
The Party's Finnish Section Reorganization Commission Is Planning Big Drive

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The executive subcommittee of the Finnish Reorganization Commission held its first session on October 19 [1925].

Detailed plans for fully acquainting the entire membership of the Finnish section with the problem of reorganization of the Finnish units of our party was agreed upon. Comrades [Henry] Puro, [Fahle] Burman, [Elis] Sulkanen, and [Jay] Lovestone were present at this meeting.

In essence, the plan is as follows:

1. Nearly 100 of the most important Finnish branches in the party have been selected for being addressed by a representative of the Finnish Reorganization Commission. These branches are to call special meetings at fixed dates. At these meetings, the only order of business will be reorganization of the party on the basis of shop nuclei.

2. Special articles on specific phases of the reorganization problems will be written in the Finnish press, by selected comrades.

3. A section of all our Finnish dailies will be set aside for discussion, and answers about organization problems.¹ Comrade Puro, who is directing the agitation and propaganda work of reorganization in the Finnish section, will take charge of this column.

4. Wherever possible, immediately, shop nuclei organization steps are to be taken in order to show organizational examples to the Finnish comrades. There are several industrial centers where many Finnish workers, members of the party, are found, and this can be applied.

5. The Finnish Reorganization Commission, in cooperation with the Finnish District Executive Committees, and the District Executive Committees of the party, as well as the CEC [Central Executive Committee] Re-

¹ These papers would have included *Työmies* ("The Worker," Superior, WI), *Eteenpain* ("Forward," Worcester, MA), and *Toveri* ("The Comrade," Astoria, OR).

organization Department, will keep the entire press fully informed of the progress of the work.

6. Speakers have been selected to address the branches of the federation on the question of shop nucleus.

7. Each of these speakers is being given special material in the Finnish language dealing with the problems of reorganization.

8. Representatives of the DEC's of the party and the Reorganization Commission of the Finnish section will be present at all district conferences of the Finnish section, which are to be held soon in preparation for the national conference of the Finnish section.

Amongst the comrades who will write special articles on the reorganization of the Finnish federation will be the following:

C.E. Ruthenberg, Jay Lovestone, J.P. Cannon, H. Puro, E. Sulkanen, Earl Heino, R. Pesola, Taavi Heino, Aaro Hyske, Oxel Ohrn, E. Parras, K.A. Suvanto, S. Kankaanpaa, K.E. Heikkinen, F. Burman.

Among the branches that will be visited by speakers of the Finnish Reorganization Commission are the following:

Massachusetts [22]: Abington, Ashburnham, Ashby, Boston, Chester, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Hingham, Lanesville, Maynard, Norwood, Peabody, Quincy, Townsend, Worcester, Keene, Lebanon, Milford, Newport, West Concord, Wilton.

Speakers: Kaile Heino, on regular tour; D. Heino, R. Pesola, Olga Oikemus, Aaro Hyske, William Marttila.

New York [19]: Jersey City, Newark, Brooklyn, Jamaica, Inwood, New Rochelle, New York, Port Chester, Staten Island, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Newfield, Rochester, Scotia, Spencer, Erie, Collinsville, New Haven,

Speakers: Martin Hendrickson, on regular tour; H.J. Sjorman, Theodore Maki.

Ohio and Pennsylvania [14]: Canonsburg, Daisytown, Glassport, Monessen, New Castle, Pittsburgh, Clarksburg, Ashtabula, Cleveland, Conneaut, Fairport, Warren, Detroit, Grand Rapids.

Speakers: Sulkanen, on regular tour; Puro, Finberg, Karhu, Juvonen, Kainu, Pytsia, Ahola.

Illinois [6]: Chicago, Rock Island, Waukegan, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine.

Speakers: Sulkanen, Puro, Burman.

Upper Michigan [18]: Copper Island district: Ahmeek, Bessemer, Eben Junction, Green, Hancock, Herman, Ironwood, Ishpeming, Mar-

quette, Mass, Negaunee, Newberry, North Ironwood, Paynesville, Ramsay, Rock, Sault Ste. Marie, South Range.

Speakers: Oscar Gorgan, Maissi Heikinen, A.F. Heiskanen.

Minnesota and Wisconsin [19]: Bovey, Brainerd, Chisholm, Cloquet, Cromwell, Duluth, Ely, Florenton, Gilbert, Hibbing, Markham, Minneapolis, Nashwauk, Orr, Virginia, Brantwood, Oulu, Owen, Red Granite.

Speakers: Maissi Hekkinen, K.E. Heikkinen, Matti Tenhunen, John Miller, Axel Ohrn, V. Boman.

Rocky Mountain [3]: Diamondville, Hanna, Rock Springs.

Speakers: Leonard Luoto.

California [6]: Eureka, Cotati, Fort Bragg, Reedley, San Francisco, West Berkeley.

Speakers: Julius Hyrskymurto, J. Sjolund.

Oregon and Washington [14]: Astoria, Marshfield [Coos Bay], Portland, Svenson, Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Ilaco, Juanita, Kalama, Raymond, Seattle, Wilkeson, Winlock, Woodland.

Speakers: E. Parras, John Wiirres.

[Total is 121 branches.]

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