

Joint Federation Action is Planned in Party Campaigns

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An important and successful meeting of editors, secretaries, and industrial organizers of the foreign-language federations, representatives of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party and the Young Workers League was held in Chicago recently. Three major questions—the Federations and Party campaigns, the Daily Worker and organizational campaigns and policies of the press—were discussed in detail and acted upon. The reports made by the Federations brought out many important and characteristic points.

Comrade Jakira reported for the C. E. C. on the question of coordination of the work of the various Federations. In the past this coordination of work was far from satisfactory. The Federation leadership is responsible to a great extent for the failure or success of their respective Federation membership to respond to this or other campaigns conducted by the party. It was agreed that in the future meetings of the Federation leaders shall be called by the C. E. C. before a campaign is started, so that all the Federations and the Party can proceed with the work as one unit.

Comrade John J. Ballam reported on progress made so far in the drive for the Daily. He showed that steps must be taken by every federation to boost the campaign both in the press and organizationally.

The report of the secretaries showed the campaign to be well under way. Many branches have already disposed of their quota of shares. Many members are buying at least two shares each. Some of the Federations are carrying on a campaign for the Daily in fraternal and other organizations in which they have membership and expect good results. The secretaries are confident that the Federations will have their quotas of shares disposed of before the time limit is over.

Comrade C. E. Rathenberg reported the organization campaign now well under way and pointed out the need for the Federations immediately to get behind the campaign.

The pamphlet, "Why Every Worker Should Be a Communist and Join the Workers Party," should be given the widest possible circulation among the American workers. Many Federations will have it translated in their own language.

Comrade J. Louis Engdahl pointed out the need of our language press to pay closer attention to the American labor movement, to carry more news of party activities and to take active part in the various party campaigns.

The discussion showed clearly that the Party has for the last few months made marked progress. The Federation membership is fast getting to realize the importance of taking an active part in the general Party life. This was especially emphasized by the Lithuanian comrades. There is hardly a single meeting, affair or campaign of the Party in which the comrades of the Lithuanian Federation are not taking active part. And it was only a short while ago when the Lithuanian comrades were confining their activities mainly to their own Federation, paying very little attention to the Party as a whole. A similar change of attitude towards the Party generally is evidenced in most of the other Federations. This change is due, as the Ukrainian secretary pointed out to the fact that the party is engaged in various campaigns which bring the comrades of the various languages together. The contact with the English speaking comrades has taught the Federation membership that it is a big mistake for them to remain isolated within their own limited circles. The South Slavic comrade reported that a few new Branches with a membership of about 250 were lately organized by the Federation from among the miners. He also called the attention to the fact that the circulation of the Official Organ of the Federation has more than doubled since the Federation quit the Socialist-Labor Party despite the fact that the Federation is now numerically not as strong as it was then. A similar situation exists in other Federations. This shows that the influence of the Workers Party is spreading out to circles of workers many times as large as its own membership. But it also shows that we have not utilized this extremely favorable situation to get these sympathizers into the Party. This must now be remedied.

There can be no doubt that this meeting will bring good results and help to bring about greater centralization and coordination of the activities of the party.

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