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Reports are coming in very slow on the interest taken by our members in building up the English press through the Voice of Labor circulation drive. The North West Side English branch holds the record so far, with a total of 18 new subscribers. Some of our language branches have also shown activity in this campaign notably the South Slavic. For instance the South Slav branch in Joliet, Ill., have sent in 5, West Allis, Wis., 6, and South Chicago 3. The Finnish branch, Waukegan, have sent in 5, the South Side English 5, the Chicago Lettish 5, Centerville, Iowa, 7, Mystic, Iowa 5, one Czecho Slovak comrade 8 and all Chicago Italian branches have sent in a number. Yet from Rockford, Ill., where we have no units, Comrade P. Carlson has sent in 10 new subscribers.

In this connection we want to emphasize the necessity of a greater concentration of all our energy throughout the whole district for the circulation drive for the Labor Herald during the month of May. The National Office has approved of our plan for this month and extended the circulation drive to a national scale, also appealing to the party units everywhere to take action to have all members who belong to unions initiated in the work of the Trade Union Educational League during the month and have them become active thereafter.

As an example of party activity we want to give the record of the South Slavic branch, South Chicago, which has been mentioned formerly in these columns. The branch has 10 members. All have paid one day's wage to the defense. Nine have bought "Make the Party Grow" stamps. During the months of January, February and March 54 new subscribers have been secured and literature has been sold to a total amount of \$70.00. All members subscribe to party papers. But here is where we must make a note to that branch. Only three members belong to a union. This matter the branch should take up and help the other members join a union. Also none of the members are active in the T. U. E. L. or subscribe to the Labor Herald, mainly due to the fact that no T. U. E. L. group has been organized in that territory. However, our members should take the initiative and organize one and then become subscribers to the Labor Herald. As we receive reports on activities of other branches they will be published.

We now have arranged a total of fourteen May Day celebrations within this district and in addition our speakers will address two other meetings, upon special invitation. May Day manifestoes, which can be secured from the National Office at \$2.50 per 1,000, to be paid in advance, are to be distributed on Sunday, April 29. All branches should get ready for this distribution and make it effective. May Day buttons should also be distributed widely, as anybody wearing such buttons demonstrates his solidarity with the labor movement.

All our speakers at May Day meetings will be supplied with a stock of the pamphlet "For a Labor Party" to bring into the hands of everybody attending these meetings. This pamphlet is a clear and concise statement by the Workers' Party as to the needs and possibilities for a Labor Party. The entire proceeds of the sale will be used to further propagate the issue which has now become so vital to the American workers, however the local literature sales will not be interfered with.

Lake County, Ind., reports great activities. The steel workers are beginning to become interested in the Workers' Party and its fight for the downtrodden. Many party programs have been distributed and 500 additional ordered. A new Hungarian branch has been organized in Gary, Ind., with 24 members and the Hungarian organizer at a meeting in South Bend, Ind., initiated 15 new members.

The picture "Russia Through the Shadows" was shown in Gary, Ind., and brought in a total of \$323.75. Expenses were \$195.75. Net proceeds \$627.31, which has already been forwarded to the National Office of the F. S. R.

"Build up the party units to the point that every member functions actively," is the slogan of Dist. No. 8. Steps are being taken to put it into operations. Some of the five comrades in Chicago have been added to

Protest meetings against Ruhr invasion, Fascism, etc., were held in Chicago on April 19 with English, Polish and German speakers—and on April 20 with Italian speakers. Many workers and sympathizers attended, thus showing their international solidarity with the workers of the world in their fight against capitalist oppression.

Great turn outs of Chicago workers are expected at the Labor Defense Rally, April 27 and the United Front mass meeting, May 1, both at 8 P. M. at Ashland Auditorium. All party members should come and bring other interested workers. Admission to May Day meeting is free.

Party branches have been called upon to order May Day Manifestos from the National Office at once, and all members are to take part in the distribution of the manifestos on April 26 or 29.

Arrangements have been made for the Cannon lecture on "Russia Out of the Shadows" for May 20 in Wicker Park Hall. On May 21 Comrade Cannon will speak to party members on the Fourth Congress of the C. I. Watch for announcement of place of meeting.

May Day celebration by language sections are being held on various dates by Finns, Letts, Scandinavians and Czechoslovakians. Pullman branches also having United Front May Day demonstration.

Attention is called to the item appearing in this issue, "Making New Contacts," by Comrade Krumbein.

Every day adds to the number of communists in Chicago and to the number of workers, who are for amalgamation, for a Labor Party and a workers' government.

Coming Events.

April 27—Defense Rally, Poster, etc., Ashland Auditorium.

May 1—United Front May Day, Cannon, etc., Ashland Auditorium.

May 20—J. P. Cannon on Russia Out of Shadows, Wicker Park Hall.

May 21—General membership meeting, J. P. Cannon on Fourth Congress of C. I.

May 30—T. U. E. L. picnic, Cherranaukus Grove.

Aug. 26—Press Picnic, Riverview Park.

City Central Committee, Chicago W. P., will meet Wednesday, May 2 at Workers' Lyceum, instead of Tuesday, May 1. Branches and delegates please take notice.

The Bareface



The "New York Call" joins "Times" and "The Herald" in the profession of "Red"-baiting for the benefit of capitalist reaction.

the City Central Executive Committee to help them continually tour the branches and advise the members how to carry on active party work in a practical manner. Also the language D. O's. and secretaries will be added to help in this very essential work. As soon as possible we must branch out and cover the whole district in this manner.