



### Getting a Contact

**T**HE building of shop organization and shop units of the Party will not be accomplished by any fantastic schemes, by noise-making, or by demonstrative activities. This work demands daily plugging in order to accomplish this end. The getting of a single contact in a large shop must be given the greatest importance. How shall this be done? In our work in the New York District, we have had a good deal of experience, and carried through a good deal of experimentation.

Let us take for example the "X" factory. In this factory are employed Scandinavians, Lithuanians, and other nationalities. Canvass the mass organizations in your territory, and find out if any of the members of these mass organizations are employed in the shop. Through your local organization, visit this worker, speak to him about his daily needs, and his conditions. Find out whether he has any friends in the shop who react in the same way as he does. Utilize any family connections that you may have in order to get contacts in these shops. Take particular notice of what papers these workers read. If they read our Party press, this is an additional means of getting in touch with them. Discuss with them the Party press, and why it is necessary for them to carry out the line that our Party press brings forward.

In holding shop gate meetings, take particular notice of all those workers who are sympathetic to our propaganda, and follow them up after the hours of work, and discuss with them their problems. Many workers refuse to stop in front of the shop to discuss with strangers, because of fear of losing their jobs. In this connection, we must impress upon the workers that our activities are organized in such a manner, as not to endanger them in carrying out their work, but to safeguard their jobs. In some instances, it is best to get in contact with these workers on the basis of forming social organizations or athletic clubs around the shop.

In carrying on this work around a particular shop, we should pick two or three comrades that are especially adapted to this sort of work, and outline their activities for them. The workers in this shop will get to know them, and trust them.

Popular leaflets should be issued. These leaflets shall not be of thesis character, but instead shall deal with one or another

grievance within the shop. They must be short and to the point about questions that the workers feel in their every-day activity in the shop.

These experiences have brought us some very good results in the New York District. As a matter of fact, we can today state that as a result of adopting some of the methods proposed for getting contacts, that we established a number of shop nuclei and shop groups in large plants of basic industry. It is little things such as getting a contact that make it possible for us to carry through the big things.

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