

PARTY LIFE

Recruiting Drive of Y. C. L. And Tasks of the Party

Every Party Member Must Recruit
Young Workers for the YCL

Each Saturday this column will discuss problems pertaining to the Young Communist League and to the work among the youth (in the factories, among the unemployed, in the trade unions, and mass organizations.) We invite youth comrades to send us their experiences, and particularly request Party members to contribute to the column by telling us of their work, of their successes and failures—in building the Y. C. L. and the youth sections of the trade unions and mass organizations. Send your contributions to the Org Commission, Communist Party, P. O. Box 87, Station D, New York.

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NOVEMBER 7th, the sixteenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution, is the day upon which the Young Communist League will start its national recruiting drive. This drive which will continue to January 15th, the anniversary of the murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, has as its aim: 1) To build the League in the key factories of basic industry; 2) To increase the membership of the League to a minimum of 10,000 as a step in the direction of catching up to and surpassing the Party in size; 3) To increase the circulation of the **YOUNG WORKER** to 25,000 weekly.

The entire Party must understand the importance of this drive. Not alone must the Party cooperate and help the YCL in this drive, but must accept the political responsibility for its successful conclusion. The period of this drive must find the entire Party, its press and the revolutionary mass organizations, actively working among the generation of working class youth and recruiting into the Young Communist League.

This makes necessary the following practical steps:

Every leading Party committee, whether district, section or unit, should hold a special discussion on the Young Communist League recruiting drive. These Party committees must concretely take up the problems of this drive and with the leading committees of the Young Communist League and check up from week to week on the outcome of the drive.

2. Not alone must the Party committees help the Y.C.L. in the drive,

but mobilize the Party membership and the workers in the mass organizations for the building of the Y.C.L. Every district section and unit of the Party should set its own quota recruiting into the Y.C.L.

3. The recruiting drive should be discussed in every Party unit. This discussion should explain to the Party membership the special problems of the youth, the growing militancy and radicalization of the young workers, their importance for the revolutionary movement, why we need a separate Communist youth organization, the difference between the Y.C.L. and the Party, and how the Party gives leadership to the Y.C.L. and must help it become a broad mass organization. It is through such a discussion that the Party membership must be mobilized for the drive. The slogan of the Party should become: "Every Party member to recruit one young worker for the Y.C.L. during the period of the drive."

4. The Party must understand that this drive must not alone result in numerically increasing the Y.C.L., but in improving its social and national composition and rooting it in the factories. For this reason the greatest emphasis must be placed on recruiting young workers from the shops and building the League on a shop basis. This means that the Party must especially work to carry through the decision of the 12th Plenum of the Communist International, that: "A Y.C.L. shop nucleus must be built alongside of every Party shop nucleus."

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