







PARTY LIFE

Better Preparation Is Urged for Speakers at Party Meets

Training of New Speakers Must Not Be Overlooked, Party District Committee Insists

The following letter from a New York comrade raises a very important question for our entire Party, which has the task of increasing not only the amount of agitation, but its quality.

It seems to me that there is a dire necessity for the Party to be more strict in whom it allows to speak for the Party. It is my belief that sometimes a poor speech may hurt all the good results you may have gained in the industrial field or neighborhood by long struggle.

In many cases, comrades are assigned to speak regardless of whether they can or not, because it happens to be the wish of the section to have open air meetings. The section advises the units to have these meetings once a week in the territory they are concentrating in. The units carry out the assignment, not being concerned if the comrades can speak or spout meaningless phrases. This is just carrying out assignments mechanically. That is one reason we fail to reach masses of workers and organize them. If we continue this policy we will become a party of agitation and not of organization.

The District Agitprop should have seen that all Party members are supplied with outlines concerning topics which are of the most importance to the workers today. The District Agitprop should make a thorough investigation of how agitprop work is being carried out now by the comrades in the district and from that study suggest means of making our agitprop work effective.

The second method to improve the work of agitprop is to raise the political level of the Party. It is impossible to execute agitation and propaganda unless the comrades are developed politically and theoretically. There must be a greater effort put forth to see that our comrades read besides the Daily Worker our theoretical organ, The Communist, and our international organs.

The American worker is a "show

me" type. The only way to show him effectively is to be armed with facts.

This letter was referred to the New York District Committee, who write us as follows:

"We agree in the main with the criticism of this correspondent in respect to the quality of some of the speeches made by Party speakers in the section. The District Committee is well aware of the situation and is taking the matter up with the section committees and section directors of agitation and propaganda.

"It is impossible, in a city like New York, to assign the leading comrades in the Party to cover every street meeting. Besides new speakers and agitators are trained and developed not only through classes, but primarily through practice.

"The District Committee has time and again made plans for public speaking classes in the sections and has been sending out a weekly research bulletin to all sections, containing facts and data as guides to the speakers.

"The problem raised is one that requires the initiative of the sections, and the devotion of attention to the training of the comrades in the units.

"Every point proposed by this correspondent with regard to the raising of the political understanding of the membership has occupied the attention of the district for some time. It must be admitted, however, that we have not achieved any great success in this respect, and therefore our efforts must be redoubled."

Join the Communist Party

35 EAST 12TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Please send me more information on the Communist Party.

NAME ADDRESS



A thoughtful comrade, Helen S., sends us a copy of a significant and illuminating form-letter which was evidently sent from a Paris fashion syndicate of some sort, to the editors of newspapers and magazines here.

Up to the final paragraph, it reads as follows:

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Pattern 1648 is available in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46. Size 36 takes 3 3/4 yards 39 inch fabric and 1/2 yard contrasting.



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Helping the Daily Worker Through Helen Luke Contributions received to the credit of Helen Luke in her Socialist competition with Michael Gold, Dr. Luttinger, Edward Newhouse and Jacob Burck to raise \$1,000 in the \$40,000 Daily Worker Drive.

Total to date \$26,222

Western Union N.R.A. Code Doubles Messengers' Work, With No Rate Rise

Compelled to Solicit Trade for Three Weeks For Four Hours a Day

(By a Western Union Correspondent) NEW YORK.—To show how Western Union Telegraph Co. messengers are being exploited, I will explain the method used in paying these employees.

The territory around the office is divided into four routes, northeast, southeast, northwest and southwest. These routes are in turn divided into double-up system amounts to an additional 40 per cent. cut. I have written to the Washington Information Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., for a copy of the N. R. A. code the Western Union Telegraph Co. signed, and I have not heard from them.

Three weeks before holidays, messengers are compelled to go out soliciting for four hours every day. During these three weeks messengers earn on the average about \$6 a week.

Messengers are required to change their uniforms once every week on their own time, losing about two hours.

I wish you would do something to organize these exploited messengers.

Chicago, California Make Big Gains in Fund Drive

NEW YORK.—The race for leadership in the Daily Worker \$40,000 Drive takes on an increased momentum each half week.

Rushing \$254.31 in the last half week to help save our fighting paper, California rose from the lowly sixth position it occupied in the previous half week to third position, displacing Philadelphia by the tiny margin of 0.11 per cent. In one half week California increased its percentage from 52.39 per cent to 77.8 per cent, the largest increase in percentage recorded in the last half week.

Seattle continued its hold on second position, while Boston by increasing its percentage to 95.1 per cent, took an even firmer hold on the lead. However, with a number of the districts doing splendid work of late, there is no telling as to which may nose out District 1 before long.

Chicago Does Well Outside of New York, Chicago District sent the largest amount, \$301.24 in the last half week, compared with \$100.79 in the previous half week, but is still below the 50 per cent mark. New York, also below the 50 per cent mark, sent in \$651.86, compared with \$550.16 in the previous half week.

Since publication in the Daily Worker on Nov. 2nd, of the pledges made by the Chicago sections in the Drive, records show that Section 9, raised \$76.05 in one week, that is, \$26.04 over its pledge of \$50. Fine work, Section 9! Section 2 raised \$22.20 on a pledge of \$20. Section 1,

Table with columns: District, Past Half Wk., Total to date, Quota, % of Quota. Lists districts like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, Neb., N. and S. Dakota, Seattle, California, New Jersey, Connecticut, N. and S. Carolina, Birmingham, Ala., Milwaukee, Denver, Miscellaneous, I. W. O., Jewish Workers' Clubs.

LOS ANGELES TOPS QUOTA The campaign in this section to raise \$1,000 to be divided evenly between the Western Worker and the Daily Worker \$40,000 Drive reached a climax at the Red Press concert Sunday night in the Trinity Auditorium with 1,200 crowding the hall.

The net funds raised for the Red Press were increased to \$900 at this affair, with the objective of \$1,000 sure to be reached by the end of this week. The original quota for Los Angeles was approximately \$300 for the Daily Worker but was voluntarily raised to \$500.

Los Angeles will continue to raise funds for the "Daily." The tenth anniversary of the Daily Worker will be celebrated at a banquet here on January 13th.

Total Thursday \$586.26 Total previously recorded \$20,809.55

Table with columns: District, Total to date, Quota, % of Quota. Lists districts like San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Santa Coloma, Santa Fe, Santa Inez, Santa Lucia, Santa Rosa, Santa Teresita, Santa Ynez, San Benito, San Diego, San Francisco, San Gabriel, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Santa Coloma, Santa Fe, Santa Inez, Santa Lucia, Santa Rosa, Santa Teresita, Santa Ynez, San Benito.

Total to date \$239,98

Slow Progress in New Member Marks 6th Week of IWO Drive

Youth Section Alone Records Gain As 55 New Young Workers Join Organization

By MAX BEDACHT The sixth week of the membership drive of the International Workers Order broke the continuity of the upward development of the drive.

The first week brought 387 new members; the second week brought 469; the third week 535; the fourth week 646; the fifth week 774. The sixth week went back to 581. Five hundred and eighty-one is a good result. It is above the average weekly number of new members needed for the success of the campaign. But it is not as good as sustained effort can achieve.

The Hungarian maintained their standard with 155 new members; the Jewish section slipped back to 187 after four weeks of well over 200. Our Ukrainian comrades, after maintaining a standard of around 50 new members per week, in the sixth week slipped back to 29.

The Youth Section alone can register an improvement in the sixth week. From an average of 11 new members per week the first five weeks, they jumped to 55 new members in the sixth week.

All other sections slipped back. The next two weeks are crucial weeks. They must show whether the I.W.O. is really engaged in an organized drive for new members, or whether it permits its recruiting campaign to run by itself.

Forward to one thousand new members per week for the duration of the drive. A Proletarian Fraternal Organization One of our handicaps in the drive of the International Workers Order for 40,000 members by January 1st, is sectarianism. Our comrades deliberately belittle the value of the Order as a mutual benefit society.

Letters from Our Readers WRITE FOR THE DAILY WORKER. Little Rock, Ark. Comrade Editor: We readers must report our activity. Write up our successful struggles that others may draw conclusions from these experiences. We are not a group of polyanas. We like to know of the little victories, yes.

LAUDS EXPOSURE OF GRAFT BY DAILY WORKER. Williamson, W. Va. Comrade Editor: Your item about the R.F.C. grafters in Williamson appearing in the Daily of Oct. 31 is received and has been put into circulation here.

ENJOYS SELLING DAILY WORKER. Plentywood, Montana. Comrade Editor: I like the job of selling the Daily Worker, and wish I could give all my time to that; it's a great paper for us workers, not so good for the parasites. I want to especially congratulate Michael Gold first, then Dr. Luttinger on their work.

By PAUL LUTTINGER, M.D. ANSWER TO QUESTIONS Prenatal Care, Childbirth, Cost of Delivery. Bertram E. Chicago.—By this time we trust your wife is safely delivered. There is such a difference in the prices that various hospitals and obstetricians are charging that it is impossible to estimate the exact costs. In due time, we expect to have an article on childbirth and prenatal care. If you have any specific questions to ask, there is a greater chance of receiving an early reply when you limit yourself to one at a time.

Can One Catch Syphilis Again? McDermott.—Yes, if one is completely cured of the disease. This statement you read must have been quoted from an old-fashioned book one published before we began to use Salvarsan ("606") and the Wasserman reaction. In those days syphilis was probably never completely cured, and therefore, no secondary infection could take place; the spirochetes still being in the blood.

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