

Organizational Problems

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CHAPTER III

Publishing Shop Bulletins.

(Continued from yesterday)

It is essential that our shop bulletin have live titles. Titles that definitely designate them as workers' papers. The following examples are appropriate: The Rivet, The Spear Point, The Hot Ingot, or Harvester Worker or Ford Worker. As a rule the bulletin is published in the name of the Workers Party shop nucleus. However, where special conditions make it necessary that the Party name be omitted, exceptions may be made after consulting with the local Party committee.

The first principle of the shop bulletin is that it must be true, state the facts accurately, and reflect the life of the shop. This principle can be maintained when reports from shop nuclei members are utilized and when efforts are made to get live non-Party workers to also contribute and write from their own experiences.

It is not sufficient that merely the events of the shops are reported. In each case where we complain about conditions, the proper remedies should be indicated and gradually become worked into a definite program.

Pictures showing the exploitation of the workers, caricatures of the bosses and a little humor is a very essential part of the shop bulletins. When reading becomes too dry, it is ineffective. A working class language should always be used and all subjects be dealt with in a manner understandable to the workers.

How to Organize the Bulletin.

A special committee should be elected by the nucleus to collect data and material. (In case of smaller nuclei, the group as a whole may constitute the committee). However, in gathering material all members should take part and as far as possible all members should write up their stories in order to utilize the opportunities for training. Non-Party workers should be urged to also write their stories. Correspondence groups, where such is possible, to be given the necessary training by a member of the editorial committee, should be established. Wherever such methods are followed, these workers will thereby be brought closer to the Party. In each instance, the nucleus as a whole should discuss the contents of the last number published, its merits and defects, and lay down the main line of the next number to come.

In addition to news of the shops being reported in the shop bulletins, these papers should also discuss the political issues of the day, always taking care as much as possible to bring in the proper connection with the conditions of the shops. It is to great advantage sometimes to have items from the general Party press noted with acknowledgements so as to familiarize the workers with the Party press. Party campaigns should be stressed and connected with the life in the shops. Meetings, affairs, and Party demonstrations should be given the proper space and at all times should the Party press and Party literature be boosted.

Financing and Distribution.

The question of financing, printing, and distribution of shop bulletins should be the concern of the whole nucleus and other assistance of neighbor street nuclei, the sub-section, section, or local committee should be enlisted. It is essential that the financing be taken care of so that the bulletins appear regularly. When ap-

pearing only spasmodically they will not sufficiently win the confidence of the workers. So far our main obstacle in establishing shop bulletins as a regular institution has been the lack of financial provisions. As soon as the workers have become well acquainted with the contents of the bulletins through a few issues, a definite price should be charged for each copy.

Printed bulletins are always preferable. Our experience shows that mimeographed bulletins have not been so well received and have not made the impression of authenticity upon the workers. Distribution, where possible, should be done from within the shops. In several instance means can be found to do so. Otherwise distribution at the gates should, of course, not be done by the member of the shop nuclei, but by members belonging to other units in the territory.

Mrs. Russell Sage Gets Back Cash

NEW YORK, June 11.—The Circuit Court of Appeals today sustained the decision of Federal Judge A. N. Hand which ruled that the United States Government must return to the estate of Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage \$1,500,000 collected as taxes on bequests totalling \$49,000,000 made in the woman's will. Mrs. Sage was the wife of Russell Sage.

Raise \$100 From 16 Party Members

At a special meeting of International Branch 5, Section 7, \$100 was raised for the Daily Worker Sustaining and Defense Fund from the 16 members who were present.

Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by many militant workers joining the Party that he built.

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I want to become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party.

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Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers' (Communist) Party, What it Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet thruout the Ruthenberg Drive.

Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

Nuclei in the New York District will get their pamphlets from the District office—108 East 14th St.

Nuclei outside of the New York District write to The DAILY WORKER publishing Co., 33 East First Street, New York City, or to the National Office, Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.