

Workers (Communist) Party

A Distinct Party Achievement

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ON May First the party gained a new daily spokesman for its program and activities. On this day, the Radnik, the official organ of the Workers (Communist) Party in Croatian, became a daily. Before this day it was published three times a week.

The publication of the Radnik as a daily Communist organ is a real achievement for the party. The Jugo-Slav language fraction is one of the most vigorous, one of the liveliest sections of our party. It can be truly said that no language fraction of our party has proportionally, done more for the development of the Communist movement, for the upbuilding of our organization than the South Slavic fraction. There has never been a single party campaign, whether it be for the improvement of our organizational apparatus, or for the establishment of more effective party contact with the non-party proletariat, in which the South Slavic comrades have not done at least their share and much more than their numerical strength would lead one to expect from them.

South Slavic Workers' Importance.

THE South Slavic workers in the U. S. are employed in the biggest basic industries. The South Slavic immigrants, primarily peasant, when they get to the American shore, most often find jobs in the mining and steel manufacturing industries. The heaviest South Slavic population is to be found in those states where coal mining and steel manufacturing predominate. It takes very little time for these sturdy peasants of southern Europe to become proletarians in the basic sense of the word in the United States. In view of the fact that our

party is making a determined effort to concentrate its energies in the ranks of the workers employed in the basic industries, the advance made by our South Slavic fraction in publishing a daily paper, is an event of substantial progress for our party.

Fraction Making Progress.

THE record of activities of the South Slavic fraction bureau since its last convention speaks well for the abilities and party loyalty of the comrades directing this work. Primarily because of the close co-operation between the leading, active South Slavic party functionaries and the central executive committee, and the district executive committees, the disadvantages that one would expect to accrue from language difficulties have been brought to a minimum in the ranks of our South Slavic membership. Every district organizer knows that on the whole the South Slavic comrades can be counted upon to participate actively in all party activities. This explains very well why the South Slavic fractions are so largely an integral part of our whole party life and apparatus.

It is also instructive to note that this active participation in the party life by the South Slavic comrades, is not only not hindering but has actually helped tremendously the Croatian members in winning leadership of the non-party Jugo-Slavian workers in this country. It is because of the intense interest on the part of our South Slavic members in the general party life, as well as in the specific Croatian problems, that this section of our party membership has proportionally lost less than any other section in the party reorganization. In fact, I doubt whether the South Slavic comrades have lost any members at all thru the

reorganization. In certain sections, they indicate gains since the reorganization period, gains of new members engaged especially in the mining and steel industries.

Radnik—A Real Weapon.

THE daily Radnik will prove to be a very effective collective organizer and educator of the Croatian proletariat in the United States for the Communist movement. The daily Radnik will prove to be an efficient Americanizer, in the best Bolshevik sense of the word, of the South Slavic workers in this country. It will be the Communist interpretation and call to action to the South Slavic miners, steel workers and other proletarians in the United States.

There are today, in the United States, more than 700,000 Jugo-Slavian workers. The large extent to which these workers are organizable is shown by the fact that at least 150,000 have been organized in different South Slavic benefit and cultural societies. Among the most active members of the United Mine Workers of America will be found many Croatian workers. In the struggles of the organized and unorganized labor movement of this country, the Jugo-Slavian workers have done at least their bit. The Communist daily Radnik will bring the message of working class struggle, the message of the will and determination of the proletariat in the United States, to achieve complete working class freedom, to establish Communism. The daily Radnik will serve as a powerful weapon in the revolutionization of the American proletariat and for the liberation of the working class from the clutches of American imperialism, from the clutches of the brutal Yankee capitalism.