Reconstructing Our Party

Our entire Communist press is now printing articles aiming at enlightening our membership about the character of our organization program and to convince the Party of the necessity of rebuilding the Workers (Communist) Party on the basis of departmental membership meetings in the various Party centers, meetings of branch functionaries, branch meetings and section conferences, devoted mainly to the problem of reconstruction, are additional features of the intense ideological campaign organized to insure the success of a Bolshevist Communist basis to our Party.

Already a majority of our Party is for the reorganization of the Party on the basis of shop nuclei. This ideological campaign is to promote a more conscious acceptance, a real understanding of the political significance of the basis of shop nuclei.

After the Party has completed its preliminary ideological and organizational campaigns we will proceed with the organization of shop nuclei on a wide scale. Wherever three or more of our Party members work in a mill, mine, factory, shop, etc., they will be organized into a shop nucleus. Immediately upon organization, this shop nucleus in a basic unit of our Party. In cases where less than three Party members work in a shop or factory they will, in many instances, be temporarily attached to another shop nucleus in the same industrial section. In some cases we will form shop nuclei consisting of a number of individual comrades working in separate plants in a specific industrial area. Of course we will bend all of our efforts to form big, powerful shop nuclei in as many factories as possible.

Those Party members who are not employed in shops, mines, mills, etc., will, as a rule, be organized into so-called international branches—particularly by our Party with its minimum of eighteen national languages and sections. Each international branch or street nucleus will not be based on the present language spoken by a particular national group. Often, when a majority of the shop members, in a plant and when there is no shop nucleus in the neighborhood to which he or she may be attached, the comrade in question will be permitted to join a street nucleus.

It must be remembered that the more completely the Party is organized on the basis of shop nuclei, the stronger will it be. In the early stages of our reorganization many comrade startups are to be expected. But in the long run, as the Party is developed into a mass Communist Party, the number of our street nuclei will increase. And when the workers of one industry, or of one plant, are attacked by the municipal, state, or federal strike authorities, our shop nuclei will serve as powerful agencies for class action, to political action.

And particularly because the shop nucleus will be centers for developing militancy among the great non-Party masses in their struggle for immediate everyday demands, these shop nuclei will provide the most organically suitable basis for politicalizing our own Party and for developing the political character of the working masses.

In the shop nucleus our Party members will have the best opportunity to show that the Communists are the enemies of the working masses.

And particularly because the shop nuclei will be centers of the ideological campaign and that the reactionary bureaucrats and the social-democrats are the enemies of the working masses.

And particularly because, as they do veritable Communist phalanxes in the ranks of the employed masses, will be in a strategic position to prevent the growth of the jobless and of the whole of the exploited workers and to unite both against the capitalists and their government.

In the shop nucleus our members will have a genuine opportunity to lend blood and life to the idea of workers' control of production and to win over the non-Communist proletarian working side by side with them, in the idea of working-class ownership of the machinery of production and exchange, to the idea of the socialization of industry.

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The Why and Wherefore of Shop Nuclei.

LENIN has said the marked improvement in the factory is coming to be an everyday demand of the workers and thus gives the proletarian masses.

2. The shop nuclei buy the most suitable basis for our Party's realizing the needs and gauging the reactions and sentiments of the masses. A full understanding of the mood and demands of the masses is an absolute prerequisite to the Party's achieving success in its campaigns against the exploiters and their government.

3. The Party's being organized on the basis of shop nuclei is a very important and decisive part in its last successful political campaigns. The shop nuclei of the French Communist Party have facilitated tremendously the Party's mobilization and mobilization of the workers in Morocco, for trade union unity and against political reaction.

4. The organization of our Party on the basis of shop nuclei will proletarianize our Party. It will put us eye to eye with the proletarian masses.

5. The shop nuclei brings our Party into close touch with the everyday demands of the workers and gives the Party the opportunity to be a proletarian Party of the word and spirit.

6. The shop nuclei brings our Party into vital touch with the everyday demands of the workers and gives the Party the opportunity to be a proletarian Party of the word and spirit.

Towards Bolshevization.

The first step towards the Bolshevization of our Party is the Party reorganization on the basis of shop nuclei. With the reorganization on this basis, our Party will rid itself of its social-democratic elements. Regardless of the theoretical correctness of our program, regardless of the social-democratic elements. Regardless of the theoretical correctness of our program, regardless of the social-democratic elements. Regardless of the theoretical correctness of our program, regardless of the social-democratic elements.

7. So far we have not yet recruited for the struggle of the organized workers, and often used against them.

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The A. F. of L. Convenes Again

By Max Bedacht

THE American Federation of Labor will open its Forty-fifth annual convention in Atlantic City on October 4. Neither the curses of the sweating slaves of the steel mills in neighboring Pennsylvania nor the sighs of hope of the striking agricultural workers will penetrate to the fashionable resort which was appropriately selected for this gathering. The windows of the convention hall which gathers within its walls the precious delegation of the American Federation of Labor must be kept closed so that the storm of the class struggle raging without may not disturb the peace of mind of the delegates.

Momentumous questions imperatively demand a solution from the American labor movement.

The open shop drive of the capitalists gains momentum and threatens the existence of every labor union in this country.

This open shop drive is accompanied by a systematic offensive of capital against existing standards of wages and working conditions.

Working hand in hand with capital's anti-labor endeavors are the governments of all the states and the federal government, interrupting labor struggles, mobilizing their legislatures, their courts, their police and their soldiers, against the workers.

As against the few million organized workers, there stand 25 million unorganized. This is a tremendous army not yet recruited for the struggle of the organized workers, and often used against them.

And to crown all, the steadily progressing international unity of the bosses against labor with international blacklists, international economic plans of exploitation, features a new Dewey plan, and international strikesbreaking as practiced in China.

Will the convention in Atlantic City solve these problems? Will it even consider them?

It is safe to predict that these questions will hardly be the real issues of their convention. The strike of the working class will only be consumed there in discussing the question whether a carpenter should mount metal stairs on buildings, and some delegations of an upholsterers' union will denounce the automobile workers' union for trying to organize upholster workers in auto factories in their union. While all the forces of capital are massed under the organizations of the unions, the bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. will stroll around their convention hall, will self-complacently put each other's backs, will congratulate Strikebreaker Berry for the excellent work he has done for the Unity of the workers.

But this development did not change the conception of the newly organized Federation. The industrial revolution in new phases in the first decade of the existence of the organization was accompanied by deep-going struggles in