

The Party Organization

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We Have Fifteen---Shall It Be Fifty?

The *Communist* now has a circulation of fifteen thousand copies weekly. How quick can we raise it to fifty thousand?

To increase the circulation of the National Organ of the party should be the first work of every Communist Party member and branch. It will be only as we increase the circulation of our paper that we will gain power, that power which results from the united action of the masses.

Every branch and every member can contribute to this work. Our campaign of agitation and propaganda must of necessity be largely a literature campaign. The most effective literature campaign is the regular delivery each week of the party paper. Every branch that has joined the Communist Party should order a bundle each week of from ten to one thousand according to the size of the branch. The branch should be organized for the sale of the papers. Any branch can sell ten papers weekly, many can sell one hundred weekly, some can sell a thousand weekly.

The *Communist* sells for 3½c per copy in bundle lots of ten or more. It retails at 5c per copy. Bundles are mailed out upon receipt of order and bills rendered at the end of each month. The bundle order thus finances itself and the branches cannot only help along the party propaganda by ordering a bundle but can put some money in their treasury for their local work.

Bundle orders alone, however, are not sufficient. When the way has been prepared by the sale of single copies subscription can easily be secured. The subscription rate is \$2.00 per year or \$1.00 for six months.

"The *Communist*" must grow. It should reach the fifty thousand mark by Jan. 1. and then go on upward.

Let every branch elect a committee on Communist circulation and develop ways and means of placing the paper in the hands of the workers. The Communist Party is to be a party of deeds. Let us begin by building up our paper.

Minnesota Goes Communist

On Sunday, Oct. 5th, the former branches of the Socialist Party of Minnesota held a convention in Minneapolis to decide the future affiliation of the State Organization. Twenty-seven delegates were present representing eighteen locals and about fifteen hundred members, half the membership of the state.

The delegates from Minnesota had split at Chicago, Jack Carney going to the Communist Labor Party and the other four delegates to the Communist Party. These delegates presented their report. The floor was given to a representative of the Communist Labor Party for a half hour with fifteen minutes for rebuttal and the same time allotted to the Communist Party representative. Jack Carney presented the case for the Communist Labor Party and C. E. Ruthenberg for the Communist Party. At the close of the debate the convention voted 18 to 9 to affiliate with the Communist Party.

While only eighteen locals were represented the vote carries with it the bulk of the membership of the state. A number of branches of the Finnish Federation were represented and will join the Communist Party.

A new State Executive Committee was elected and A. S. Broms was elected State Secretary to take the place of Charles Dirba, who expects to begin a prison sentence soon.

An interesting result of the convention was the statement by a number of delegates who had come instructed to vote for the Communist Labor Party, that after hearing the discussion, if they had been free to express their own judgment they would have voted to affiliate with the Communist Party. They had been instructed for the Communist Labor Party because their locals had heard only one side. The invariable result of a thorough discussion of the situation is a decisive vote for the Communist Party.

German Federation Grows

The revolt against the effort of the Executive Committee of the German Socialist Federation to hand that organization over to the Communist Labor Party grows daily. The St. Louis Branch, which first showed a leaning toward the Communist Labor Party, after getting the facts, swung in line for the Communist Party.

The German Branch of Pawtucket, R. I., has applied for a Communist Party charter.

The Ferdinand Lasalle of Cincinnati decided forty to one to join the Communist Party.

The situation in Chicago is developing more favorably for the Communist Party. Two

branches are already in existence and the organizations are growing.

German Weekly Out

The first issue of the German weekly of the Communist Party was sent out last week. It is known as "Die Kommunistische Internationale". The subscription rate is \$1.00 per year, or two cents per copy in bundle lots. Single copies are 3c. Branches should order a bundle for distribution among the German comrades where they have not yet got the truth about the party situation. Address 1219 Blue Island Ave.

Getting Under Way

The branches are just getting under way in collecting the Party Organization Fund. Subscription lists are coming into the office in increasing number. The Russian Branch No. 6 of New York led the way last week with a contribution of \$50.00 with the Sangamon Russian Branch a close second with \$41.75. The German Branch of St. Paul sent in \$25.00, Donora Russian Branch \$18.00; Lettish Branch No. 2 of Cleveland \$15.00; William M. Brown of Galion \$10.00; Russian Branch No. 2 of Pittsburgh \$8.00; Clarendon N. H. Branch \$7.20 and the South Bend Russian Branch \$6.70.

The Organization Fund means party growth. It will provide the means for aggressive agitation and the building of a powerful organization that will enable the party to do things. We must build so that in a short time we will be able to distribute millions of leaflets on a few days notice. We have made a beginning on this work, but it is only a beginning. The growth of the Organization Fund will spell growth of the power of the party in this respect. Boost it.

DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS

READY NOW:

"Proclamation of Communist Party on Military Invasion of Gary."

"Declaration of Communist Party on Russian Blockade."

IN PREPARATION:

"Your Shop"—an appeal for Shop Organizations.

PRICE—\$1.50 per 1000

Begin your Communist Agitation Work by ordering as many as you can distribute.

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Communist Party Literature

The party has secured a quantity of literature published by "The Revolutionary Age" during the Left Wing fight in the Socialist Party and is ready to fill orders for both "Revolutionary Socialism" by Louis C. Fraina and "The Social Revolution in Germany" by the same author.

In order to make this literature available for propaganda work the prices have been reduced and the books will sell as follows:

"Revolutionary Socialism"

Single copies..... 50c

Ten copies.....\$4.00

Twenty-five copies..... 9.00

Fifty or more..... .30 per copy

"The Social Revolution in Germany"

Single copies..... 15c

Ten copies.....\$1.25

Twenty-five copies or

more 10c each

Orders for the Manifesto and Program are pouring into the party headquarters and there is every indication that the pamphlet will have a wide circulation. Prices are 10c for single copies, 25 for \$2.00, 50 for \$3.50 and \$6.00 per hundred.

The second pamphlet to be published by the party which will have the title "The Communist Party and the Socialist Party" is now in preparation and will go to press at an early date.

Distribute the Communist Party literature to give the workers an understanding of Communist principles.

The Party Emblem

The Constitution of the party provides:

The emblem of the party shall be a button with the figure of the earth in the centre in white with gold lines and a red flag across the face bearing the inscription "All Power to the Workers" Around the figure of the earth a red margin shall appear with the words "The Communist Party of America" and "The Communist International" on this margin in white letters.

Celluloid party buttons will be ready for delivery by the time this paper reaches you. The price is \$3.00 per hundred to branches. The buttons will sell for 5c. Send in your order.

Gilt buttons are being manufactured, but delivery on these cannot be promised until several weeks later. The gilt buttons will sell at 40c for single buttons or \$3.50 per dozen.