

The Language Federations and the Daily

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The establishment in this country of a daily Communist paper in the English language must be considered an important historic event. Every worker of America should be proud of the opportunity to be one of the founders of such a Daily and do everything possible to make its appearance on the date set.

Thousands of capitalist and reactionary labor papers are flooding the country with lies and misrepresentations about the communists and the communist movement. The capitalist press is one of the most effective strike-breaking agencies in the hands of the employers. William Z. Foster's book—The Steel Strike of 1919—gives a most vivid picture of the part played by the kept press in breaking that famous strike. As these lies are being written the entire capitalist press is full of wild and fantastic stories about the communists and the Workers Party of America. These stories are spread by Daugherty and Burns thru the infamous heads of U. M. W. A. Our enemies are encouraged by the fact that we, with but a weekly paper in the English language, are powerless to defend ourselves against their vicious and contemptible attacks.

The need for a daily paper in the English language has never been so great. Every American worker and especially the members of the Party, must get behind the drive for the establishment of such a daily. This applies especially to the foreign born workers in this country. These are the most exploited, oppressed and persecuted, yet the most powerless of the working class because of their inability to speak the native tongue. It is the foreign born workers especially who in their struggle with the capitalist class must rely upon the communist press as the sole defender of their interests, their only spokesman in this country. The writer for the last few years has had an opportunity to be in closest contact with the revolutionary foreign born workers in this country. And he knows the splendid spirit shown by these workers in supporting the communist press in their own language. A glance at the Party press in the numerous languages will readily bear this out. Only a few perhaps know the sacrifices made for their paper by comrades of the Russian Federation during the last few years. The New Mir of Sept. 14 for instance carries an announcement that 40 Russian workers of Detroit donated to that

paper one thousand dollars, each one contributing twenty-five dollars towards the sum. Practically a handful of Polish comrades manage to maintain a daily in their language. A small Rumanian Federation is able to publish a weekly and has even succeeded in establishing its own printing plant. The Greek Federation of the Party, though numerically small, is now raising a fund for a Daily in the Greek language. The sacrifice the Jewish communists have been making in this country for the last two years or so for the Daily Freiheit can hardly be described in words. There is not a single Federation in the Party, no matter how small its membership may be, without at least a weekly publication and without a printing plant of its own. This is made possible, thanks to the tremendous efforts and devotion of the Federation comrades and sympathizers, who have learned to look upon their press as a prime necessity of life.

The time has now come for the Federation comrades to see to it that an English Daily is established for they realize that the press in their own language is almost worthless without at least one powerful Daily paper in the English language. Especially so at this moment when the capitalist class and its faithful government have chosen the foreign born worker as a target for the newly planned attacks. The Federation comrades and sympathizers must respond to the call of the Party and show in the campaign for the Daily Worker the same heroic spirit they have manifested time and again in campaigns for the press in their own language.

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