

Roads to a Mass Communist Party

Growing Influence of Shop Nucleus Papers

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Shop Paper in Ford Factory
Sets Pace.

THE sixth issue of the Ford Worker issued by the Ford shop nucleus of the Workers (Communist) Party, has already reached a circulation of 19,000. This is the biggest circulation of any of all the Communist shop papers now being published by the various shop nuclei of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The Ford Worker, moreover, is not given away. It is not thrown away. The circulation of 19,000 is a real, bona-fide circulation. The paper is sold at the price of one cent per copy. Opportunity is given, however, for workers to pay more than that sum, in case they wish to support the paper, and to enable it to appear regularly.

Best Issue Yet.

This sixth issue of the Ford Worker is the best issue that has been published. It contains much live material. A special appeal is made in this shop paper, to help the British miners. A very live little story brings out the fact that what is needed in the United States is a workers' and farmers' government. Comment is made on the election campaign in Michigan, where Comrade W. Reynolds is the Workers (Communist) Party candidate for governor. The Workers (Communist) Party is the only working class party in the field in this state. There are only three candidates—that of the republican party, the one of the democratic party, and the candidate of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Turns Searchlight on Factory Conditions.

The Ford Worker deals very fully with the conditions in the factory. It gives some short articles with much accurate information. We quote from this issue—

"Ford will get his

By lefty-out

Since nineteen twenty-six,

six days work in five,

Some are in such a fix,

they barely keep alive.

The pay is much smaller,

the work is much more.

It makes a fellow wonder

why the pay isn't more?

For grabbing the money

old Hank can't be beat

The "Jew" would look funny

with Ford to compete.

Each dollar he spends,

brings ten in return

Not a cent would he lend

that others could earn.

Speed up is a slogan we hear every

day.

But why such a slogan without extra

pay?

The men are working like HELL it is

true,

The wages they're earning are mighty

damfew.

The raise in production for Henry is

fine,

But where in the hell is that raise of

mine?"

A snappy cartoon with a real message is placed on the front page, in order to add more life to the paper. It really is a mighty good little paper in every way.

Today one out of every five workers in that Highland Park plant is a reader of the Ford Worker. Police interference, Fordson thug attacks on the newsboys selling the paper, and the notorious Ford spy system have all failed to stop the distribution of the Ford Worker. Every issue brings more and more readers. The first issue of the paper had a circulation of 1,500. It is expected that between 20,000 and 25,000 of the seventh issue of the Ford Worker will be printed.

Two More Auto Factory Papers.

Two more factory papers are now

being published by the Workers (Communist) Party nuclei. One is called the Workers News, and is gotten out by the workers employed in the Dodge Brothers factory in Detroit. It sells for one cent. It is a mimeographed paper with a lot of punch to it. The infamous gang system in use in the Dodge Brothers plant is exposed in this fashion:

"In Dept. 53, we have the gang system, which is a money saving device for the company. If we work on a piece which has to pass through 20 operations and the job is spoiled on the 20th operation all men who have worked on it up to that time lose all time they put in, and if the job comes back for repair we are not paid for the time used in repairing. There is no one satisfied with this damn gang system. But what are we going to do about it? JOIN THE UNION AND WE'LL SPIKE THE GANG SYSTEM." Workers News Popular in Dodge Plant

ALTHOUGH this is only the second issue of the paper, there is to be noticed a real response from the workers of the Dodge Brothers plant. The editor of the paper who is one of the workers employed in the factory, writes:

"Over twenty workers have sent us letters congratulating the Dodge Workers News and many hundreds of workers have read with interest the first issue and they are satisfied and that's who we are trying to reach and satisfy.

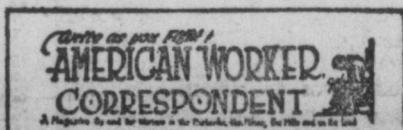
"We hope to print 10,000 of the next issue and we request your help in two ways. SEND US ARTICLES ABOUT THE CONDITIONS—AND HELP TO FINANCE IT."

The threatening, doubled-up fist of a worker, landing on a scared, fat, plutocrat is the drawing appearing on the first page of this paper. The cartoon is drawn by one of the workers in the plant. It makes a real decoration for the front page.

(To be continued.)

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workers are sending news of their lives, the job, and their unions to The DAILY WORKER. These workers are organized in many cities—and they issue a small newspaper of their own!



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But He Must Also Write!



HERE you see a steel worker on the job. He struggles at his heavy and dangerous task. The very air breathes threats of injuries and death. What a wealth of material to write about, to rouse all the workers in the industry to the need for organization to protect their interests. This steel worker, like thousands of others, must become a worker correspondent. William J. Wilkie, a steel worker, tells why on Page Two.

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