

THE PARTY AT WORK

Russians Hold Annual Convention

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Representatives of 68 branches of the Russian Federation of the Party, with a membership of 1,131, met in Chicago for two days, Jan. 12-13, to consider important problems confronting the Federation.

Several issues during the last several months have been the cause of controversy with the National Bureau Federation. The question of the Editorial policy to be followed by the "Novi Mir," the Russian Daily, was the main point of dispute. The Central Executive Committee of the Party upheld the majority of the Bureau in a special letter addressed to the Convention. The letter which is to be found elsewhere in this paper was heartily approved by the convention, as was the general report made by the representative of the Central Executive Committee.

The Convention gave special consideration to the question of the "Novi Mir" and The Daily Worker. It was decided to continue the Drive for two thousand new subscribers to the "Novi Mir" and to raise a fund of 5000 dollars. The District Organizers of the Federation are to be held responsible for the success of the campaign for new subscribers. The Convention adopted a resolution in support of the Daily Worker. The

resolution is published elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

The Convention went on record in favor of organizing special womens' branches of the party and adopted a practical educational program. The discussion and actions of the convention clearly show the change our party has undergone during the last year.

Join the Trade Unions, take active part in the general party life, support the English Daily, take active part in the American labor movement—this and not the European problems was the keynote of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned with the election of a new bureau of five. Comrades Ashkenudze, Deviatkin and Svetlow of Chicago, Cosuschik, of Boston, and Strij of Detroit were elected.