

The Party Organization

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY is an organization of Fifty Thousand Workers.

Can these Fifty Thousand Workers raise a fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars during the next few weeks? That is the question that is now before the organization.

Within three months from the time of organization of the party we are subject to the ruthless attack of the ruling class. Many of our comrades are under arrest. Scores are being held for deportation.

The persecution of the ruling class has been particularly directed against the officials of the National Organization. Practically every one of the comrades in charge of the work of the national office is under some sort of charge. Most of them are waiting for bail to be arranged.

This attack is evidently intended to destroy the organization at its very inception. The party propaganda during the last few months has shown the powers that be that they have to deal with a body of men and women who understand the existing industrial situation and who were developing a propaganda against capitalism that was bound to bear fruit in a strong working class movement for the abolition of the existing industrial system.

The party propaganda did not deal with theories and vague generalities. It dealt with concrete situations, with the problems which the workers were facing in their struggle for more life. In place of the vague generalities of former Socialist propaganda the party dealt with the realities of life itself and out of these sought to develop an understanding of Communist fundamentals.

SHALL THIS WORK GO ON? SHALL IT BE INTENSIFIED AND BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE?

The effort to deport and imprison the active party workers is an effort to stop it. By striking at the party officials at the very beginning of their work the ruling class believes it can destroy the effectiveness of our propaganda. It hopes to remove those

are in charge of the propaganda and organization work and thus disrupt our forces.

Comrades, it is a real danger that threatens us. We have not had time to develop our full strength. In an older organization a dozen workers would be ready and prepared to step in the places of those who become the victims of the ruling class. Even now we will not go down if the attack is successful in removing those in positions of responsibility. Others will take their places; but for a time we will suffer.

It is our duty to put off the removal of those comrades who are responsible for the party work as long as possible. The longer we retain their services the stronger we will be.

That is the importance of responding to the appeal for the Defense Fund—of raising Fifty Thousand Dollars for the fight against the imprisonment and deportation of our party workers.

Comrades! We have said a Communist Party is not a party of half-hearted, halting, impotent membership. In the past Defense Funds have been raised by long campaigns of appeals and wheedling.

Must we do that? Or will you respond quickly and decisively? FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM FIFTY THOUSAND MEMBERS! CAN WE RAISE THAT IN TEN DAYS?—TWO WEEKS—A MONTH, AND THEN GO ON WITH OUR WORK OF PROPAGANDA AND ORGANIZATION?

When the time comes for the party workers to go to prison without burdening the organization with costly defense, they will be ready to accept their lot and go smilingly. The present situation calls for a fight, for DEFENSE TO THE LIMIT OF OUR ABILITY.

We call upon you comrades, to show your Communist understanding, the determination and the spirit that quickly accomplishes what needs to be done, by making a prompt response to this call.

Organization News

The notification in last week's "Communist" after January 1, all organizations joining the party would have to come in as new branches and each members pay the initiation fee of 50c, has resulted in a new influx of charter applications. If all the branches now using Communist Party dues stamps make their applications by January 1, the number of units of the organization will be well over the thousand mark.

An English Branch of the party has been organized at Reading, Pa.

Announcement has been previously made of the drift from the S. L. P. to the Communist Party, as shown by the action of a number of branches of that organization in joining the party. The Lettish S. L. P. branch of Chicago is another instance of the same drift. This branch recently combined with the Lettish Communist Branch of that city.

Steps to organize State and District Organizations are under way in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"The Communist International"

The first number of the monthly theoretical and scientific magazine is about ready to go to press. It is dated January and will be delivered to those who send bundle orders and subscriptions, by January 1.

The first number will contain articles by Lenin, Trotsky and Koseleff on the work of the Russian Soviet Republic as well as contributions on the theoretical problems of the party in this country by the party's ablest theoreticians and writers.

The price of the magazine, 96 pages, will be 25c for single copies or \$3.00 for twelve months subscription. In bundles of ten or more the price is 15c per copy. Send in orders at once in order to secure the first number, as the edition will be limited.

THE ORGANIZATION FUND

Acknowledgement through the "Communist" of contributions to the Organization Fund were discontinued for obvious reasons. The fact that these acknowledgements have not appeared in the "Communist" does not mean, however, that contributions have ceased to come in. Many branches have recently sent in their donations to the fund,

which is now nearing the \$5,000 mark.

In an earlier issue of the "Communist" receipt of \$17.98 from the Elizabeth, N. J. Ukrainian, Bayonne Ukrainian, Bayonne Russian, Stapleton Ukrainian and Staten Island Russian Branches was acknowledged as the proceeds of a picnic held for the benefit of the Organization Fund. This should have read \$171.98. In the same issue \$50.00 was acknowledged from the Endicott, N. Y. Ukrainian Branch. This should have read Endicott, N. Y. Ukrainian \$5.00 and Detroit Ukrainian No. 1 \$50.00.

"YOUR SHOP"

Leaflet No. 3, "Your Shop", has met with such universal approval as a Communist propaganda leaflet that a new edition has been printed and the leaflet will be kept in stock permanently. Branches which have not distributed it should send in their orders at \$1.50 per thousand.

Leaflet No. 5, "Your Must Unite—Workingmen!" is now being sent out. It deals with the unification of the strikes and should be distributed in the shops and factories everywhere. Order at the same price.

Pamphlet No. 3.

Pamphlet No. 3, "The Communist Party and the I. W. W.," a debate between I. E. Ferguson of the Communist Party and Harold Lord Varney of the I. W. W. will be ready for shipment in another week.

This pamphlet is one of vital importance to our movement and should help materially to develop mutual understanding between the I. W. W. and the Communist Party. It brings out clearly the respective part which the C. P. and the I. W. W. have to play in the emancipation of the workers. The pamphlet contains 48 pages and sells at 15c per copy; 10 copies for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.50; 50 for \$4.50 and \$8.00 per hundred. Send orders to the above address.

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