

WEEKLY LETTER No. 6

AUGUST 1

COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT 17,
Birmingham, Ala., July 11, 1930.

To All Party Units.

COMRADES: The most important campaign now before us is the preparations for August 1. This year we will hold August 1 demonstrations in Chattanooga and in Birmingham. Full instructions on this whole campaign are contained in the attached outline. The first part of the outline, that dealing with the danger of war and with the meaning and importance of our August 1 campaign, should be discussed in detail at every unit meeting. The second part of the outline, that dealing with the concrete steps in our preparations for the demonstration, need be taken up only by the Chattanooga and Birmingham units. All units will, however, be called on to distribute the leaflets on August 1, issued by the central committee of the party. We have ordered these leaflets as follows:

Birmingham	4, 000
Chattanooga	3, 000
Atlanta	2, 000
Rome	1, 000
New Orleans	2, 000

These leaflets will reach you one week before August 1. You will be expected to pay cash for them at the rate of \$1.50 per 1,000.

DISTRICT LEAFLET ON THE WHITE TERROR

The district has issued a leaflet on the growing attack on the party and the workers generally in this district. This is a mimeographed leaflet. We are sending the following orders of this leaflet to the units for distribution at once:

Atlanta -----	1,500
Rome -----	750
Birmingham -----	5,000

The Chattanooga comrades will have to make us and mimeograph their own leaflet following that issued by the district. These leaflets will cost 50 cents per 1,000 and should be paid for at once. The leaflets will reach you by Thursday, July 17. Comrades to distribute should be assigned at this meeting.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The district bureau has set ahead the dates of the ratification conventions in Alabama and Tennessee. These conventions will now be held on August 17 and 24, respectively. From this date on every effort must be made in these two States to get the largest possible representation from other organizations at these conventions. Due to lack of forces there will be no ratification convention in Georgia. The convention call for Tennessee and Alabama will be sent you in about 10 days. It must have the widest possible distribution. At the same time open-air meetings must be started at once in connection with our election campaign.

DUES PAYMENT

The comrades throughout the district are not paying dues regularly. There is no excuse for this. If one is to be considered a party member it is necessary to pay dues or to get an exempt stamp each week when one is out of work. All financial secretaries must check up on this at once and see to it that the books of all members are stamped up to date. As soon as the financial secretaries see themselves running short of stamps they must order them from the district stamp secretary.

SHOP UNITS AND SHOP PAPERS

We have dealt with this question in every letter to the units and we still do not have a single shop unit or shop paper in the district. The comrades must take this question up in the unit executive committee in detail. The unit must decide to concentrate on one particular shop in order to form a unit there.

With communist greetings.

TOM JOHNSON,
District Organizer.

LITERATURE SALE

P. S.—We must push energetically the party literature, particularly the sale of the small 5-cent pamphlets issued by the party. A new 5-cent pamphlet is just out. It is on the Atlanta cases, and is written in a popular form. We are sending orders of this pamphlet to the various units on credit. As soon as you sell any send the money in to the district.

A regular check-up must be made on the amount of literature sold by each party member. The Daily Worker and literature agent of your unit should at once buy a small notebook and in it list the name of each party member. Then at each unit meeting the literature agent should give 5 or 10 copies of each pamphlet to each party member for him to sell. The agent should then mark down in his book the amount of literature given each member of the unit. At the next meeting a check-up should be made to see how much each has sold.

TOM JOHNSON.