

Swiss Communist Party

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To build . . . this is a topical word in our party. Yes, we are building, wisely, solidly, slowly for sure, but certainly. We do not wish to skip stages. On the contrary, when one builds, one must follow the plan of the architect and then build one floor after another. Marx and Lenin, Stalin, Enver Hoxha and Mao Tse-tung are the architects to whom we have entrusted our plans which are being drafted on the Marxist-Leninist level. However, if a plan could be followed by any honest builder, it must also be based on the material, psychological and real possibilities of any place where it is to be used. The Marxist-Leninist basis is something solid and indestructible. Those who boast using it but who, in truth, deviate from it, are condemned to total disappearance. However, those who, day after day, with courage and optimism, use the principles given by the great above-mentioned architects, are certain of raising a solid and unshakeable building, able to withstand any assault. There is no greater power than truth. If truth is defended honestly and faithfully it leads to certain victory, to glorious triumphs.

Our party is building itself; sections and groups are appearing, in a spirit of brotherhood and, lately, we strengthened our positions in German Switzerland and set up a section in Italian Switzerland. We have succeeded in becoming known, in setting up groups in some areas where the Swiss Labor Party (PST-POP) had never been successful. Here are examples: Catholic-leaning Lucern and radical-party leaning Gruyere. Why? Because, simply, the leaders of our party are close to the workers, are all workers themselves, with calloused hands.

Whether living in cities or in villages, the workers and peasants have no idea what to do with imported theories which remain theories promoted by bureaucrats or people securely installed and without any worries. It is not enough to issue, once in a while, a statement, not followed by a concrete action. Our **Swiss** workers want action and not promises or words coming, on top of all, from people who, really, could not care less for them. Come on! The bluffers, the liars and adventurers are fated to be eliminated before even having lived; the opportunists, the mensheviks and the reformists will disappear. If a party is to be respected and be trusted by the working masses, its cadres must be tempered in the tough school of labor and not in cotton.

Our party rallies workers from all professions. The average age of its members is low. Some 20% are intellectuals, and some 20% are women. Our party may be young, but it is equally interested in protecting the old, the handicapped, the misfortunate. In a country such as ours which gives millions abroad for publicity purposes and for acquiring big advantages among "developing peoples," there still exists misery, far too much misery. Millions are given to foreign adventurers living in ostentatious palaces, whereas in our country there is no housing for everyone, or else, the prices of housing are exorbitant. The foreign workers are another problem; there are too many of them, that is certain. We must point out that **Swiss** workers have been refused work and lodgings for the sake of satisfying the needs of the foreigners. Our foreign comrades should share the conditions under which we, the **Swiss**, live. We quite agree on this point. However, a **Swiss** worker should be able to work, even though he may be a Communist. The **Swiss** workers should be able to find housing at prices they can afford and not deprive themselves of everything for the sake of paying their rent. Would it not be better, even if the profiteers and all sorts of missionaries were to earn less, to clean up our own house before promoting ourselves and our ideas elsewhere?

Our party respects any opinion, if it is honest. It asks from its members honesty and courage. We have supporting members who go to church. That is their right. The leaders are all Marxists, but we must rally under the same banner not only the Marxists, but all the exploited, all the workers, all the discontented.

**PEASANTS AND WORKERS, CRAFTSMEN AND PROGRESSIVE
INTELLECTUALS, LET US UNITE!**

Swiss workers in cities and villages, foreign comrades exploited in Switzerland, get in touch with us. You are guaranteed absolute discretion and our entire devotion to the noble cause we defend.