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The Recruiting Drive

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WHAT IS the situation in the Recruiting Drive? While, on the one hand, it appears from the reports that the Recruiting Drive has been taken up, on the other hand, if we judge from the material that reaches the **Daily Worker**, and the figures on recruiting during the past few weeks, we must come to the conclusion that as yet we cannot speak of a real drive. There is no evidence that the Recruiting Drive has been taken up with the necessary determination.

Yes, some of the Districts worked out their plans and have mobilized the units and fractions to some extent for the Drive. In other Districts, however, we have evidence, not only that the directives of the C.C. on the Recruiting Drive have not passed beyond the stage of reading material, but that the C.C. letter was not properly discussed in the units. Many reasons are given: i.e., because of the crowded agenda, or because of the election campaign, etc. The fact remains that the C.C. letter and directives remained at the status of half ignored directives.

The fact that very little discussion material,—articles bringing forward the experiences in the Drive, declarations of new Party members, etc., has reached the **Daily Worker**, and that the present figures on recruiting do not indicate an increase over the average recruiting, are more than evident signs that the Drive has not been taken up properly. We are confronted with a certain apathy, which expresses itself in the theory that, "because we are too busy, with so many activities, we cannot tackle properly the fundamental organizational problems before the Party—the building of the Party".

In this drive, there can be no excuse that there was a lack of directives or concrete suggestions from the Center. Where the units took up the letter of the C.C., the comrades greeted the document with enthusiasm. It is in the leading committees that the weaknesses lie. It is the leading committees who have not brought forward the Drive; who have not supervised properly the activities of the units and fractions, who have not developed the competition between sections, units, and individual Party members; who have not gathered the experiences, which, if published in the **Daily**

Worker, in **The Party Organizer**, would act as an important stimulus in the Drive.

Such a situation must be changed immediately. We call upon the whole Party, from the leading committees down to each individual Party member, to follow up the appeal of the C.C. on the Recruiting Drive with Bolshevik determination. The leading committees, from the District Bureaus down to the Unit Bureaus, must take immediate steps to bring about a drastic turn, upon which depends the success of the drive.

We propose:

1. That the Districts, Sections and Unit Bureaus immediately check up on the activities in the Drive.
2. That the leading comrades, members of District and Section Committees, be assigned to assist the units in their activities during the Drive.
3. That immediate steps be taken by the District Org. Depts., Section Org. Depts., to supply the **Daily Worker** and the **Party Organizer** with the best experiences in the Drive; experiences of the units, fractions, individual Party members, etc.
4. That the shop nuclei invite to their meetings the best workers in their shops, sympathetic and militant workers, with the purpose of bringing them into our ranks.
5. That the leading committees see to it that the fractions in the mass organizations be mobilized to call special meet-

WE HAD expected to have in this issue of **THE PARTY ORGANIZER** recruiting experiences from all of the concentration Districts. In spite of letters and numerous wires, no experiences were obtainable from Districts 7 and 8. An assignment was also given to the Section Organizer of Section 1, New York, where we understand that the comrades have succeeded in reducing fluctuation, but apparently Comrade Brandt wishes to keep the experiences of Section 1 within the Section, because, despite letters and wires, he has sent us no article.

Certainly it would be incorrect to assume that Districts 7 and 8 are not carrying on a recruiting campaign and therefore have no experiences. But the fact that these are two of the most important concentration Districts in the country, makes their experiences valuable to the entire Party, and therefore an obligation rests upon these Districts to make their experiences available. We expect therefore that the January **PARTY ORGANIZER** will be lively with recruiting experiences, not only from Districts 7 and 8, but from every District in the country—The Editor

ings of sympathizers, militant workers of their particular union and other mass organization, at which leading comrades will speak about the role of the Party and appeal to the non-Party workers to join forces with us for the building of the only Party of the working class.

6. That each District utilize its **Org. Bulletin** as one of the main instruments for conducting the Drive, or take advantage of the Recruiting Drive to establish an **Org. Bulletin**, which shall not become the organ only of reports of the organizational activities going on, but shall be developed as a guide on a district scale on how to build shop nuclei, how to improve the life of the shop nuclei and of the units in general, taking up all the organizational problems. The District **Org. Bulletins** should become one of the main educators on the organizational principles and problems of our Party.