

SCOPES TRIAL, RELIGION VERSUS EVOLUTION, FREE MASONRY AND COMMUNIST MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSED

The Scopes trial and position of Communists on religion and evolution as contrasted with the bourgeois attitude; free masonry and membership of Communists in such organizations, organization of a "stand by Soviet Russia" and "Hands Off China" meeting were among the many matters discussed at the Chicago C. C. C. Wednesday, July 15.

Stand by Russia Meeting July 21.

In accordance with the program laid out by the Central Executive Committee another anti-militarist meeting under the slogan of Stand by Soviet Russia! Hands Off China! Boycott the citizens' military training camps has been arranged jointly by the Workers Party and Young Workers' League for next Tuesday, July 21, at Northwest Hall. (See other columns for details.) 25,000 anti-militarist leaflets and other pluggers are being distributed for the occasion.

Evolution Meeting Planned.

It was decided to organize as soon as possible a mass meeting on the Scopes trial, in order to bring out the attitude of the Communists toward religion and science. The evolution trial in Dayton, Tenn., offers a splendid opportunity for the Communists to explain the origin of the idea of gods, religion, the development of the sciences, the relation of these developments and phenomena in the field of sociology and so on. Announcement of the date of meeting will appear later.

In this connection came up also the matter of membership of freemasons in a Communist organization. This question was a mooted one at the fourth congress of the Comintern in relation to the French and Italian Parties. The Comintern and its sections stand unqualifiedly opposed to Communists being members of such organizations, which are nothing else but organizations of capitalism of a religious, political, economic and social character and Communists have nothing to gain by participation in such bodies. Membership in them is forbidden by the party.

Communist Press Picnic August 2.

In these hot days the tendency to slacken in the drive for the DAILY WORKER must be counteracted. The press picnic on August 2, offers opportunity to raise some needed hundreds of dollars for the benefit of the DAILY WORKER and the rest of the party and league press.

Every party unit is electing its special committee to participate in the gigantic press picnic on August 2, in Riverview Park.

Progress of Labor Defense activity and development of plans for building immediate membership organizations of International Labor Defense were reported upon and all party units are being sent special instructions on how to proceed.

The party will do its utmost to do its share in building a mass non-partisan mass organization.

The Young Workers League

During the month of July concentrating most of their activities in anti-militarist activity. Distributing 25,000 leaflets exposing the C. M. T. C.'s at shops, holding meeting together with the Workers Party on Tuesday, July the 21st at the Northwest Hall. Are in midst of campaign among young workers in printing industry. So far achieving good results. Campaign will continue for six or seven weeks, covering most of the largest printing plants in Chicago. Make big prepara-

tions for a sub-drive for the Young Worker, Sunday, July the 19th will be the first day of the drive, when the Y. W. L. members will canvass all readers of radical papers in an effort to get the young people there to subscribe to the Young Worker of the Young Comrade. Prizes are offered to comrades securing the most subs.

The Junior section of the league is establishing a summer camp at Fox Lake. They are raising a fund of \$500.00 to equip the camp and to provide meals for the young comrades there. Party branches are urged to assist the Juniors raise the fund by making donations or collections from their branches and forwarding same to the local office of the league, 19 S. Lincoln St.

The trade unions are being regularly covered by speakers from the Negro Trade Union committee to help boost the American Negro Labor Congress. More financial help must be forthcoming for the Negro Champion, the organ of the American Negro Labor Congress and in general to help this organization put over its congress.

Street Meetings

Persecution by the police is now regular, but the party continues its meetings to maintain the right of free speech on the street corners. In Cicero there is now such a battle on and all available comrades should go there every Thursday night at 14th St. and 49th Court.

In the industrial field which could not be reported upon because of the lateness of the hour, the city executive reports the following, T. U. E. L. especially active among machinists locals and resolutions in No. 199, No. 390 and No. 113 condemning scabbery of United Garment Workers in Amalgamated strike.

Metal trades group of T. U. E. L. and Machinists and Metal Polishers' Union in united front to conduct organization campaign in Flexible Shaft company. Leaflets being issued.

In barbers, appeal being taken from decision of the G. E. B. suspended progressive members and demand being made for immediate reinstatement of suspended and further pointing out that progressives had carried on a campaign for building up the union and local union had upheld right of group to organize as they have for that purpose.

Special edition DAILY WORKER and Freiheit on I. L. G. W. situation distributed. Number of members active in A. C. W. strike DAILY WORKER sales being pushed there.

Slovak branches No. 1 and Jefferson Park affiliated officially to party at C. C. C. meeting.

Fraternally yours, Workers Party, Local Chicago, Martin Abern, sec'y.

HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC OF ST. LOUIS WORKERS PARTY ON JULY 26TH

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 19.—The annual picnic of the Workers (Communist) Party of St. Louis will be given here at Rodenberg's Park, 6200 North Broadway, on Sunday, July 26.

Tickets will be 25 cents. There will be speaking and dancing as well as entertainment.

Take the Broadway and Taylor cars direct to the park.