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Branches Spur Activity on Eve of 11th CP Convention

Italian and Seamen's Branches Gird for Recruiting Competition

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Confident of winning hundreds of new members for the Party preceding the national convention, the Da Piron branch of the Communist Party, East Harlem, and the Seamen's branch of the Waterfront Section, have entered into a socialist competition recruiting drive which promises to be a model in recruiting.

Members of the Da Piron branch have pledged to go over the top in recruiting more members in sufficient time before the opening of the national convention to help the Seamen's branch with their drive.

The seamen have some real streamline recruiters who always bring home the bacon when they go after a job. But Da Piron branch members are out to win. They want to have a large delegation from their branch attending the sessions of the national convention, and it seems that with an ace recruiter like Pasquale Piscetelli, the contest is going to be a very lively one.

At the regular meeting of Da Piron branch Tuesday night, Piscetelli

who is the father of eight children, struck off a high note of enthusiasm when he described to branch members how he recruited 14 new members in one week.

Modestly, he explained the warm reception extended him by Italian spiking workers who, he said, "are very anxious to listen to the message of the Communist Party. If we take time to carefully show them how the Party works, they will join."

One branch member wanted to know how he recruited so many members in such a short time.

"When I have a job to do," he said, "I don't let nothing stop me. Italian-Americans are not all fascists, and when we tell them that the Communist Party is the only party fighting for peace and the poor man, they will stop and listen. Of course I have to make a living to support the family, but when I start recruiting I never stop until I have brought in some new members."

Another reason for the high morale and spirit of Da Piron branch members is the coming Section convention on May 19th.

All members are anxious to be delegates to the Section convention where new plans of work will be outlined.

OFFICERS ELECTED

In explaining the work of the Party among the Italian people, the branch organizer said that with the successful work in the neighborhood the branch should become by next year a center where workers can come to take up their problems of relief, jobs and health.

New officers of the branch were elected to head the work for the coming year, and the new financial secretary insisted that all members keep their dues and assessments paid up in order to be good Party members.

"I will accept the post," he said, "on one condition: that every member must always be in good standing and that we collect enough money to make Browder President."

The meeting ended on a high note of enthusiasm when the organizer read a letter commending the branch for its excellent work in recruiting Italian workers into the Party.