

Organizational Problems

This is the first installment of a pamphlet on the problems of Party organization by Comrade Arne Swabeck, district organizer of District 8. It deals purely with organizational problems and does not deal with the role of the Party. Hence its natural limitations. Publication of Comrade Swabeck's contribution in pamphlet form is intended later on.—Ed.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NUCLEUS

CHAPTER I.

THE nucleus is the basic unit of the Party. Its functioning determines the life and activity of the Party. The capacity of the nucleus for mobilization of all its members for active work is determined by its general understanding of Party objects and by the leadership given within the nucleus.

Our Party is built to fit the requirements of the class struggle. The strength of its inner structure is decisive. It must stand the test in action. Applied in organization practice this means that each nucleus must become one compact body, always active. It should be organized generally on the following basis.

The Leading Committee.

A nucleus must have an Executive Committee composed of the following members: chairman, secretary, financial secretary, industrial organizer, agitprop director, and literature and DAILY WORKER agent. (This may be increased or decreased according to the size of the nucleus.) Each member of the Executive Committee is to function as the head of each particular department named.

While the Executive Committee must give complete leadership to all the activities of the nucleus, it, however, does not mean that its members are to do all the work, but rather to give general direction, and see that work is properly distributed and decisions carried out. The active function of the nucleus will in the largest measure depend upon the ability of its Executive Committee to mobilize the members for active systematic Party work. It is therefore, important that the Executive Committee fully understand the qualifications of the various members for the various tasks. To this end it should from time to time conduct an examination of the membership in order to have work properly assigned and to make sure that each member attends to his respective duties. Those members who belong to mass organizations should participate regularly in activities assigned to them within such organizations, while the small nuclei functions in many cases may be left to those who have no such connections.

Main Executive Duties.

The duties of the Nucleus Executive should be the following: 1. To work out an agenda for each nucleus meeting. 2. To introduce the proper spirit to the meeting and to watch its conduct. 3. To take care of all communications containing plans of work from higher bodies and make recommendations in accordance with the plans to the nucleus. It should decide which letters are to be read in full to the nucleus, if any. 4. To recommend measures for the conduct of current Party work or Party campaigns. 5. To assign work to the individual members.

The Executive Committee should meet prior to each nucleus meeting, work out its plans and select one of its members to make the complete report to the nucleus containing the various recommendations. The Executive Committee should also compile reports for higher bodies from time to time, such reports to contain standing of membership, number belonging to unions or mass organizations, general activities of the nucleus, participation in campaigns, leaflets distributed, paper and pamphlets circularized, etc. The report when compiled should be thoroughly discussed in the nucleus with a view to improving all future activities.

The Nucleus Agenda.

The nucleus agenda should generally

consist of the following:

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Report and recommendations of Executive Committee with discussion and action on each particular point.
3. Current Business.—This should include assignment of work to individual members, distribution of circulars and literature, action on party press, recruiting of new members, finances, dues, stamp sales, ticket distribution, etc. (The two last items should be conducted so as not to interfere with the general conduct of the meeting.)
4. Current Party Campaigns.—Whether this be a campaign in connection with union activities, a campaign in connection with political activities, elections, labor party, protection of foreign-born, or building of the Party itself or Party press—under this heading specific measures and actions to be taken by the nucleus should be thrashed out and decided.
5. Political discussions.—Under this heading should be discussed the political significance of Party campaigns and most important current political events or strikes, based on reports in the Party press. Discussion should be conducted with a view to educating and training the membership.

A roll call of members present should be taken at each meeting and it is of vital importance to get into the habit of starting on time. If translations are necessary to members who do not understand English, such should be arranged for.

Membership Reports.

SHOP talks on conditions, activities and experiences gained in shops, unions or other workers' organizations are great incentives in Party training. When time is set aside for such talks, one or two comrades should be selected as speakers and prepare their material. The nucleus should also require its members to make individual reports of their activities among non-Party workers. A good discussion with helpful criticism will generally serve to improve the methods and activities of the comrades.

The nucleus executive cannot consider itself as having measured up to requirements as long as some of the nucleus members remain inactive. It, therefore, follows that the first thing to do is to make nuclei meetings interesting so that all will want to attend. Next to get each comrade interested in each particular task and fully realize the possibilities available. Thirdly, to make assignments to the individual comrades in accordance with their capacities and with a view to ever more developing their responsibility and understanding. As soon as members become lax in attending meetings or in activities they should be visited and induced to take their part.

Shop nuclei naturally have additional tasks which will be dealt with in the following chapter.

British and American Gold Helps Assassin

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direct support of English imperialism, which is arming for intervention against the Soviet Union.

Not Successful Yet.

As yet this bloc is not completed, nor is the ring round the Soviet Union closed. Up to the present, Germany has withheld its consent to English intervention. The bargaining continues in the foreign offices of the Great Powers. Germany is setting hopes which are not unfounded, on the support of England and demands that the frontiers laid down by the Treaty of Versailles be