

factory. He was appointed by the factory Communist party chief, as secretary, responsible for shop discipline, party meetings, distribution of propaganda and any other odd "jobs" that might come up, including, see-

to it that there are always enough red and white signs and slogans on the walls. Lieben holds the title (besides Communist) of "shop worker of Communist Labor," this movement was started under Stalin's leadership, in order to get the most out of the extreme patriotism instilled into Soviet children at an early age. Indeed, Lieben is a mechanic and metal worker and for his work he receives 130-140 rubles a month minus deductions. This shop party secretary, together with the section party chief, usually selects workers for the title "shop worker of Communist Labor." These people are not necessarily party members, although it helps in the same way party membership in any facet of life in the U.S.S.R.

meetings of the "Collective" are so numerous as to be

for instance during one month the following meetings and lec-

are scheduled: 1 prof. Union; which discuss the work of the shop in gathering dues, paying out receipts on vacations orders,

); political information (4) every Tuesday on the lunch hour;

Communist Meetings (2) On the 6 and 21st of every month; production

(1) made up of workers, discussing ways of improving work;

Communist party meeting (2) a month called by the section Communist party

the school of Communist labor meeting (1) compulsory every Wednes-

day, and sport meeting, 1 a month, non-^{COMPULSORY}, a total of 15 meetings

a month, 14 of which are compulsory for Communist party members and 12 com-

pulsory for all others. These meetings are always held after work or

on the lunch hour. They are never held on working time. Absenteeism is

by no means allowed. After long years of hard discipline, especially under

the Stalin regime, no worker will invite the sure disciplinary action of

the party men and inevitably the factory party ^{committee} because of trying to slip

out of the way or giving too little attention to what is being said.

A strange sight indeed is the picture of the local party man deliver-

political sermon to a group of usually robust simple working men