

Chicago District Is Going Strong for Membership Drive

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During the month of September, three new branches have been organized in the Chicago District; one South Slav in Chicago Heights, one Lithuanian in South Bend, Ind., and one Scandinavian in South Chicago. Connections have been established with a dozen live wires in Waukegan, Ill., who are already to join the Party and the first meeting to organize an English branch there will be held Oct. 2nd. District No. 8, is wholeheartedly in the drive to increase the Party membership.

Charles Krumbein has been engaged as field organizer beginning Oct. 8th. He will make regular tours of the District beginning with Moline, Ill., where he will stay for two weeks to build up the Party units and attempt to make new connections in adjacent cities. From there he will proceed to Peoria, Ill., for a week's stay and so forth to the various parts of the District.

The Chicago City Central Committee is dividing the city by territory to arrange regular monthly mass propaganda meetings, visiting and inviting all sympathizers and readers of party papers in their neighborhood, and of their language to increase the party membership. Thirty-five thousand of the pamphlet, "Why every worker should become a communist and join the Workers Party," have been ordered by the District Office as a start in the drive. An Open Forum will be held every Sunday in the Loop and in various parts of the city. The Party school begins Oct. 7th, and other study classes are being organized. A general membership meeting will be held in Chicago Oct. 3rd at Wicker Park Hall, where all the activities of the winter months will be discussed.

Every Party unit is active throughout the District in The Daily Worker campaign. Reports are coming in fast of money collected, which will be reported in detail in the columns on this subject. Local Chicago at its first mass meeting for the Daily collected over \$1,000 cash and secured pledges for more than \$5,000. A great All-day entertainment has been arranged for the daily at Carmen's Auditorium, Oct. 28, and the various language units are arranging affairs for The Daily.

If there is such a thing as a 100 per cent Party record, our Czech-Slovak women comrades seem to come closest to that goal. Among the three women's branches in Chicago every member bought a "Make the Party Grow" stamp, and a contribution has been brought in for district organization work of \$9. Some of these woman comrades sold as many as 120 tickets for the Press Picnic held in August. Half of the proceeds of this ticket sale will go to The Daily fund. In the first drive for means for reconstruction of Soviet Russia they collected \$2,000 and bought two tractors. In the second drive they have so far collected \$1,300. Now these three branches have started a drive for funds for the Labor Defense Council and made a beginning of \$80. Several affairs have been arranged by them for The Daily Worker, and they announce that next they will start a drive for new members. We know from experience that when they start something, they will also finish it. If our other branches could only do as well.