

# Recruit Most Militant in Party

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At the bottom of this column appear the quotas of new members assigned for the various sections of District 17 by the District Committee for the Lenin Recruiting Drive, which started with the Lenin Memorial Meetings on Jan. 21st. These quotas of new members to be recruited into the Party are to be filled by March 31st. They are high. To fill them will require the conscious organized effort of every Party member during every day of the drive.

This drive for members is not to be a spectacular affair which will end in a blaze of glory at the end of the drive period and then be promptly forgotten. The drive will be utilized to train the Party membership in the often neglected task of steady day-to-day recruiting of new members in the process of our work. Therefore, the main emphasis in the drive must be in those sections of Party activity which are most important.

This means first of all recruiting new members in the shops thru the direct work of our shop units and individual members working in large shops. The success or failure of the drive will be judged primarily by the number of workers in the shops recruited into the Party; by the number of Party units established in large shops and mines and by the manner in which these shop units carry on their work.

Finally the success of the drive will not be measured alone by the number of new members taken into the Party but also by the number of both old and new members retained. Members coming in one door of the Party and going out another door just as fast are valueless. Our job is not alone to get new members but to keep those we have and to develop them into Bolshevik fighters, deeply rooted in the Party. This means first, that we must carefully select the quality of new members taken into the Party during the drive and see to it that only the best and most militant fighters developed by the struggles now going on are admitted.

It means also that we must make all Party activity from the meetings of the units to the greatest mass actions which the Party leads, so alive with working class enthusiasm and fighting spirit that the new members recruited into the Party will feel that in truth they are now members of their own Party—of the one organization which leads the many-sided struggles of the working class not only for its immediate demands but forward to the final revolutionary goal.

## Lenin Recruiting Drive Quotas

### District 17

(Quotas to be attained by March 31)

#### Birmingham

New Members: 50; 33 Negro; 17 white. Nine Shop Units

#### Chattanooga

New Members: 36; 25 Negro. 11 white. Two Shop Units.

#### Atlanta

New Members: 18; 13 Negro, 5 white. Two Shop Units.

#### Elizabethton

New Members: 39; 21 white. 4 Negro. Two Shop Units.

#### Farming Sections

New Members: Northern Alabama, 10; Pell City, 5; Southern Alabama, 15.