

keeps the former in an embryonic state, deprived of all contact with the rest of the world. Under the control of the Executive Committee, communist groups were formed within the unions, whose united activities are destined to neutralize the counter-propaganda of the anarchists, to prevent the workers from casting themselves adrift at any moment from the class-struggle, at the same time propaganda is carried on in favour of joining the Red International of Trade unions. The action of our comrades within the unions has attracted the sympathies of a part of the proletariat towards the revolutionary ideas of our Party, a thing which the Socialist Party never achieved. Only a year ago some members of the Prisoners' Defence Committee were expelled from being socialists, while socialist organized under the auspices of the Uruguay district workers' federation; at present the communists are not only allowed to speak and are given a respectful hearing, but constant request also are received by the Party to send speakers to public meetings organized by the trade-unions.

The action developed by the Communists of Uruguay has resulted in a resolution of joining the Red International been voted by autonomous unions like the Printers, by certain section of the Maritime Workers' Federation, and by the local Federation of Labour of the Department of Paysandu.

#### The actual situation of the Party.

At the present time the Party counts 14 groups at Montevideo and 13 in the rest of the Republic, with a total number of 1, 000 members in good standing. It is true that membership is none too large, yet it cannot be considered as insignificant when one takes into consideration the total population of the country which does not exceed 1, 500, 000 inhabitants, with a poorly developed state of industry. The greatest contingent of Communist Party members are at Montevideo, the Capital of the Republic, with a population of approximately half a million. In the 18 Departments we have made but little progress; the groups lead a somewhat anemic existence, because they have to contend with the disadvantages and obstacles caused by the backwardness of the peasant masses which, in spite of their being most viciously exploited, are not possessed of even the rudimentary class-spirit.

#### The propaganda, its forms of realization.

The propaganda develops normally, and with sufficient activity, by means of conferences, pamphlets, wall-posters and periodical publications, "Justicia", the central daily organ of the Party, in our great fighting weapon. The only workers' paper in the country, with a circulation which reached