
Provisions for the Organization of Communist Party Nuclei in the Shops and Unions.†

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Article I.

Section 1. In order to carry out the Communist task in the labor unions and shops, the Section Executive Committee of the Party, or the Sub-District Executive Committee (where there are two or more Sections in a city) shall organize Party Nuclei in the shops and unions.

Section 2. Every Party member shall belong to a labor union, if eligible.

Section 3. All Party members belonging to a labor union shall be affiliated with the Party Nuclei in their respective unions. Members who do not belong to any union shall, wherever possible, form and belong to Party Nuclei in their shops, trade, or industry, and establish local unions as soon as they get a sufficient number of workers, required by the respective union to grant a charter.

Section 4. Each Nucleus shall consist of about 10 members. The Nuclei elect their captains and these captains together with the Nuclei union Organizers, elected by them, shall form the Nuclei Committee of their respective union locals, trades, or shops.

Section 5. Where two or more locals of the same union exist in a city, Party Nuclei in these locals of the union shall be connected with each other through organizers elected by the Nuclei for each local of the union.

Section 6. The Nuclei Organizers for the various unions shall constitute the Industrial Development of the respective Party sub-divisions. These Industrial Departments shall elect their industrial heads, who shall serve on the respective Party sub-division (with voice, but no vote).

Section 7. In order to coordinate and centralize the work of the Nuclei on a national scale, the CEC of the Party shall organize a National Industrial Department, which shall be in direct contact with the District Industrial Organizers elected by the DEC.

Section 8. All Party Nuclei shall be subject to the discipline and decisions of the Party, and shall, in their various localities, be under the control of the Section or Sub-District Executive Committees.

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Article II.

Section 1. All local Industrial Departments shall submit for the approval of the Section or Sub-District EC any general plan of action which they intend to carry out in the unions or industry.

Section 2. Section or Sub-District Industrial Departments may be authorized by the District Executive Committee to issue leaflets in connection with the various problems arising from the daily struggle of the workers in the shops and unions. Such leaflets shall not attempt the exposition of general communist principles and tactics, and shall not be signed in the name of the Communist Party. Copies of all leaflets issued by the Industrial Departments shall be sent through regular Party channels to the Central Executive Committee of the Party.

Section 3. Party members may accept paid positions in the unions, in order to further Communist work.

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