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TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MNV IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
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In all communities of our country reorganization of the local national committees is going on. This action is being undertaken to increase the trust of the people in them as organs of political power and as centralized administrative bodies. This reorganization will improve the composition of the national committees and enable them to successfully carry out all tasks in close collaboration with the people.

They are the basic organizations in our political structure. The same principle which governs the regional and district committees, will be applied in their reorganization. Fifteen thousand (15,000) communities, the majority of which are predominantly agricultural in nature, will be affected by this reorganization. Therefore the reorganization will be instrumental in furthering the socialization of our villages.

The Party and all Party organizations must lend support to the reorganization to assure its success. Otherwise this reorganization will be only a formal and administrative action, lacking the substance assured by the participation of small and medium agricultural elements in the villages. This reorganization will not be a mere reshuffling of personnel, but will give to the national committees a strong political character so that the role assigned to them by the IX Congress and the February meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, namely of representing strong local organizations of the government can be successfully fulfilled. The Party must actively supervise the reorganization and do away with ~~parties~~ meetings. In communities in which the party organizations realized the political aims and made them known to the people, better composition of the national committees, both as regards national front representation and representation by women and young people, was made possible. At the same time, the village rich

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and their representatives were thrust aside.

General interest in reorganization, although active at first, waned after the increase in other political actions because people could not make the necessary connection between the various activities.

Although representatives of regional and district committees undertook the reorganization of local committees, they left all responsibility to the cadre of instructors and party functionaries. There was an effort to limit the reorganization to Communist clubs of regional and district committees or even to rely on administrative order rather than to assume general responsibility. Owing to political misunderstanding there is too much concern on the part of some of our comrades for meeting the deadline set for reorganization even in cases which demand more careful consideration. In one instance the members of a local national committee, in meeting to elect their chairman, reached a stalemate owing to the fact that no member desired the post and the individual who was eventually elected had brought his wife and she refused to allow him to accept the post.

In communities in which there are located federations of Czechoslovak women and in which women participate in the unified agricultural cooperatives, the problem of representation of women in the national committees does not exist. Two main problems confronting the participation of women in public functions are: (1) that the women are not interested and (2) that their participation is opposed by men in public offices. A recommended solution is that at least two women should be represented on any national committee to avoid the feeling on the part of a solitary woman that she is not properly esteemed by her colleagues, and also in order that they may aid one another.

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On the other hand, as regards young people, there are instances in which young progressive farmers, even non-party members, who, because of their work with the unified farmers cooperatives (JZD) have become chairmen of national committees. The same is true of young shock-workers who are members of the Czechoslovak Federation of Youth (CSM). To win the support of more young people for the national committees, it is recommended that a publicity campaign for this purpose be instituted prior to the reorganization of each committee.

There is a notable lack of interest on the part of the other elements of the National Front in the reorganization of the national committees. This was especially true of those local groups of the JSCZ. The Party organizations must insure that all these elements are properly indoctrinated so that they will give active support to the reorganization.

There is a need for more highly trained instructors to aid in the reorganization. It has been seen that many of the instructors are of a low political caliber, that they do not participate in meetings or in the drawing up of the programs and that they were chosen from people who were not properly informed about administration of a people's democracy. It is necessary to hold regular meetings of instructors in which actual experiences will be related which will serve as a guide for future procedure.

One shortcoming is the poor attendance of the people at the meetings called by the local action committees for the purpose of criticizing the old national committees and suggesting ideas for their reorganization. Because of the importance of these public meetings in laying the groundwork for a successful reorganization program, mass participation must be assured. These ways are suggested to assure mass participation.

(1) Two members of the National Front should visit each citizen and invite him to participate.

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(2) Local broadcasts should urge attendance.

(3) A personal letter from the chairman of the local national committee should be sent to all citizens outlining the program of the meeting and presenting the political significance of the action.

(4) The local clergymen should urge attendance by their congregations.

In some communities, a successful policy is followed by the people's administration officials who personally invite the citizens and subsequently forward to them a printed program outlining the tasks set for the reorganization committee so they will be able to prepare themselves for the meeting.

In some cases, a week of model work was instituted, followed by a general meeting. This method was effective in stimulating an interest in the reorganization in all elements of the National Front. It has been found that an obstacle to mass participation in these meetings is the fact that the preparation for them had been left to the district national committees and in some cases to the district secretary only. Even public functionaries, in rare cases, underestimated the value of these meetings which doesn't speak well for their political caliber. For example, in one large community of 5000 citizens, owing to the simultaneous scheduling of a concert of "tamburas" by the Party, only 120 people attended the public meeting.

The village rich must be eliminated, not only from positions within the national committees, but also from any positions outside from which they can exert an unfavorable influence on people who are not politically aware by dissuading them from joining the national committees and by this means, assuring themselves positions in those bodies. It has even happened that the JSCZ and small farmers have supported them in these efforts.

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The reorganization has to be completed by 30 June 1950, but the political aim of the reorganization must not be subordinated to the meeting of this dead-

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line. The reorganization of the national committees does not mean that the task of the Party organizations is finished, as it will be their continued responsibility to guide the members and particularly the officials of the new committees through Communist clubs into the proper path. The National Front must be carefully preserved so that there are no frictions, and so that the non-party people do not feel that they are being ignored or outvoted. To assure this, all political problems should be aired with them before action is taken.

To assure the continued prominent role of the Party is one of the principal reasons for the reorganization of the local national committees and all efforts must be exerted by all Party organizations to enable a successful fulfillment of this political aim.

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