
Report of Hungarian Organizer. [January 12, 1921] †

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Dear Comrades:

In the interest of the United Communist Party and the *Elore*, Hungarian legal paper, I was on the road from October 28th, 1920 to January 10th, 1921.

I hereby render a report of my activity for the United Communist Party.

I have organized groups in Cleveland (1); Newark (1); Pittsburgh (5); Detroit, Mich. (2); West Pullman, Ill. (1); Chicago, Ill. (4); and Milwaukee (1). At such places where I found organized groups, I have done my best to strengthen them. At other places where it was not possible to perfect organizing during my short stay, I requested one of our comrades to continue the work and have asked the District Organizer to finish the forming of a group. In towns where I could not find enough reliable comrades to form a group, I have organized the distribution of communist organs. In places where there are few Hungarians, I have endeavored to get them into other language groups.

In every city I have tried to obtain the best-fitted comrades for the handling of the Hungarian paper of the UCP. In this I succeeded without exception. Have taken special care that only such comrades would be taken into the party who are reliable in every respect.

Through an interpreter I reported the results

of my activity to local organizers in Syracuse, NY; Cleveland, O.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Akron, O.; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.

The existing branches of the American Hungarian Workers Federation have in some places prevented the formation of groups, because the comrades claim they are unable to pay 40¢ there and 75¢ in the party. Although it is desirable to have these legal branches for the recruiting and education of the indifferent masses and the Communists are willing to join for this purpose if the dues are reduced to about 10¢. I have reported the same to the federation and steps should be taken as soon as possible. At the present hard times our comrades cannot pay in two organizations.

Most of the party branches complain that the UCP does not give them enough work. It is urgently requested that the party shall distribute leaflets on the industrial crisis and on the task of the working class. Thousands of people are idle in every town and now is the time we can approach them with communist literature.

The CP has no Hungarian groups anywhere in the country.

Am through now with my organization work, but I would like to see that the party send out a man who is constantly on the road and is able to spend more time in every place. This is very important at the present time. The real movement is only beginning now in this country and

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the party should do everything possible so that this work shall go on without interruption. There are two Hungarian organizations which would probably contribute part of the expenses.

According to agreement, I am to receive from you \$20 weekly. I was on the road

11 1/2 weeks per \$20.	\$230.
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Have received on account	<u>\$100.</u>
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Balance due	\$130.
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Yours for the cause,

J. Burok

NY, Jan. 12, 1921

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