

Organizational Problems

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CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued).

As the leading executive committees grow in size and importance it may become advisable to establish a Political Bureau with full executive powers between meetings of the executive committee.

Further Departmentalization.

While these three departments mentioned are the most necessary ones they do not cover the full scope of Party work. Wherever possible departments should also be created for Women's Work whose duty should be to establish contacts, direct the propaganda and activities of our members amongst the women in industry, among women domestic workers and housewives. It should direct our women comrades to become members of women's working class organizations and to be active particularly in trade union ladies auxiliaries. If this department actually carries on its function, it will soon find out there are issues aplenty particularly pertaining to the conditions of workingclass women.

A department should also be established to direct Party activities amongst Negro workers, to study the special methods necessary to effectively approach Negro workers and make contacts with them. To wherever possible in general work have special Negro leaflets and special Negro speakers at meetings.

Our Party should propagandize in the true sense of the word social equality between members of the various races, but the Negro department should also give special attention to have all comrades propagate this issue in all workingclass organizations. To help break down the barriers to racial, social and economic equality. The organization of fractions of Negro members belonging to broader Negro organizations is necessary as any other fraction and their work should be directed by the Negro department.

Other departments should be established as local conditions require.

An Approach to an Important Problem

In the same manner that our Party Central Executive Committee acts on national political and workingclass issues and outlines the necessary policies, our District and City Executive Committee must act on state and local issues. A first simple prerequisite is to secure all records of State Legislatures, City Councils as well as State Federations of Labor and City Central Labor bodies. These records should be followed closely, all proposed legislation should be examined particularly those affecting working class issues. The purpose and consequence of such legislation should be explained to our units, discussed and the correct lessons drawn. The same naturally applies to important actions or issues of Central Labor bodies. This will help greatly in drawing the attention of our members much more toward problems of the American workingclass, political and otherwise.

The next steps are to outline concrete policies for action on the issues, which will mobilize our units and the largest possible section of the workingclass for action. It will be quite

a safe bet that these issues will furnish the most splendid basis of approach to the American workingclass.

Reaching the Youth.

The problems of the young workers have not received sufficient consideration by our Party. We have not even yet a regular interchange of delegates to the leading local committees. This, however, must be established as a regular practice. It is necessary that in all Party campaigns and major Party activities, the Y. W. L. members be fully drawn in. For this purpose alone contact is necessary, but while Y. W. L. members participate in these activities, the Party committees must in all instances stress the question effecting the young workers and thus provide a basis to bring them closer to the Y. W. L.

It is just as necessary that Party members take part in major activities of the Y. W. L., help build up units where none exist, and strengthen those that are weak. The Party can assist the Y. W. L. in its factory campaigns. It can assist in making arrangements that Y. W. L. members make contact with various sports organizations and not only get an opportunity to function in them, but help create labor sports on a united front labor basis. While the approach to the young American workers can be greatly facilitated thru sports and social connections it should nevertheless be borne in mind that the way to develop and strengthen the Y. W. L. is to help make it a class organization, fighting effectively alongside of the Party. The Pioneer Groups must receive the same measure of assistance.

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in permitting district instead of national agreements and the "work pending settlement policy."

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UNDER this dispensation several union mines have resumed operations, hiring men as they see fit. The unemployed miners must work so that they may eat and as a settlement may never take place for all the miners know, the unemployed must pack up their belongings and hike elsewhere in search of work. This solves the problem as far as the operators are concerned. It means nothing else but the liquidation of the union as a protection for the miners. This is as clear a piece of treachery as was ever proven against a trade union leadership. It explains Searles' attack on the radicals, which is an attempt to switch attention from the perfidy of the Lewis official family to a new red-baiting campaign.

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IT takes a policeman to be several centuries behind the times, even in the passing stupidities. There was a time when a general belief in the flatness of the earth prevailed. Science had its work cut out for it for several centuries puncturing superstitions and some of them have survived even yet. There was one that science did not bother with. It was