

# Communists Have Grasped New Policy Quickly, Says Browder at Bronx Rally

Bronx Communists gave an effective answer in a capacity meeting on Thursday evening at the Bronx Winter Garden, to those who claim that recent Communist Party decisions have caused confusion and disagreement in its ranks.

Earl Browder, main speaker, told the more than 1,600 Communists and friends who attended, that never had he witnessed such "quickness, understanding and enthusiasm" in the application of a new policy by the Communist Party organization and the people around it.

A few minutes later the Bronx Communists demonstrated the cor-

rectness of this view by reporting that they had recruited 327 new members into the Party in the current drive which is led by Sam Welsman, county secretary, and Rose Chernin, country chairman.

Earl Browder reminded the audience that he was keeping a bargain made with the Bronx County Committee last October. At that time he pledged to return for another meeting if the Bronx Communists would make a major contribution to victory by helping to send progressives to the City Council. This was achieved in the election of that outstanding trade unionist, Michael Quill, which was a contribution to the borough, city, nation and United Nations, in Mr. Browder's opinion.

## CITES ALLIED UNITY

Mr. Browder noted the great steps forward taken by Prime Minister Churchill in his recent memorable

speech to the Commons. He pointed to the expression of confidence by Britain and America in the policies of the Soviet Union for solving the Polish question. He referred also to Churchill's generous statement of United Nations support for Marshal Tito.

"It warmed my heart," said Browder, "to see Mr. Churchill take that step not grudgingly but generously, and going out of his way to say that it was Communists who initiated that great people's movement in Yugoslavia."

The Communist organization, stated Mr. Browder, is made up of people who think for themselves; is a system of people working together not for partisan advantage but in cooperation with other forces. The broader the circle of cooperation, the more must Communists



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recruit into the organization. The Communist organization has to grow because the problems of the people are growing, and more people are needed to solve them. Unless there is decisive growth, it will be impossible to solve the next problems, he emphasized.

The Bronx has already demonstrated, said Mr. Browder, that it has that kind of organization. How much will be determined on how well the organization is built up with new recruits.

## BRONX RECRUITING SOARS

And the Bronx Communists immediately began to demonstrate that they meant to pass all the tests set by Earl Browder. The Moshulu-Norwood Club reported 37 new recruits. The Crotona Club announced 42 recruits and pledged to double its membership. The Echo Park Club, having learned that recruiting was easy by bringing in 11 new members in five days, decided to up its original quota from 25 to 40. Rose Graham, a Negro member recruited herself only in the last drive, reported that the Claremont Club had overfulfilled its pledge for that night by bringing in 12 new members.

One club divulged the secret behind the failure of some to do better. With a membership of 80, only six had to date been involved in the campaign. But with Earl Browder's challenge ringing in their ears, they gave evidence of intention to change the situation. What stood out at the conclusion was the determination, confidence and enthusiasm to overfulfill the 2,000 recruit goal set by the Bronx Communists.

The meeting itself was an example of how Communists do things. Beside the political education from Earl Browder and the organizational reports of tasks achieved, the meeting included a generous and satisfying cultural program, organized and arranged by Harold Savoy, chairman of the Bronx County cultural committee, himself a member of only four months standing and responsible for six recruits of his own.