
Party United Front Policy is Approved.

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The Executive Council of the Workers Party met May 7th and 8th [1923], and discussed many important questions of party policy. The following is a summary of the questions decided:

United Front Policy.

The United Front Policy of the party, as outlined in a recent circular to the party members, was discussed by the committee and the continuation of the policy endorsed.

The Political Committee was instructed to initiate a campaign among the party membership to bring about better understanding of the United Front Policy and its limitations.

Party Reorganization.

The Organization Committee of the party was instructed to work out a plan for the reorganization of the party districts so as to increase the number of districts and reduce their size.

The plan outlined proposes to cut down the districts in such a manner as to make the District Organizer a local organizer, with territory with which he can keep in constant personal touch.

First attention will be given to the large cities and industrial centers in reorganizing the districts. Branches lying outside of territory which can be reached by the District Organizers will be attached directly to the National Office.

It is also proposed that in carrying on future organization campaigns the party endeavor to organize along the line of trade, union, or shop branches wherever possible.

While this policy is to be started now, the existing party organization is not to be disturbed at once and the new policy is to be put into effect only after consultation with the language sections on the question of working out ways and means so that the reorganization can be carried out without interfering with the existing language sections.

No steps will be taken until after the report of the Organization Committee submitting a detailed plan.

Party Headquarters.

The question of removing the Party Headquarters to Chicago was discussed at length.

It was seemingly the opinion of the majority of the Executive Council that Chicago is the logical place for the Party Headquarters, but that political conditions and the organizational situation of the party made it impossible to take any immediate action to change the location of the Party Headquarters.

***Freiheit* Editorship.**

The resignation of Comrade M.J. Olgin as editor of the *Freiheit* was accepted unanimously.

The committee had sought through many months to adjust the situation on the *Freiheit* in such a way as to make it possible for Comrade Olgin to remain at his post, without sacrificing party policies, but its efforts had been in vain and the committee found no other course open than to accept Comrade Olgin's resignation. Comrade Benjamin Gitlow was appointed editor to succeed Comrade Olgin.

Daily Paper.

A proposal was submitted to combine *The Worker* and *The Voice of Labor*. As against this, an amendment was offered urging the Chicago comrades to develop *The Voice of Labor* as a local Chicago paper, so that there would be no competition between *The Worker* and *The Voice of Labor*.

Action on this question was deferred so that the question of a daily newspaper could be taken up first, it being argued that the decision on this question would decide the question of combining the two party weeklies.

The needs of the party to finance the defense of comrades under indictment and trial were considered in this connection. It was decided that in view of the great need of defense funds no immediate campaign for funds for a daily paper could be undertaken. The final decision was that tentatively July 1st [1923] be set as the date for the beginning of the campaign for funds for a daily, and November 7th [1923] as the day of publication, the final decision as to beginning the campaign to be made at a meeting in June on the basis of the party decision at that particular time.

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