
CPA D3 [Philadelphia] District Bulletin to All Sub-District, Section, Branch and Group Organizers from Anthony Bimba, District Organizer, September 10, 1921. †

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District Bulletin to All Sub-District Organizers,
Section Organizers, Branch Organizers,
and Group Organizers.

Sept. 10, 1921.

The CEC at its last meeting reorganized the entire machinery of the Party in order to cut down expenses. Only one paid organizer will be kept in your District hereafter.

Mingo miners leaflet is in preparation and will be in hand for distribution soon.

As to the plans of work in Italian language the CEC informs the Italian comrades that the Party will issue leaflets, both legal and illegal; will publish immediately the O.O. [Official Organ, i.e. *The Communist*] containing Program and Constitution; will publish a monthly magazine, and tour and organizer. Lack of funds prevent us from doing all that we would like to do. We expect comrades to make up for this with energetic personal propaganda among the Italian workers.

Young Communist League pamphlet was sent to some of the Sub-Districts. This pamphlet is also going through YCL channels, so do not be surprised if some part of your territory is supplied in some other way too.

The ABC of Communism [by Bukharin and Preobrazhensky] will be first sent to the members of the study classes. This is due to the fact that we want to get them first supplied. As soon as the press can release there will be plenty for all comrades and outsiders.‡

All Party Units are instructed to turn in the membership registration blanks. There are some from SD1 [Philadelphia] still out. None are turned in from SD2 [Wilkes Barre, PA], SD3 [Minersville, PA], SD4 [Baltimore, MD]. Get busy and send them in immediately.

Sub-District #1, Section #3 us delinquent in calling in Shipbuilders' nuclei meeting. From now on all slackers will be reported, so the membership knows whom to kick.

†- Indiana State University educated Lithuanian Federationist Antanas "Anthony" Bimba (1894-1982) replaced Morris Kushinsky as District Organizer in the Philadelphia circa September 1921. There is some chance that this bulletin was prepared by Kushinsky prior to the transition, but in likelihood it was prepared by the new DO after the large reorganization of the CPA's paid staff made for budgetary reasons. Kushinsky returned to replace Bimba as the Philadelphia DO following the latter's resignation on March 10, 1922.

‡- *The ABC of Communism (Part 1)* was published in an edition of 3,000 by the Marxian Educational Society of Detroit at the behest of the Detroit district of the CPA. Due to the CPA's financial crisis, Part 2 was never produced. The title was reissued by the Workers Party of America in 1923.

From Industrial Department.

The Industrial Organizers have sent out Registration Cards so we can know the percentage of the members who can be utilized for work in the unions. Now, do not drag along with filling out those cards. Turn them in quick.

Attend your industrial nuclei [meetings]. There is a report that some of the comrades from the Russian Branch SD1 Section 1 are not attending their union meeting nor nuclei. This cannot be tolerated. They shall be released from other party work for this important one.

The Literature Agent for the District wants to say to you something.

Now, here it is. What is the matter with the comrades that they are not ordering any books? We have a whole list ready for orders. Here will be attached a supplementary list of all books. Order them immediately. Order them by numbers as you will find them on the list.

The Party Bulletin [*Official Bulletin #2*] is out, but the distribution was delayed because we had to do some Burleson's job stamping out some editorial mistake.

THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE IS GETTING ACTIVE.

You have to help them to keep on. Here is the secret how you can do it:

Each group must send one comrade at least to the theoretical class.† There is no excuse to be made for not attending it. Unless the comrade is working, sick, or attending some more important Party meeting. Sleeping sickness is no excuse. As [for] the textbooks: in Russian and English languages shall be used N. Bukharin's *ABC of Communism*.

†- A "group" was the Primary Party Unit of the underground CPA, consisting of from 5 to 10 members, headed by a Group Organizer which was elected by the group.

In other languages: Lenin's *State and Revolution*.

Educational classes will be organized in the following languages:

Russian 1; Jewish 2; Lettish [Latvian] 1, German 1; Polish 1; Ukrainian 1; Lithuanian 2.

Members from language branches who can speak English will be transferred to English class.

Monthly conferences of all teachers will be held in SD1 [Philadelphia] every month. In other SD the language organizers shall from time to time lecture before the local classes. All language DOs and SDOs shall attend the teachers' conferences.

The District Committee has already picked out teachers and will call them to conference. They will be notified through regular party channels. Get busy electing or picking your members for the educational class.

ALL PARTY MEMBERS WHO ARE WORKING ARE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE ONE DAY'S WAGES IN MONTH OF SEPTEMBER [1921]. THE PARTY AT THE PRESENT TIME IS IN GREAT NEED OF FUNDS.

LET US SEE HOW MANY COMRADES THERE ARE WHO REALLY CARE FOR THE WORK TO BE DONE. THIS TIME THE DOLLARS WILL SHOW.

To Those Who Want to Transfer.

Do not leave your group unless you secure a transfer card. First, that will keep you always in touch with the party and second it will expedite the matter of transferring.

THIS BULLETIN WILL PUBLISH ALL THOSE COMRADES WHO WILL NOT ATTEND TO THEIR WORK.

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