

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID BAZAAR IN N. Y.

We Must Get Behind Our Communist Fighters!

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 NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The state supreme court of Michigan has sustained the verdict against Charles E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Workers' Communist Party, who was convicted (not for his principles, but for attending a convention of the Communist Party, which has been dissolved. Comrade Ruthenberg's case will be appealed to the United States supreme court.
 Our comrades are in danger. John Lasser, editor of the *Flora*, the Hungarian revolutionary workers paper, stands before the capitalist court charged with "incitement to violence."
 Thirty-two other revolutionaries in this country have been attending the same convention as Comrade Ruthenberg. Deportation warrants have been issued against a large number of revolutionary workers who have valiantly fought in the class struggle of this country.
 Hundreds of thousands of revolutionary workers and peasants are imprisoned in the capitalist dungeons of Europe and Asia. Their families are being persecuted—they face hunger and destruction.
 The duty of every revolutionist and sympathizer with the revolutionary movement is clear: HELP must be provided for these fighters. Funds must be raised without delay.

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 LONDON, Jan. 2.—Britain has no intention of encroaching on the United States in the matter of the American debt. The British foreign office made this clear and sharp reply today to a despatch from Washington which appeared in the Morning Post.
 Great Britain made a "generous offer" to the United States saying it did not object to the United States granting a moratorium to France for the payment of interest on the French loan, provided the despatch reach Great Britain, would, the foreign office said, be agreeable to plan whereby the United States would share with Great Britain all payments made by France.
 "The treasury has made no such offer and we are not aware of any such offer being made to the United States," the foreign office declared.
 It was added that such an offer undoubtedly would be "offensive" to the United States.

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ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 8.—One woman was killed, another was probably fatally burned, a man was seriously injured, and several persons narrowly escaped death when an interurban electric trolley entered an automobile burning in a waiting room which was being filled with the blazing gasoline in the machine.
 The fire was started by Miss Della Stuebaker, 44. The injured are: Miss June Scott, 24, thrown clear of the wreckage into the flames, and Oscar Hultberg, secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Metal and Heating Co., driver of the car.

HOW TO PAY? THAT IS ONE BIG QUESTION

Commodity Pay Means Unemployment Here

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 NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A mystery which has been the subject of much secret activity in the city of New York, is the proposed plan of the Bank of England to issue a new bank note, a director of the same bank, who has been reported by the conflict between the bank and the government on the subject of its issue.
 The rumors narrowed down to the following:
 1. That they had come to discuss with American officials the problem of the bank's issue.
 2. That they would arrange in New York to float a loan for Germany.
 3. That they would issue only with putting England back on a gold basis.
 The British bankers were not accessible today. Nobody seemed to know what had become of them after they had started down from the skyscraper of the Citicorp tower late yesterday afternoon.
 The most accessible exhibition which was accepted by Wall Street was that Norman and Anderson would arrange to issue a new bank note of interest on Britain's debt to America to be paid, if possible, in some new form of commodity.
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Another Year Must See Progress Toward Real "Peace in Industry" Here

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL.

TODAY, the kept press gives space and prominence to the views of the banker head of the department of labor at Washington, James J. Davis, of Pittsburgh, on the outlook for "Peace in Industry" here.
 This is part of the great odium of hokum which the nation's subsidized sheets have been regaling their unthinking readers with the beginning of the new year.

Davis says: "We approach the new year with confidence and gratitude."
 Which is true! The election of the two strikebreakers, Coolidge and Dawes, keeps the capitalist state tight. Green succeeds Gompers as head of the American Federation of Labor, and big business is assured that labor's officialdom will make no militant attempt to "We"—the capitalists—are confident of their position.

Davis says: "The American worker has been steadily employed at good wages."
 Which, of course, is a lie. The past year has seen, and the coming year will see a growing jobless army. It is estimated that at least 10,000,000 workers suffered part time unemployment during 1924. The close of the year saw the jobs on the march in several of the larger cities.

Davis says: "The conciliation service of the department of labor is being used more and more toward the prevention of strikes and lockouts."
 Which is true! But this service is always used on the side of the employing interests. Strikers always learn that the agents of the government, brought in during strikes, turn out to be the best supporters of the interests of their exploiters. They will learn that this is true because the government is a capitalist government. It is the government of labor's class enemy.

Davis says: "The immigration policy of the country is being placed on a basis which is also very true from the employer's standpoint. Workers are being selected in other countries, who will best serve the interests of the American open shoppers, and brought here to be the best supporters of the interests of their exploiters. They will learn that this is true because the government is a capitalist government. It is the government of labor's class enemy.

Davis says: "We should also try in the coming year to make industry less dangerous to the life and limb of the worker."
 Which is ghastly humor! The new year starts with the first fatal mine blast in the non-union coal field of Tennessee. Others will occur with certain regularity during the whole year, just as they have during the past year in the saddle, condition of its position. Human life is cheap.

The whole working class must turn the tables on the American ruling class this year. "Peace in Industry" on New Year's Day, 1926, must not mean the degrading peace of capitalist industrial bandits, inflicted on labor at the price of labor's willing complete submission. Another new year must see the workers' fight for the real "Peace in Industry" that will come with the complete victory of labor, but great strikes can and must be made in the days, the weeks, and months ahead before that year dawns.

That progress can only be made by struggling under Communist standards for the working class principles that will ultimately emancipate labor.

REACTION RAISES ITS FIST AGAIN IN THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, January 2.—The confirmation of the sentence upon Comrade Hultberg, secretary of the Workers' Party, with two other party members, has raised the issue of the case of Comrade Foster, chairman of the Workers' Party, and the case of Comrade Lasser, editor of the *Flora*. This is not an isolated fact. Many revolutionary workers in the United States have been suppressed by the bloody Horthy regime. The American government working hand in hand with the Horthy government, is now attempting to cripple the *Flora* by the arrest of its workers.

If the workers of this country do not protest against these plans of the capitalists and the capitalist government, the general offensive of the bosses against the workers will be successful.
 Lasser must be freed from the grip of the capitalist law. Horthy and Coolidge must not be allowed to claim another victim! This means that every militant class-conscious worker must be identified to the defense of Comrade Lasser. This means that all sympathizers must be brought together to support the defense of Comrade Lasser.

This battle must be first fought out in the capitalist courts. It will cost a large sum of money—and only the workers will furnish it.
 Every Revolutionary Must Help.
 It is our revolutionary duty to go to your utmost at this time. Show your solidarity by contributing as only a fellow worker is attacked, get your friends and sympathizers with the proletarian movement to contribute.

The Labor House Committee, New York Division, 205 East 12th St., New York City, appeals to all workers to send in their checks as soon as possible, in order that the defense may not be crippled for funds.

When you buy, get an "Ad" supporter of the Horthy government, for the DAILY WORKER.

ANISE TELLS HOW RUSSIA SETTLES LABOR DISPUTES

Capitalist Causes for Strikes Are Absent

By ANISE. (Federated Press Staff Cor.)

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—How are labor disputes settled in Russia? The recent report of the All-Russian Central Council of Labor Unions gives interesting information on this point. The report states that in Russia, the demand arbitration before the courts of the departments is usually in favor of the workers.
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 How disputes arise there are first considered by the committees, which consist of representatives of the workers and the employers, with equal representation on both sides. When the dispute cannot be settled by the committee, demand arbitration before the courts of the departments is usually in favor of the workers.

The policy of the unions regarding strikes in government establishments is based on the principle that in workers' country strikes cannot be considered a normal method of settling disputes, and should be resorted to only against bureaucratic distortion of government policy, in which case the strike should not only with the settlement of the matter but also with the removal of the managers responsible for the bad conditions. Only in a small number of cases, when the government establishments were the unions forced to use the strike. In the other cases, the unions usually demand arbitration before the courts of the departments.

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ALBERT THOMAS MET WITH SCORN IN JUGO-SLAVIA

Greeted With: "To Hell With Traitors"

By M. ROHMAN

(Special to The Daily Worker)

AGRAM, Jugo-Slavia, Jan. 2.—Albert Thomas, head of the labor department of the capitalist league of nations, was here visiting his friends and contacts of the second (socialist) international.

When Mr. Thomas stopped at the front of the syndicalist building on the 15 Bellica, there were no parades for him. There was no reception committee to meet him, excepting for himself and a few other traitors of Jugo-Slav workers.

When Mr. Thomas was here he walked out from his automobile he did surely hear the noisy voice of the Agram workers when they resounded: "Down with the social patriots! Down with the agents of the international bourgeoisie! To hell with the traitors! To hell with the capitalists! To hell with Mr. Thomas and the Amsterdam international. Long live Moscow! Long live the Third International!"

"We wonder that Mr. Thomas who is president of the international labor bureau and the best agent of the bourgeoisie, should venture to come here. Thomas during the 'war for democracy' was the president and administrator of the international government and faithfully served the international slaughter of workers the world over.

With that reputation gained for his services to the bosses he is busy venturing here to plant the seed of pacifism. But he is wasting his time for the seed of pacifism will not grow here. The workers are preparing themselves for a class war against their enemy. No Thomas, Sassenbach or Vandervelde will succeed in pacifying the rank and file in the Communist organization.

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KENTUCKY COAL MINERS GET THREE WAGE CUTS IN YEAR, BUT BOSSES RAISE FOOD PRICES AND RENTS

Editor's Note.—The following is another article on the working conditions which prevail in the non-union field of working Kentucky. Also, Walter, a native of this region, is now touring the coal fields and will send the DAILY WORKER exclusive reports on conditions now in existence. In a previous article the DAILY WORKER told how William Green, now president of the American Federation of Labor, ignored appeals of these miners for an organizational drive, when Green was acting as secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers.

The following article is taken from the DAILY WORKER by Almona Walters, coal with conditions in the Hazard, Kentucky, coal fields.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

HAZARD, Ky. Jan. 2.—The coal miners in this field have received three wage cuts in the past year, although the prices for goods which the men are forced to purchase in the company stores have remained the same, and even increased for some articles of food and clothing.

Hazard, Kentucky, is the center of what is known as the Hazard coal field—one of the richest undeveloped coal fields in the world. It includes all the mountainous country lying along the banks of the north and middle forks of the Kentucky river. The field is in the infancy of its development. The first railroad, a branch line of the Louisville and Nashville, was built in this region in 1912. Coal mining is the only industry of importance and thousands of men are employed in the coal mines.

The coal operators are in a position where their own figures as well as the prices of the necessities of life which the miners are forced to buy at the company stores. The miners are also forced to live in company houses and pay rent to the coal operators, who frequently raise the rents.

The coal operators fix all the conditions which the miners work under and whenever a miner complains about this condition he is marked as a trouble maker and is expelled from the entire field. The wages are so low that none of the coal miners can support his family, are unable to leave the coal fields. Most of them, therefore, are unable to secure the wealth of their masters.

The coal camps which Walters visited this week pay the miners from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per ton. The coal operators, who frequently raise the rents, are so low that none of the coal miners can support his family, are unable to leave the coal fields. Most of them, therefore, are unable to secure the wealth of their masters.

One of the most vicious practices which the coal operators practice in this field is that which compels the men to do "pillar work." This work is extremely hard and takes numerous lives every year. The miners must, for the same wages as ordinary work, cut and set the pillars which are left to support the top of the shaft after the rest of the coal has been dug out of the "mine entry." The bill often falls in behind the pillar diggers, after these pillars have been removed.

In addition to digging and loading the coal the miner has to dig out his "road slate," and such extra work absolutely no compensation. Very often the slate falls on the road miner and kills him before he has had time to remove it.

Out of the numerous wages mentioned above, the miner must pay from his salary every month, numerous charges and "tributes" imposed upon him by the company. The miner must pay 50 cents every month for blacksmith charges, \$1.00 per month for the doctor bill, \$2.00 per box for blasting powder, eighty cents per roll for fuses, ten cents per pound for carbide and ten cents for a pair of cartridges.

The officials of the company further pocket hundreds of dollars from the miners' payroll by the use of inaccurate scales in weighing up the coal mined.

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The Latter Win Election Against Fakers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 2.—The bitter fight waged against the Communist by the slimy fakers in the Twin Cities will be by an article that appeared in the Daily Star, Van Lear's discarded rag, in which the reactionaries were urged to combine and defeat the Communists in the elections for officers in the painters union.

The campaign of the fakers and their pen prostitutes was a total fiasco. The Daily Star, after being edited by that cheap hating lobby of D. Cramer, who is now licking the boots of the labor bosses, and getting stepped on by both sides, joined with Van Lear's paper in denouncing the Communist. The Communist won the election. The whole left wing slate was elected, killing every office in the union.

This is what Van Lear's selected organ had to say: "Progressive members of Painter's No. 146 hope to arrest control from the Communists and return to the hands of the workers the right of labor as expressed by the late Samuel Gompers, at their annual election Saturday night."

In opposition to the Communist slate, the progressive have nominated a ticket headed by Arthur Stought for business agent. Mr. Stought was business agent of the union for two years and built it up from 500 to 1,700 membership. The issue will be fought out Saturday at the union hall.

The general council also approved the program of oceanographic research work mapped out by the union for the past year and during peace time. The new month would be named "Sam."

The Communist slate, at which the miners must lead 3,300 pounds of coal before they are freed with their hands for the week. The wages for day men range from \$2.00 to \$4.50 per day, the latter figure being paid to the most highly skilled workers such as motormen, wiremen, trackmen and blacksmiths.

The company store, at which the miners must buy, charges exorbitant prices for the bare necessities of life. A pair of light overalls cost the miner \$2.50, canvas shoes, \$1.00 per pair. A pair of 2 1/2 lb. sack coffee, 50c per lb. ham, 10c per lb. sugar, 10c per lb. breakfast bacon, 50c per lb. Independent stores near the Allan coal camp sell the same articles for 20 to 30 per cent cheaper, but declare they have no coal miners for customers. The miners are forced to leave the company store to buy their necessities, but they are practically slaves to the coal operators.

General to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON.—Whether the neighborhood grocers who are now organizing their own purchasing societies in order to compete with the wholesale departments of the chain grocery stores will be able to survive in a recent decision on wholesale prices, the commission held that it can't protect the co-operative buying centers formed by the labor grocers in getting a low price as the factory gives to the chain stores.

One of the consumers, who is a grocer in a typical American city, says that the chain stores are the only ones who can give a low price as the factory gives to the chain stores. When the chain stores are forced to buy the whole output of factory after factory, and when the factory is compelled to dispose between a quantity of full-time operation at a set price and a chance of production at only part time while selling goods slightly higher to independent jobs or grocery stores, he gives a low price to the chain store concern.

The corner grocer then federates with scores or hundreds of others of his kind, and tries to make the job of factory manager see that dealing with the chain store is not his only salvation. It is this formation of these "wholesale among grocers" that is the chief reason for the formation of general toning-up of independent grocery houses has been forced during the past two years. They are fighting in many cities for their lives.

In Memoriam—Lenin

On the 21st of January the workers the world over will hold memorial meetings for Nicola Lenin, the leader and fighter for the liberation of the laboring masses. In connection with these memorial meetings, on Thursday, Jan. 15, a moving picture, "The Memoriam—Lenin" will be shown at the Carter Independent Theatre, 3725 Roosevelt Road. Two other pictures will also be shown: "Polikuanov" and "Soldier Jack's Miracle."

Admission will be 5c. Tickets are for sale now at Russian Technical School, 1912 W. Washington St., Russian Co-operative Restaurants, 1724 W. Division St., and 709 Milwaukee Ave. at 145 W. Washington St. Room 207, at the DAILY WORKER, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., and by all members of the Technical and Art Society, U. S. S. R.

Movies for Workers

Big Towne Schedule Movie Show. While the educational value of working class movies is equally great wherever they may be shown to working class audiences, their financial basis is to be found in the larger cities, where, with but slightly smaller expense the greatly increased crowds turn in much heavier cash returns. During the coming months several of the most important of these "big" shows are being held and all members and sympathizers of the Workers Party will be well as supporters of the International Workers' Aid, should make it a point not only to attend these shows but to bring as many of their shopmates and friends as possible. No other working class affairs are scheduled to conflict with these dates at which "The Beauty and the Bohemian" and "Ruska in Overalls" will be shown.

Cleveland, Ohio. Albany Theater, Jan. 12, an actor and experience Workers Party member on the job.

Every part movie venture in this city has been a success and this time the committee expects to break all records. The show will be held, as usual, in Engineers Auditorium, St. Clair and Ontario streets, Saturday, Jan. 15, Matties and evening and again on Sunday, Jan. 18, evening only. Admission is free.

Another unbroken line of success will be added to the showing at the Symphony Hall, Jan. 16. Everyone knows that these Symphony Hall features are the classic radical event of the season.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Labor Temple, Jan. 16, 17, 18, will again be the scene of a workers' film show on the 17th.

Chicago, Ill. The long awaited Chicago showing of "Beauty and Bohemian" will take place from 5 to 11, in the Auditorium, continuous to 11, admission 50c, joint auspices I. W. A. and DAILY WORKER.

Other Beauty Showings. Brocktonville, Pa., Jan. 9. Waukegan, W. Va., Jan. 10. Bentley, Mass., Jan. 15. Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 1. Dayton, Ill., Jan. 16. Dayton, Pa., Home Theater, Jan. 16.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 18. Reading, Pa., Jan. 22. San Francisco, Calif., Mar. 21.

North Side English Branch. The next regular meeting of the North Side English Branch will held Monday night, Jan. 5, at Imperial Hall, 249 N. Halsted street. Arr. Workers will speak on "Strategy and Tactics of the Communist International." Members of the branch must get there at 8 p. m. sharp as very important business will come up before the lecture starts.

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The age of monopoly has played strange tricks with government. It might be thought that if those who own America control America, then the power of the government would let us say, of all property in America have only 58 per cent of the social control, the power to order the machinery of government according to their will. But the power of monopoly is greater than its proportion of ownership—much as that is. It is a very interesting subject, and if you want to hear it explained in detail by one who knows what he is talking about, come to the open forum of the Workers Party at the lodge room of the Ashland Auditorium next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Leland Olds, economic expert of the Federated Press will speak on "The Men Who Own America."

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Child Labor and Communism

A new plot of the Communists has been unearthed and every organ of reaction in the nation is clamoring for the defeat of the child labor fighters in the struggle to abolish child labor.

The insurance field, a publication devoted to the interests of the insurance companies, in recent issue, publishes the following editorial comment:

The United States is to be made a Communist republic this twentieth amendment is a forward step toward it. Government as father and mother to children instead of their natural parents would be exchanging ideas of human love for political slavery.

Let the government keep out of the family as well as out of business. When a people are not capable of family responsibility they are not deserving of existence. No Communist!

The above editorial is proof that there is certain interest of a capitalist class as a whole throughout the country in the respective sections.

The demand for full government maintenance of school children put forward by the Workers (Communist) Party of America as the only method of overcoming the pressure of poverty is responsible for the new outburst of rage in the capitalist press like that quoted above.

Whoever is against full government maintenance of the children of workers and farmers while they are in school is against the abolition of child labor and on the side of the child robbers for whom the poverty of working class parents is a source of joy and profit.

Oil and Art

A writer who styles himself a revolutionist wrote an article recently under a fictitious 100 per cent American cognomen, in which he paid a tribute to the death of a bourgeois art collector. This has been the radical journal's envious on the theory that "all lovers of art are friends."

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The workers are art lovers, or if not could be, provided they had the necessary knowledge to appreciate true art. But those of them who have knowledge have not the leisure to enjoy art. They have more than enough to do trying to sustain life. Art is not for the working class under the capitalist system.

Only when the workers become the ruling class and begin the task of abolishing all classes by abolishing capitalism will those who carry the burden of the world on their back be able to enjoy the work of artists which is now the luxury of the parasitical class.

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Are Facts Doomed?

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The Briton made other statements, but none so interesting as the above. Until the arrival of the cross word puzzle, the most puzzling problem in life was to distinguish between a fact and an alleged fact. Figures and facts were the playthings of liars and the masses were obliged to take what they got for live in a jargon.

But in the present of the British scientist's prediction being fulfilled, the world can breathe easier, and the millions of people who live by collecting facts of doubtful percentage may stop breathing.

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Thesis on Reorganization of Party on Basis of Shop Nuclei

Adopted Unanimously by the Central Executive Committee, Workers Party.

The Fifth Congress of the Communist Party of the United States, recognizing that one of the conditions for the overthrow of the existing Communist party in every country, this making possible to become and to function as a Communist party, was their reorganization on the basis of shop nuclei. All parties of the Comintern were instructed to begin the work of reorganizing their party on the basis of shop nuclei as soon as possible.

1. The Third National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party endorsed the proposal for reorganizing the party to make the shop nuclei the basis of our organization and instructed the central executive committee to develop detailed plans for carrying out this decision at the earliest possible time.

2. The shop nuclei of the party are to be organized on the basis of the instructions of our party decided that for the immediate future, dues should be collected through the shop nuclei. These instructions are to be carried out. Steps have already been taken in actual organization of shop nuclei, and these have worked out in actual practice.

3. The central executive committee of the party realizes, however, that the reorganization of the party on the basis of shop nuclei in its entirety, is so such a nature that it has to proceed gradually. While the conversion of the party to a shop nuclei basis is necessary, it is not to be done at once.

4. The party recognizes that its membership is not homogeneous in its interests, languages, not all of them are speaking the common language. The party will therefore have to start first in the most favorable industries where the workers, to some extent, are united and a few other industries, and on the basis of these to proceed to the others.

WHY WE MUST ORGANIZE ON THE BASIS OF SHOP NUCLEI

1. A Communist party must have its roots deep among the masses of the workers and particularly among those who are organized in shop nuclei.

2. The industrial registration of the party, which is just being completed will serve as the foundation for the organization of shop nuclei. Committees in charge of the party must make a survey of the industrial situation in their territory for shop nuclei possibilities. No exact number has been fixed for the organization of shop nuclei, but it is estimated that working together in a shop can organize into a shop nucleus.

HOW TO PROCEED TO ORGANIZE SHOP NUCLEI

1. District organizations, city central committees and branches, should take up the question of the organization of shop nuclei. Where city central committees exist, the work must be done under the guidance and direction of the city central committee, which should create special committees to direct this work.

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Elaborate advertising has been conducted by the league and it is expected that the meetings this year will far exceed those of previous years. The program for the day has been arranged. Future items will give a complete list of meetings.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Northwest Hall, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Speakers: Max Shachtman, Alexander Bittelman and Peter Herd.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Speakers: Max Scharman and others.

DETROIT, MICH.—Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Speaker: John Williamson.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., AND ERIE, PA., RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING "DAILY" TO THE LIMIT

(Special to the DAILY WORKER) The meetings in Rochester, N. Y., and Erie, Pa., addressed by Alfred Wagenknecht, insurance campaign director for the DAILY WORKER, took on added interest because the membership present clearly understood that the building of the party, especially the English speaking membership of the party, depended to a very large extent upon the building of a large DAILY WORKER circulation in these cities.

In Erie the comrades were interested, first in completing their quota in the time to make the daily safe for 1925. Policies were sold at the meeting and the Erie comrades were very active in the sale of policies. In Rochester the situation is very similar to that in Erie. The Rochester comrades had already sold about \$100 worth of policies for the DAILY WORKER and the increase of circulation in these cities, through the sale of policies, is a very important and necessary task. Insurance policies were sold at the meeting and a report of the branch was made. It was shown that the Russian, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and Polish branches had already sold about \$100 worth of DAILY WORKER insurance. Here the membership and the speaker talked over the question of increasing the activity of the local comrades. In Erie, building the DAILY WORKER was pointed out as one of the best antidotes for inactivity.

When the committee in charge of shop nuclei organization finds that there are three or more members working in the same shop or factory, the committee should be organized and measures taken for the organization of shop nuclei. It does not matter if those members belong to different language branches. The committee in charge will determine possible for shop nuclei organization. At all times, comrades working in the shop should organize or make arrangements to carry on propaganda in the shop and prepare themselves to be able to function as a regular shop nucleus in the future.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SHOP NUCLEUS

1. The shop nucleus, when granted and functioning satisfactorily for two months becomes the basic unit of the party with all the powers of the present party branches and shall receive a charter from the party organization. During this period, the shop nucleus shall have the right of voice and vote in the party organization. When the shop nucleus is organized, the shop nucleus shall elect a secretary and a treasurer. The shop nucleus shall elect a secretary and a treasurer. The shop nucleus shall elect a secretary and a treasurer.

2. Where there are city central committees, the shop nucleus send delegates direct to the city central committee. When the shop nucleus is chartered as a regular party unit, each delegate shall be seated with the other delegates. During the intermediate stage of its organization, such delegates shall have a vote but no voice.

3. When the shop nucleus has been chartered, its members have the right of voting on the party questions in their shop nucleus in the same manner as formerly in the party branches. They then of course no longer have powers in the branch except as mentioned.

4. The shop nucleus makes the shop in which it is organized the field of its agitation and propaganda, distributes and sells literature, circulates petition lists for funds, carries on the trade union, industrial and political work of the party, and in all other ways supports the party work.

LANGUAGE BRANCH MEMBERS AND THE SHOP NUCLEUS

1. The language branch members who are transferred to membership in the shop nucleus, retain, at the same time, their membership and rights in their present language branches insofar as the questions of their language sections are concerned. They have the right to vote on all questions affecting the language section in their language branch, however, they vote on party questions in the shop nucleus, they have no vote on party questions in their language branch.

2. A record shall be kept of language branch members transferred to shop nuclei.

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Will Your Branch Show Up Red Upon the Big Red Page of the Red Birthday Edition of the DAILY WORKER?

A REMITTANCE FOR INSURANCE POLICIES SOLD MADE BY YOUR BRANCH SET IN TYPE IN JANUARY 8 WILL PUT THE NAME OF YOUR BRANCH WHERE IT BELONGS.

These workers who because of their industrial position and their experience under the capitalist system will be the first to revolt against capitalism. They are the workers employed in the basic industries, in the shops, mines, mills and factories. Thus the shop nuclei as the basic unit of the party is always in the closest contact with the workers.

It is a medium to draw new members to the party from the ranks of industrial workers who must be the backbone of a Communist party.

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