

## NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM OF ACTION

May 1st to September 15th 1940

Draft of the City Committee

In accordance with the decisions of our April National Conference the main task of the party for the next period is to take drastic steps towards the transformation of the party into an activist, agitational and combat organization composed predominately of industrial workers, concerned with their problems and struggles, and working among them with the aim of winning them to the party. Our program of the Third Camp - the socialist solution to the Second World War - will permeate all phases of activity!

Radical changes in our habits of work are imperative if this transformation is to be achieved. Responsible, disciplined and energetic activity on the part of every member of the party is necessary. Each will be expected to contribute according to his abilities - in formulating party policies, in accepting and executing given tasks, in making financial donations to the party. In this way we can go forward amongst the workers confident of getting their support to our program and party.

The following program of action is for the period from May 1st to Sept. 15th inclusive. Following the City Convention, the City Committee through its department heads will elaborate a detailed plan of work in an organization bulletin which will be made available to all party members.

### 1. TRADE UNION AND UNEMPLOYED WORK

- a) Every eligible comrade is to be a member of a union by June 1st.
- b) A systematic drive is to be made to place unemployed comrades into industries and unions.
- c) Comrades are to be selected for industrial training in vocational schools as a means of entry into industry.
- d) Trade union fractions are to be organized wherever two or more comrades function in a given union.
- e) Each branch is to center its activities around a given factory, plant

or union hall, in agreement with the city office.

f) Industries of special concentration shall be food, needle trades and transport.

g) An unemployed fraction of comrades involved in that work shall be organized under the supervision of the labor department.

h) The Labor Secretary shall seek to involve comrades not otherwise engaged in trade union work to assist union fractions.

### 11. PRESS AND OTHER LITERATURE

a) The City quota for LABOR ACTION shall be 1500 copies per issue during the month of May; and increased to 2000 in June.

b) A drive for 500 subscribers to L.A. shall be completed by July 1st.

c) The City quota for THE NEW INTERNATIONAL shall be 1000 copies per month.

d) A drive for 300 subscribers shall be completed by July 1st.

e) Branch quotas for the L.A. and N.I. shall be assigned by agreement between the branch and the city office.

f) The City quota for national one cent and two cent pamphlets shall be a minimum of 5000 copies each.

### 111. EDUCATIONAL WORK

a) Open air meetings will be the chief form of public agitational work in the next period. Each branch is to select at least one regular time and place for weekly open air meetings, if possible at the place of industrial concentration.

b) The Spring semester of the central school will be organized, preparatory to a full semester in the fall.

c) A speakers' bureau will be organized by the Educational Department for the purpose of training speakers and assigning comrades for branch and city speaking, particularly for open air meetings. Leading comrades will be called upon for regular assignments in this field.

d) A research department shall be organized by the Educational Department for the purpose of collecting suitable material for speakers and issuing educational bulletins and outlines.

e) Classes for new members shall be organized in branches which recruit five or more members within three months; in special cases city wide new members classes will be organized. Every new member of the party who has not been in the movement previously shall be required to join a new members class or an elementary socialist class.

f) Branches shall arrange open branch educational meetings - roughly twice a month - at which interested workers and party sympathizers shall be invited.

#### IV. NEGRO WORK

a) In addition to the Harlem branch, whose primary task is work among the Negroes, branches in neighborhoods which include Negro people shall organize special groups of comrades for such work.

b) The Negro Department shall bring into the City Committee a detailed program for work among the Negroes.

#### V. ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

a) A recruiting drive for new members shall have as its goal an increase of each branch membership by one third, particularly industrial workers and Negroes.

b) A meeting of all branch organizers shall take place at least once a month.

c) A monthly organization bulletin shall be issued by the city office. The bulletin shall be open to contributions from all members of the party and the YPSL.

d) The City Committee shall work out rules for minimum membership activities and procedures for enforcing these rules.

e) Party activity in the ALP and in mass fraternal organizations shall be

under the direction of the City Organizer.

VI. YOUTH WORK

a) An exchange of representatives between the corresponding committees of the party and YPSL, with voice and vote, shall be established. These representatives shall report to their respective committees at least once a month;

b) Joint meetings of the corresponding committees shall be held in early May to consider the problem of the common activity of the two organizations and the problem of party assistance to the youth.

c) 10% of net profits of all city wide functions shall go to the division office of the YPSL.

VII. OPPONENTS' WORK

a) An opponents' committee of three comrades, two from the party and one from the YPSL, headed by an opponents' director shall be in charge of the work in this field.

b) They shall plan and carry out the work in consultation with the City Organizer.

VIII. LABOR DEFENSE

a) Comrades are to be assigned to join the A.L.A. and work as a fraction in that organization, under the direction of a Labor Defense Director.

b) Of these comrades a group is to be selected who will carry out this work as their main party assignment.

IX. FINANCES

a) The New York quota for the \$3,500 drive shall be completed by May 15th.

b) All back debts of branches and comrades to the city office (dues, city tax, etc.) shall be paid to the city office.

c) The City Tax of 2% of weekly earnings for those making from \$15 to \$39 and 3% tax for those earning \$40 or more shall remain in force.

X. ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The incoming City Committee is to elect a sub-committee to prepare for the participation of the party in the Fall election campaign.