

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT PUTS INTO MOTION PLAN FOR RECRUITING OF NEW MEMBERS AND MORE ACTIVITY

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 8.—The Workers (Communist) Party is at present, as admitted even by its enemies, the only militant, live working class organization in the country. It is the motive power that pushes the entire labor movement of this country into action, that directs the labor movement along progressive lines. It has a large number of sympathizers thruout the country as evidenced, for example, by the number of workers who read its press and by its influence in the numerous trade unions and other workers' organizations. Yet the membership of the party is limited. In fact, in proportion to its influence in the labor movement and to the role it generally plays in this country, the party membership must be considered abnormally low.

One can easily find an explanation of this condition in the objective economic and political situation in this country. But we must not close our eyes to the fact that we ourselves are to a large extent responsible for the small membership of the party. Communists are like busy bees engaged year in and year out in various campaigns of a political nature and taking active part in various labor organizations. This applies to both the leading party committees and to the rank and file.

Busy in Other Fields.

The result is that we fail to pay sufficient attention to the organizational side of the party work, fail to utilize the various favorable situations for increasing the party membership and to pay sufficient attention to the numerous workers who are in agreement with the Communist movement in order to take them in as members.

Pittsburgh Makes Plans.

The party in Pittsburgh has realized this fact and decided to immediately take steps to remedy the situation. A special small organization committee was appointed, which meets regularly and quite frequently to consider nothing but problems dealing with activization of the party units and with recruiting of new members.

Conference Held.

For the purpose of considering these problems a city conference was held in Pittsburgh, at which delegates of every nucleus of the city were present and which took up a number of problems dealing with organization, agitprop and trade union work. After a detailed analysis of the results of the party reorganization the conference adopted a number of motions which would help to place each and every nucleus on a functioning basis. These motions follow:

Motions Passed.

1. That special meetings of the nuclei be called where the election of officers and committees shall take place and where the new form of organization shall be explained by a representative of the district organization committee.
2. Each department head and functionary of the nuclei shall be requested to submit a report of activities at each nucleus meeting.
3. Minutes of all nuclei meetings be submitted to the district office.
4. An organization campaign for new members and for getting back the old members be started in co-operation with the district organization committee and that a communication be sent to all nuclei explaining how to proceed with this organization campaign.
5. Each nucleus is to take steps to establish more discipline and order in the organization.
6. That at the special meetings which will be called a new registration of membership be taken in all units.
7. That city conferences be held regularly at least once each three months

and that functionaries of the nuclei be invited to attend the conferences in addition to the regularly elected delegates.

Work in Unions.

Considerable time was devoted by the conference to the trade union work, which is so closely linked up with the success of all the party activities. The nuclei stand instructed to take a roll call at their meetings with a view of getting the nonunion members into unions. The district trade union committee is preparing detailed instruction on how one can join the union and on work of the trade union fractions.

Agitprop Development.

Several important measures are to be taken by the Agitprop department which would help to improve the organization machinery for the agitprop work and for providing training for both the old and the new party members. These decisions are:

1. That in the immediate future steps be taken to establish a live Agitprop committee in every unit.
2. That a committee be set up to arrange the affairs and meetings, the committee to consist of one delegate from every unit in Pittsburgh. The committee to elect its own secretary.
3. All party members must assist in the building of a live Daily Worker Builders Club, same to draw in as many non-party members as possible.
4. Development of the class into a real Workers school. Attendance at the class on the part of comrades selected to be made compulsory.
5. Agitprop department to work out a program for discussion in the nuclei on the important questions of the day.
6. Special organization course of 3 lectures to be given by D. O..
7. Special training for new members entering the party. Course of 3 lectures to be given.

The conference turned a new leaf in the history of the party in this city and every party member is called upon to co-operate with the organization department in putting the decisions of the conference into effect.

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THE history of the DAILY WORKER is such as should convince every one of its readers of the importance of such a paper. In spite of all the financial difficulties of the past, the DAILY WORKER has stood in the forefront of the class struggle, fighting for the interests of the workers against their masters.

The capitalist class would be only too glad to see the end of the DAILY WORKER. The readers of the DAILY WORKER are called upon to give everything they can and encourage their fellowworkers to do likewise.

In the trade unions it is the DAILY WORKER that is holding high the banner of solidarity and educating the membership to a militant fight-