
Resolution on Shop Nuclei.

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1. The experience of the Communist parties the world over has proven that the only sound basis for Communist organization is an organization which is rooted in the shops and factories.

2. It is the experience of the workers in the shops and factories, which are the basis of their struggles against the capitalists, and agitation in the shops [that] offers the best opportunities for arousing the workers for the struggle against their exploiters and oppressors, because such agitation is close to the realities of their everyday life.

3. It is in the shops that the workers come in daily contact with each other and it is there that they can be best reached with Communist propaganda.

4. The problem of organizing Shop Nuclei in the United States is greatly complicated by the fact that our Party is made up of many language sections, but the Party must nevertheless begin this work.

5. The National Convention therefore instructs the incoming Central Executive Committee to organize Shop Nuclei wherever possible on the basis of the following instructions:

1. Shop Nuclei shall be organized wherever two or more party members are employed in the same factory or shop.

2. No change shall be made in the present system of language branches or the affiliation of members and dues payment through such branches.

3. The Shop Nuclei shall be organized as organizations for propaganda and the political and economic work of the Party in the shops alongside the existing organization.

4. The method of combining Shop Nuclei in [a] certain district and their contact with the city organization shall be worked out by the Central Executive Committee in accordance with the experience gained in the process of forming the Shop Nuclei organization.

5. In answer to the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Communist International that we form international branches of workers of various language groups, we declare that such action at this time would seriously disturb the structure of our party organization and weaken the Federations, which are needed to carry on the work of agitation and organization among the workers of the many language groups in this country. We therefore request the Executive Committee [of the] Communist International to reconsider this recommendation and refer it for consideration to the next convention of our Party.

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