

TURN YOUR EYES TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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One of the most important events in the life of the Workers (Communist) Party and an occasion of basic importance for the entire American labor movement, is the coming full meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party. This Plenum is of infinitely more importance than most of the full meetings of the Central Executive Committee meetings held to date.

The country is face to face with a severe economic recession. The statistics of the employers' agencies and the government do not give the real picture of the dreadful conditions to which millions of workers are now subject. In America there are no un-

employment statistics. We can only conjecture at the real extent of unemployment. But the situation is apparently so acute, that even the conservative Boston Central Labor Union is compelled to admit that there are, in the city of Boston, at least 50,000 unemployed in addition to the normally unemployed mass of workers. Chicago has longer bread lines than at any time since 1913. New York lodging houses are more crowded than ever before.

The primary question to be dealt with at this Plenum of the Central Committee will be the economic recession in the country and the tasks growing out of it for the workers.

Crisis Demands Action.

The severe crisis in the trade unions, the challenge of the big capi-

talists to the very right of trade unions, even of craft unions, to exist, will be among the main problems dealt with by the Central Committee in its deliberations.

The question of labor party will receive most thorough consideration. For some months, the party has been laying the basis for an energetic campaign for a Labor Party or at least a United Labor Ticket in 1928. Reports of the field organizers will be forthcoming and a discussion will be held on a very concrete basis. Every District in the country will be represented at this Plenum. The Party's participation in the 1928 elections will be carefully prepared.

The problem of the increasing war danger, the murderous assault of

American imperialism against the Nicaraguan masses struggling for freedom from the clutches of Wall Street, the sinister plans being laid by the imperialist gang to destroy the revolutionary movement in China and to fasten upon the Chinese people a regime of militarists and imperialists serving as agents of big business will be dealt with in a most thoroughgoing manner by the reporters at the Plenum.

Unions Main Question.

Naturally, the trade union question will be the central question examined by the comrades from the field and the Political Committee. The report of the Political Committee will deal at length with the role of American

imperialism, and such basic problems confronting the workers as the present economic recession, the tasks of building a Labor Party, the best methods of fighting the war danger and liquidating the illusions of pacifism, the question of the united front in relation to such organizations as the Socialist Party, the I. W. W., and labor organizations in general, as well as the development of the Party's activities among the Negro masses and the women workers.

The Youth problem will be reported on at length by the representative of the Young Workers (Communist) League.

A special feature of the deliberations of the Central Committee meeting will be a detailed report on the

struggle of the Trotskyist Opposition to the policies of the Communist International and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, policies which have been endorsed unanimously by the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party.

Special Conference.

At the conclusion of the Plenum, there will be held a special conference on organization and agitprop work. Here the practical activities of the Party will be discussed in detail and plans laid for intensification of Party work.

Since the convention, the Party has gained over 1,000 new members. This is especially welcome in the face of tremendous difficulties confronting the Party. It is interesting to note

that the Socialist Party, at the same time, has been losing the few members it once pretended to have. The gain of new membership is growing every month. The dues payments for this month are now much higher than at any month since reorganization, despite the fact that the unemployment situation is weighing down heavily upon our Party ranks. The Party already has practically as many members as it did on the eve of the reorganization. In the Workers Clubs, in which the Party's influence is decisive, we now have from two to three times as many members as we previously had in the Party as a whole.

Members of the Party in good standing will be admitted to the sessions of the Central Committee.