issue of the Harvester Bulletin, issued by the McCormick workers (International Harvester Company) nucleus of the Workers (Communist) Party in Chicago, has just been published. It is the most attractive number yet issued. It is quite well rounded in content and appeal.

It contains, among other material, a number of shop stories on working conditions, hours, wages, the speed-up, unwarranted layoffs and discharges, numerous injuries to the men, sanitation, conditions, etc.

Expose Company Union.

There is a report and analysis of the last meeting of the company union council and its failure to meet the needs of the workers. There is a demand for a genuine organization of the Harvester workers—a labor union, but coupled with the demand, too, to transform the company union into a union controlled by workers only and containing only workers.

Demands Fit Needs of Workers.

There is an article pointing out the Passaic strike of unorganized workers and the inspiration it offers to the unorganized Harvester workers.

The demands of the workers are outlined in relation to wages, hours, vacations, the company union and other points.

There are brief remarks on the need of a labor party of the American workers and farmers, and the attitude of the Workers (Communist) Party.

An article on the conditions of the young workers in the Harvester appears. These are worse than even those of the old workers.

The shop bulletin lacks pictures and does not contain necessary humorous material. Conditions of the oppressed Negro workers are not given. There is no material on the situation of the young women and girl workers in the twine department. Comrades write quite completely, but do not always mention the names of the people involved; that is, names and places which should appear in the story for the sake of emphasis and clarity. More articles and shorter will be required in order that the variety of the bulletin and its appeal and popularity may be increased. The nucleus is taking this up. Improvement in this respect over the previous issues is to be noted.

Rapid Circulation Increase.

The Harvester Bulletin was originally issued in mimeographed form. Fifteen hundred copies were printed, size 6 by 9 inches. The second number was printed in the same size. Three thousand copies were distributed. The third issue was increased in size to 8 by 10 inches and the edition increased to 5,000. An editorial committee supervises its issuance.

The distribution of 5,000 copies of The Harvester Worker is real mass agitation and is surely making its impression on the Harvester workers that the Communists lead in the daily struggle of the workers.