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LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Chicago Branch in 'Militant' Drive

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago branch of the Left Opposition has wholeheartedly entered into the campaign of expansion inaugurated by the American Left Opposition. The last week has witnessed a series of successful activities here which will bear rich fruit in the near future.

Last Sunday, May 21st, we held a very successful mass meeting with comrade Cannon who is now on tour for the Left Opposition. Comrade Cannon's lecture on the perspective of the American revolution was very enthusiastically received by the workers present. The attendance was excellent in spite of the fact that it was the first warm Sunday following several weeks of cold and rainy weather. A good number of Stalinists were present and although the subject was not of a polemical nature, they remained throughout the meeting and gave the speaker their undivided attention. A considerable number of workers took advantage of the chairman's invitation to leave their addresses in order that we may notify them of future meetings and altogether, the Left Opposition will reap many benefits from this meeting.

The climax of the week's activities was reached at a meeting of the members of the Left Opposition and its sympathetic organizations on Thursday. After an address by comrade Cannon on the work of the Left Opposition in the most important class battles waged by the workers recently, the possibilities of further participation in the class struggle and the resultant growth of the Left Opposition, the Bolshevik-Leninists present gave concrete evidence of their devotion to their class and their enthusiasm in the accomplishments of the Left Opposition.

Without hesitation they agreed to raise Chicago's quota of \$400 in the expansion campaign of the Left Opposition. Pledges were called for. One comrade pledged and paid \$50.00. Other pledged and paid \$50.00. Pledges of tens and fives came rolling in. Unemployed comrades, having no money of their own, volunteered to canvass their acquaintances, and raise all the money they possibly could. A worker who had just found a job after eight months of unemployment, pledged \$5.00. It was very evident that every comrade present was making every sacrifice and effort to do his or her share to further the work of the Left Opposition. Approximately \$90.00 in cash was raised at this meeting. A joint committee of the Left Opposition and all its sympathetic organizations present was formed to carry on the work of gathering in the pledges of the various comrades as they are able to meet them and to canvass the absent members for pledges.

Comrade Cannon will be back in Chicago on June 9th, at which time he will speak at a mass meeting in Humboldt Hall, 2231 W. Division Street, on "The Tragedy of the German Proletariat." We invite all Stalinists to attend this meeting to learn what a correct united front tactic is and how to apply it, and to answer for their misleadership of the German proletariat, if they can. We will carry the campaign from this point on to a successful culmination with a picnic to be held the latter part of June.

This campaign marks a definite step forward in the work of the Left Opposition in Chicago as well as nationally. Definite plans were made to secure a permanent headquarters and to draw new members into the branch from the many sympathizers we have won in the course of our work during the last few years. The Left Opposition is preparing to play its role in the important struggles that lie ahead.

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