

Open Wide the Door of the Party to the Workers

THE New York District has inaugurated a new method in the recruiting drive that is bearing results. It sent out a letter to the revolutionary unions and revolutionary oppositions, to the clubs and fraternal organizations, asking them to discuss the

Communist Party and its role in the class struggle, and to invite a speaker of the Party to their meeting. It asked them to have their membership select as candidates for the Party, workers who through their activity in the organization of the struggle have come to the front.

This method has borne results: The clubs, unions, etc. have gone into competition with each other. At many of the meetings, the workers have asked why the Party has not come to them before. At others, the workers have stated why they do not yet feel prepared to join the Party. The union where the biggest struggles have been conducted—the needle trades—has been the *slowest* to recruit and yet the workers recognize the leadership of the Party, the leadership of the Party fraction in the union.

Although the results have been good, the meetings show conclusively that we are *too careful* in recruiting into the Party. Only the close sympathizers have been called to the meetings—and this is a serious mistake. *The wider masses are ready for the Party.* These meetings should be broad meetings (as the clubs have arranged them); a thorough discussion should be held, and there is no doubt that many more workers will join the Party.

The doors of the Party must be opened to *all* workers. The struggle is getting keener, the enemies of the Party are uncovering their faces. They are proving to wider masses that they are tools of the bosses. Is it not apparent to the railroad workers that their "leaders" sold them out, and only put up a sham fight, which was called to a halt by the *ultimatum* of Mr. Williard, president of the company-unionized Baltimore and Ohio Railroad? Will it not become clear to the membership of the railroad unions in a short time that their unions have been sold out, in the very statement of Williard that each road will deal with its men? Is it not clear to the needle workers, the shoe and food workers what the role of the leaders of the A. F. of L. is? Do not the unorganized who are led in struggle by the revolutionary unions know that struggle is the method of organization and that their leaders in the main are Communists? Do not the unemployed know that the leaders of the unemployed movement, the policy and strategy, come from the Communists? Do not the Negroes in ever larger numbers know that the Communists are the only ones conducting a struggle in their behalf?

They do—but we do not open the door to them. Therefore this Lenin recruiting drive must *open the doors wide to the workers.* Our Party members must not hesitate: War is on in China—the attack on the Soviet Union is in the offing. Masses will rally to our call. They must be brought into the Party.

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