

Let Party Membership Function Now

Do Not Be Fooled by Plea "Wait Until the Convention."

By L. E. Katterfeld

In a statement to the locals, the members of the old National Executive Committee, who are holding up the membership referendum in which they know themselves to be defeated for re-election, make a tearful plea to the outraged membership to "wait until the national convention." They ask locals not to make seconds or motions to reverse the acts of the National Executive Committee, but to leave it all rest until the convention meets.

In the meantime this same N. E. C. finds even the mails too slow for its party wrecking activities. It voted by telegram to expel the Socialist Party of Massachusetts. While you are being asked to "wait until the convention" the N. E. C. continues to wreck the party. Why don't they wait until the convention.

The reactionary New York City and State Executive committees are throwing out of the party most of the New York state membership. Half of the membership in New York City has already been expelled. Locals Buffalo, Rochester, and other large locals in the state have been expelled.

NATIONAL OFFICE DEFIES WILL OF TEN THOUSAND

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does not dare to print the ballots and have a vote. The party autocrats, if they are to retain their firm autocratic hold upon the party, dare not allow the membership to express itself. This is why this referendum is being interfered with, and this is the only reason.

The call for the referendum upon the disruptive acts of the national executive committee has been endorsed by locals and branches in all parts of the United States. Finnish, German, Jewish, and Scandinavian Language Federation branches have, in great numbers, seconded the motion. The largest English-speaking branch in Milwaukee endorsed the motion. Endorsements have been so universal that it is a foregone conclusion that the party membership has fully made up its mind to repudiate the reactionary officialdom of the party.

Not counting the hundreds of endorsements which were made by those locals and branches suspended and expelled from the party, the following locals and branches demanded that the referendum rescind the acts of the national executive committee go to a referendum of the membership of the Socialist party.

Albany, N. Y., Jewish branch, 50 members; Mulberry, Kans., 18 members; Superior, Wis., 48; Two Harbors, Minn., Finnish, 26; Malden, Mass., 32; Baltimore, Md., 30; Hartford, Conn., 20; Ohio-Warren, Ohio, Finnish, 80; Pine Bluff, Ark., 11; Lelleville, Ill., German, 105; Adams, Mass., 11; Zanesville, Mass., Finnish, 78; Marlboro, Mass., 8; Malden, Mass., Jewish; Duluth, Minn., Scandinavian, 10; Kansas City, Mo., 150; Mansfield, Ohio, German, 40; Passaic County, N. J., branch 2, 16; Louisville, Ky., 104; Warren County, Pa.; Niles, Ohio, 56; Akron, Ohio, 118; San Francisco, Cal., 561; Cambridge, Ohio; Kenosha, Wis., 41; Kings County, N. Y., Jewish, 65; Philadelphia, Pa., 2500; Berkeley, Cal., Finnish, 122; Boyd's, Wash., 16; Two Harbors, Minn., Scandinavian, 109; Hibbing, Minn., Finnish, 76; Joliet, Ill., 12; W. Concord, N. H., Scandinavian, 44; Judsonia, Ark., 12; Trenton, N. J., branch 4, 100; Irondale, Ohio, 13; Dunbo, Pa., 42; Virginia, Minn., 20; Astoria, Ore., Scandinavian, 28; Lowell, Mass., Scandinavian, 20; Fort Worth, Texas, 12; Minneapolis, Minn., Finnish, 124; Tacoma, Wash., 75; Oatman, Ariz., 30; Boston, Mass., Jewish, 52; Englewood, Chicago, 57; Dayton, Ohio, 250; Superior, Wis., Scandinavian, 95; Rock Island, Ill., 192; Mullan, Ida., Finnish, 20; Continental, Ohio, 6; Seneca County, Ohio, 44; Canton, Ohio; E. Liverpool, Ohio; Zanesville, Ohio, 30; Belleaire, Ohio; Muncie, Ind., 25; Girard, Ohio, 10; Salem, Ohio, 20; Hartford, Conn., Jewish, 60; Huntington, N. Y., 28; Hamilton, Ohio, German, 25; Defiance, Ohio, 150; Buffalo, N. Y., Finnish, 95; Butler, Pa., 11; Minersville, Pa., 47; Warren, Ohio, 35; Minneapolis, Minn., 10th ward, 50; St. Paul, Minn., German, 150; Easton, Pa., 135; Milwaukee, Wis., Jewish, 100; Reno, Pa., 7; Boston, Mass., Jewish, 49; Altoona, Pa., 5; Minder, W. Va., 20; South Bend, Ind., Central branch, 47; Manty, Glo, Pa., 18; Anderson, Ind., 93; Horace, Kans., 4; St. Louis, Mo., Jewish, 40; Manchester, Conn., 16; Nyack, N. Y., 12; Kenmore, Ohio, 63; Pana, Ill., 48; Elwood, Ind., 125; Cincinnati, Ohio, 444; Anapolis, Md., 10; New Bremen, Ohio, 32; Fortsnouth, Ohio, 41; Haverhill, Mass., 25; Milwaukee, Wis., 25th ward, English branch, 200; St. Paul, Minn., 46; Charleston, W. Va., 28; Puyallup, Wash., 15; Belaire, Ohio, German, 24; De Kaib, Ill., 16; Chicago, Ill., Scandinavian, 125; Eveleth, Minn., Finnish, 72; Twin Lake, Minn., Finnish, 18; Tampa, Fla., 41; Sioux City, Ia., Scandinavian, 10; Local Cuyahoga County, 1821.

We need no "information" to know that no little executive committee has the power to throw forty thousand members out of our party without trial and get away with it.

We need no "information" to know that it is the duty of our party officials to count our membership referendum and announce the results.

We need no "information" to know that no committee has the right to hold up a party referendum upon which they were defeated for re-election, and because of that fact.

If there is anything wrong with any referendum remedy is not to suppress it and keep the result of the vote secret, but to turn on the light, publish the results and then if necessary, let it be challenged and investigated by disinterested comrades.

We want the party convention to decide the question at issue. However, the old N. E. C. is not minded that way. They will continue to expel and suspend BEFORE the convention takes place. Most of us will have been expelled before convention time. How can we, in such case, decide anything at the convention.

Just to prove that the despotic seven and the national secretary can MAKE US WAIT until the convention, they are now considering holding up the call for a national membership referendum initiated by Local Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) which has already been seconded by more than 10,000 members represented at local and branch meetings.

And just to prove that they do not intend "to wait until the convention," the despotic national executive committee, having just expelled the Socialist Party of Massachusetts, now has called the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania upon the carpet. It may next be expelled. Undoubtedly the Socialist Party of Ohio is slated for the same treatment. There won't be anything of the party left if this wrecking continues. Are these acts then in fact an attempt to disrupt the Socialist Party to favor a reform party, the Labor Party or to satisfy the wiles of seven despots on the N. E. C. who failed to re-election in the referendum? Are they revenging themselves?

ILLITERACY IN AMERICA.

"Of the 600,000 teachers in America, 100,000 are less than 20 years old; 150,000 have served two years or less; 30,000 have had no education beyond the eighth grade; 200,000 have less than a high school education." Such is the statement

These Letters Make Us Smile

Occasionally we receive letters like the following. They make us smile. And we pass them on to our readers for we believe they, too, will smile at them—and smiles are badly needed in this old world—so read and smile. We print them just as written:

To All Socialists: Please don't send your papers to my home any more. I am tired of having the mail man bring such truck to my house. I am not Socialist. I don't believe in Socialism, I am strictly Catholic; did you get me, no Socialist whatever, don't send no more truck around.—Mrs. E. Crawford, Norwood, O.

FROM A "100% AMERICAN."

Sirs: You are still sending me your paper, yet I have refused it and it is still coming, an now sirs I do not want you to send it no more. I do not take no stock on your wind we do not want no Bolshevich in America; no man need not try and preach socialist in me. I am 100% American, I am going to stand by our government till the last man is beat off the face of the earth that trying to take our government to pieces I have no money for such a cause.—P. T. Rausch, Wadsworth, Ohio.

HORRORS! TERRIBLE TERRORS!

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Since writing the above I find that I have made a mistake. The rapist terrorism contained in the above paragraph (and which is to the underlying degradation of the Soviets) is mild in comparison to the blood-letting that really is the case. Here is my later information:

"Education is compulsory until the age of twenty-one is reached. No child is exempt from school attendance for any reason whatsoever until the age of sixteen is reached, and between sixteen and twenty-one only extreme conditions justify absence from school."

For stark corruption try to equal that. Take that line: "No child is exempt from school attendance for any reason whatsoever"—it is quite apparent that the children are not so free to leave school at an early date to help "the old man" in supporting the family. They have no liberty, no freedom, it can easily be seen, under Soviet rule. Little do the ignorant Russian people realize what they are missing by not having a supreme court to declare child labor constitutional. Anyone knows that without a supreme court people can not govern themselves. No government "of the people and by the people" is possible without a group of supreme judges.

The fact that the women are allowed to vote in Russia proves that the Soviets are recognizing that the sex war is a disturbing and a vulgar business. It was not so many years ago that a certain church, at a holy convention decided to vote on whether the female of the species had a soul and by a majority of five votes it was decided "Yes, the woman has a soul." But this didn't happen in Russia even under the czar. We will tell you where it did happen. It happened in Italy.

But in Russia: O my Lord. Listen to what they have there with which to besmirch the fair flower of womanhood. Here it is:

"The Soviets provide for the free care of women for sixteen weeks, before, during and after confinement. Palaces of motherhood have been established for this purpose, which are really modern maternity hospitals. Under no condition does the mother return to work until she is strong and well, and her full salary is paid by the state throughout this period. The law applies to all women, whether married or single, for the Soviet government does not believe that the sins of the father should be visited upon the children."

"That the sins of the father should not be visited upon the children"—I don't believe the Soviet exponents of the Left Wing were far more scholarly and unhygienic than their opponents. Cameron King, for instance, did not hesitate to resort to epithets and personal denunciation in his speeches, while Coleman's talk was a dispassionate, impersonal analysis of the situation.

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DAN HOGAN AND DEMOCRACY

Sometimes when I have a few moments to spare, I rummage through my old correspondence and laugh heartily over all the foolish things I have said. But funnier still is to pick up one of the many letters received from American social-patriots at the time we entered the war. All of them, in the light of recent happenings, are crammed with inconsistencies and saturated with bad socialism.

Consider, for instance, the following from Dan Hogan. He is defending his pro-war attitude in reply to a criticism I sent him:

"The goal of the socialist movement is industrial democracy. To

CALIF. STATE CONFERENCE DEMANDS SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED N. E. C.

The state conference of the Socialist party of California which met recently in San Francisco, adopted a motion "demanding that the newly elected national executive committee be seated and that the question of their standing be left to the coming national emergency convention, to meet in Chicago, August 30." This means that the Socialist party of California deems it wise that the present despotic national executive committee resign and give way to the new officials, which are Left Wing socialists.

A motion was also passed to recommend that all locals in California endorse the motion made by Local Cuyahoga County to rescind the acts of the national executive committee in suspending and expelling half of the party membership.

THE CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

By Alanson Sessions

The California State Convention of the Socialist party, held on May 30, 31, and June 1 at San Francisco, resulted in a more or less definite decision to affiliate with the Left Wing movement of the American Socialist party. The greater part of Sunday, June 1, was spent in a discussion of the practicality of the Left Wing program. It is unfortunate that a clear-cut decision was not taken before the adjournment of the convention. While Left Wing sentiment seemed to be dominant, a vote on the subject was either adroitly avoided by the machinations of the Right or overlooked by the Left.

The first two days of the convention were occupied in the discussion of methods of organization and propaganda for the future of the Socialist party. But from the outset it was clear to all that such discussion was futile until the momentous question of basic party policy was determined. The subject of organization and propaganda must be confused and incoherent if the party does not know precisely where it stands with relation to the Left Wing. It was to be expected, therefore, that the first two days of the convention would be wasted in tiresome verbosity.

The third day proved that the majority of the membership is Left Wing by sentiment, if not by intellectual conviction. Most of the delegates felt that there is a dire need for a radical alteration in tactics, but few of them had done any serious and consecutive thinking on the subject. Taylor, state secretary, and Dolsen, one of the most prominent of the party organizers, are both Left Wing. Others like Lillian B. Symes and Cameron King, recognized as big figures in the California movement, were emphatically Right Wing in their attitude. King especially bitterly attacked the Left Wing program and denounced "frenzied fraim" as a "false-monger and a vulgar demagogue."

King based his argument principally on the fact that a revolution in the United States is not likely for many years to come. This being the case, he contended, it was idle to agitate for a dictatorship of the proletariat and an application of Russian tactics to American conditions. The leader of the Left Wing, Comrade Coleman, in answer to King, argued that the possibility of an immediate overthrown in this country was something quite beside the point—that the Left Wing wished only to make the party strictly revolutionary in its aims and tactics and to prepare thoroughly for the revolution when it comes.

There is little doubt that the referendum vote on the Left Wing and Right Wing issue will result in favor of the former. The leaders of the Left, however, recognize the fact that many of their supporters are not well grounded, and they are carrying on a strenuous campaign of education among their ranks.

It is interesting to note although the Left Wingers have been denounced by the Right Wingers as hysterical, etc., at the California convention the exponents of the Left Wing were far more scholarly and unhygienic than their opponents. Cameron King, for instance, did not hesitate to resort to epithets and personal denunciation in his speeches, while Coleman's talk was a dispassionate, impersonal analysis of the situation.

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NEXT WEEK

Next week we shall publish an article by Jos. Stilson, translator secretary of the Lithuanian Socialist Federation, one of the best post-socialist upon party affairs. The article will be entitled "The Split in the Socialist Party of America," and will give a history of party mismanagement since 1916, which led up to the present controversy.

To those who have not followed the present controversy as they should, this article will be a revelation and an education. It is written for party members, members who are and should take full part in party management. Your usefulness to the party will be increased manifold after you have read Stilson's history of the split in the Socialist Party.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEFIES AUTOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIALDOM

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania met in session recently and passed the following resolutions. At this time we want to say that the only news which seems to find its way into the national office press service is that which can be interpreted as favorable to the despotic seven of the national executive committee. A resolution like that below, is not given publicity by the national office.

WHEREAS—The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania is in receipt of an official communication from Adolph Gormer, Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party, informing said committee of the suspension by the National Executive Committee of the

their industrial liberty, but until their right to build is established and their right to evolve is secured, they cannot go forward."

We will overlook the fact that after this wondrous war to rescue the fair damsel of democracy from the ravishing hands of the kaiser, we still have dozens of small nations denied the most elementary privilege of a democratic commonwealth—the right to be heard in the councils of government. We will also not ston to discuss the fact that four nations have arrogated to themselves the right of dictating the kind of a world all the remainder shall live in. The essential point which Comrade Hogan missed is this: that political democracy is a sham affair in this stage of the world's history. We have had it in America since the birth of the nation, and industrial autocracy constantly tightens its grip on the lives of the people. And political agitation, by itself, is insufficient because the press is under the rigid control of the moneyed interests and the masses cannot be educated for the overthrow of industrial autocracy under our impotent form of bourgeois democracy. This fact was proved very graphically by the experience of Russia.

"The Allies are too completely committed to the principles of democracy to back down. After the war is over, if we all do our duty, there will not be left a vestige of autocracy on the earth."

"Well, the war is over, and what is the result? The result is that autocracy, in the form of international imperialism, has simply retrenched itself, uselessly slaughtering ten million young men in the process. In our own United States, we do not have as much democracy as we had before we entered the war."

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BISHOP BROWN ANSWERS EDITOR'S CHARGE

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parliamentary (parlor) action. They had no political rights. They were serfs. They knew only force. It was their only weapon. They used it. They, too, knew what they wanted—the land. They banished the "feudal lord," foreigner and all, as they went, took possession of the land, tilled it and kept the proceeds. Today there is not a landlord in the whole ninety thousand square miles of Zapataland, but thousands of "lords of the land"—happy, contented farmers.

Democracy, too, is practiced in this land of Zapata, though it is said ninety per cent of the people can neither read nor write. How practice democracy, then? By the very simple formula of assembling, discussing the questions to be decided, and then counting noses. No stuffing of ballot-boxes there.

Neither Zapata nor Villa could, at that time, read or write. Carranza is highly educated in the general sense of the term, and might be classed as a "capitalistic idealist." Who of these was the most practical from the workers'—landless farmers'—point of view?

The strongest weapon of the workers in capitalistic civilization, for transforming it into an industrial commonwealth, or democracy, is their industrial power exercised through revolutionary industrial unions by means of shop and central committees elected by the workers to expedite business, assume control, and dispose of the product. This, in connection with a similar political party of the workers to capture and render ineffective the capitalistic political state, was the sole weapon of capitalism which would prevent the functioning of the workers' committees, could complete the transformation with little or no disorder.

T. E. PENDERGRASS, State Organizer, S. P. of N. M. County Jail, Deming, N. M., March 10, 1919.

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CIVILIZATION DEPENDS UPON SUCCESS OF SOVIET RUSSIA.

"If the new Russian government, the first real republic, lives, it means the living of the second, the Hungarian one, also the birth and life of others, and finally a league of industrial nations which will mean the death of the league of capitalistic nations.

"Upon this living and dying depends the progress of civilization, because the unconscious yet supremely important mission of the capitalistic system of production has been accomplished, that of making it possible to provide the necessities for the world without human slavery.

MACHINE, NOT MAN, FUTURE SLAVE.

"Civilization never has and never can exist on any basis except that of slavery; but capitalism has brought it to a point when it is no longer necessary that the slave should be a man, for it may now be a machine and the pending revolution will transfer the burden of slavery from men to machines.

"Under the Socialist regime there would indeed be much work connected with the making and operating of the machines of production and distribution of the necessities of life, also the work of caring for and educating children, with much besides; but every competent person would take his part; and while the one hand incompetency would be decreased greatly, on the other efficiency would be increased as greatly, so at most three or four hours of comparatively light employment would suffice, leaving all the balance of the day for recreation, study, conversation and rest.

"Under Socialism there would be governments, but of a geographical rather than national character, and they would be concerned with the promotion of industries rather than the control of people, their object being primarily the production of the necessities of physical life in abundance and secondarily as many luxuries as possible for all with the least expenditure of energy and time, in order that disposition, strength and opportunity might remain for the cultivation of the mind and soul.

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MR. WILSON RETURNS.

From the mummery and solemn farce of the peace conference President Wilson has returned to assure us of the unquestioned righteousness of the policies formulated in the peace treaty and the League of Nations and various other matters connected therewith, not the least among them being a re-assurance of the holy aim of this nation in entering the war and the full and complete accomplishment of them.

Mr. Wilson has a strange mind. Standing as he does, after these months of diplomatic maneuvering with an empty bag (League of Nations) which he so tightly grasps claiming that all the purposes of the nation have been accomplished he presents a picture worthy of the cartoonist.

The president has formed the habit of "interpreting the American people" to the rest of the world upon all sundry occasions. Generally his interpretations are laughable. In his speech to the senate upon his return he attempts the same upon the peoples of Europe when he states that they demanded the league and would brook no denial. No evidence that the league is a matter of consuming interest among the peoples of Europe is apparent.

We are "offered the moral leadership of the world," he states. Supply the word "financial" instead of moral, and we come nearer the truth. Mr. Wilson is great on moral leadership.

Mr. Wilson's league of nations presents the spectacle of the great capitalist powers of the world arranging among themselves a means whereby to retain their supremacy in a world wherein capitalism is no longer a necessity, in fact a menace. Recognizing the iniquity of war, it yet dare not reveal the real cause of modern wars, commercial competition between capitalistic nations.

Mr. Wilson presents nothing new in regard to the situation in Europe. In fact, the great forward movements of the peoples toward economic and political emancipation from the rulers of earth have left no mark upon him that he has seen fit to reveal. Nevertheless, these movements are of far more importance and of greater moment to the world of workers than the league of nations can possibly be. The rise of the peoples has begun, they will continue to rise completely submerging the league of nations into complete oblivion.

NEW LABOR PARTY (STILL) BORN.

Proponents of the new Labor Party meeting in Cleveland last week have adopted a platform that would have aroused interest a hundred years ago as a radical document. If those who sponsored the new political venture had planned to kill the calf-aborning, they could not have done so more effectively than they have. It was just such a convention as one would expect from the material from which it was made up. Renegade Socialists, reactionary labor fakirs and others more or less since met together in a visionless, impractical and reformistic body and formulated a platform and adopted resolutions characterized by mediocrity, reaction, reform and inanity.

They may be complimented upon one clause in their platform however, which calls for a restoration of the rights of free speech, free press and assembly. Also for the "liberation of all persons held or indicted under charges due to their championship of the rights of labor or their patriotic insistence upon the rights guaranteed them by the constitution." Presumably the word "patriotic" was filled in for the purpose of getting it by the convention.

A resolution against prohibition is an indication of the backward gaze of this convention and is in striking contrast to the declarations of Seattle labor, where prohibition has been in force for two years, and where the state prohibition measure is credited with adding both reason and dignity to labor and labor's cause.

A platform declaration favoring a 6 per cent profit to industries, all above that being diverted into wages to employees, was amended to read a "fair and reasonable profit," whatever that means. So it appears that this pseudo "labor" party has safely guarded the bosses interests and the principle of the exploitation of labor by the parasites who have sucked labor's blood down through the ages.

By and large it's a great labor party.

The Seven Suspended Federations Speak Again

To the Members of the Socialist Party:

The undersigned, the translator secretaries of the seven suspended federations, issued a statement, dated June 2, setting forth the facts of an effort by the national executive committee to disrupt the party rather than accept the mandate of the membership for a new party policy.

A referendum has been initiated to set aside these ruthless acts of party destruction; namely, (1) the expulsion from the party of the state of Michigan, (2) the suspension of the seven federations, and (3) the refusal to tabulate the referendum votes, thereby keeping the newly elected officials out of control. Seconds are asked for this referendum.

At this time the national office is circulating all the locals, urging them not to support this referendum. The N. E. C. saw fit to criticize the federations because recommendation was made by some of their executive bodies of candidates in the party elections who were known to be in favor of uniting the party with the Communist International. This was simply open support of a policy of revolutionary socialism, and an attempt to supply information and guidance in regard to a list of candidates unknown to a non-English-speaking membership. Now the N. E. C. itself assumes to advise the members how to vote on a crucial matter and it does this entirely on the basis of private information not yet subjected to any investigation.

Of course, that these federations are committed to the left wing position in the party, is freely and gladly admitted. But there have been certain assertions and insinuations with regard to the party elections and the referendum voting which came before the N. E. C. in form of a speech by a man by the name of Gerber from New York, and that is the whole case so far as the N. E. C. is informed.

As a matter of fact, the only "irregularity" about the party elections was that the reactionary officials of the party were defeated by tremendous majorities. Of the suspended federations, two had taken no official action in relation to the election. The others, through their regular execu-

tive bodies—though the charge is brought against the translator-secretaries—recommended the election of candidates committed to the left wing program. Information was given as to the individuals on the ballots, the names being unknown to many of our non-English-speaking comrades. As to the ballots, some of the federation branches received none and many of the federation branches could not obtain nearly enough for their membership, so that recourse was had, in some instances, to voting on slips of paper. Otherwise there was, no doubt, some secretarial assistance given to members who could not read or write English, and it seems that something criminal is to be made out of this. But the fact is that the only real difference between the federation votes and those of other branches was that there was a better agreement among the federation members in support of the left wing candidates. That is the sum total of the criminality in the elections.

Since our previous statement, we learned of the first steps in a deliberate effort on the part of the party officialdom to destroy our federations. Firing the federation secretaries out of the party headquarters shows the true character of the "suspensions." Now we learn of various attempts to "re-organize" branches within the federations—attempts to use the ousted "social patriots" as scabs in order to make an appearance of opposition within the federations to our stand for revolutionary socialism.

Traitor elements are being welcomed back into the party. It need not surprise the party membership if the Polish and Czech-Slovak nationalistic groups, which left the party on account of the St. Louis platform, now come back as the faithful supporters of the reactionary officialdom. Diplomatic "conversations" have begun, and such an alliance would be in perfect accord with the fundamental attitude of the N. E. C. Of the seven who voted to suspend the federations, four were themselves among the "social patriots," and the three Centrists who joined with them have shown their inability to respond to the revolutionary spirit of the over-

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"KICKED OUT"

The Socialist Party of Massachusetts has just been "kicked out" of the national organization by the despotic national executive committee. The reason given is because the Left Wing program was endorsed at its recent state convention. The party autocrats argue that endorsing the Left Wing program is a violation of the constitution in that it means the adoption of a platform not in conformity with the national platform of the party.

We want to give this assertion the "lie" and finally bury it so effectively so that not another party member can be fooled by it. The Left Wing program is, in the first place, NOT A PARTY. It is NOT AT ALL INTENDED for propaganda purposes among the rank and file of the Socialist Party and is simply a program in which is stated in clear and definite terms the kind of tactics and principles the Socialist Party must adopt if it is to be a true Socialist organization and not a Scheidemann party, a traitor party.

Asserting that the Left Wing program and its endorsement is a violation of the Socialist Party platform IS A LIE. The Left Wing program endeavors only to show the party membership the way to that kind of Socialist action which will mean victory for the workers in Russia and not defeat for the workers as in Germany.

The real intention, the real purpose of the despotic national executive committee in expelling and suspending these tens of thousands of members is to CONTROL THE COMING NATIONAL CONVENTION.

New York and Pennsylvania are the only states which have representation to the national convention is based upon last year's membership in each state. Michigan, one of the expelled states, will have six delegates at the convention. Now that Michigan is expelled, these six delegates will be elected, not by the thousands of members who paid dues last year and should be represented, but probably by about 150 members which the national office will recognize at the state organization in Michigan.

Massachusetts is entitled to 14 delegates. These delegates will now be elected, not by the Massachusetts membership which paid dues last year, but by a few branches representing very few members which agree to the action of the despotic national executive committee. In other words, every time a state is expelled the despotic national executive committee captures its national convention delegates because it recognizes that state from those Socialists who stand for the acts of the party autocrats.

New York state has been captured in this way. However in this state the national office will not recognize the party autocrats.

Otto Branstetter was sent into Michigan to reorganize that state for the party despots. He returned to the national office with a report that a local of seven members was the only result of his trip, the English locals and branches being a unit in their opposition to the tyrannical acts of the national executive committee.

ATTENTION TO THIS—CAUTION. The national secretary, knowing that he is carrying on a losing fight and realizing that he lacks argument, is beginning to indulge in personal attacks. He has several times up to now called Alfred Wagenknecht employed in the national office, until he was discharged for being Left Wing, a thief. He has called L. E. Katterfeld almost everything he could lay his tongue to. We caution you not to allow an attack upon comrades, mainly personal in nature, to mislead you. Always keep in mind the principles involved in this party controversy.

A. WAGENKNECHT.

reign of terror, but says he has talked with numerous comrades and they agree that we have them among us. He is repeating the same old lie he would give us the names and OCCUPATIONS of those suspicious minded comrades, one's manner of gaining a livelihood is said to influence one's way of thinking.

Germer cites as "Un-Socialistic" and heartless the fact that certain units of the party (he calls them the Left Wing), repudiated the amnesty convention, and asks, "Who were those 'revolutionary mass agitators' during the war?" I admit the repudiation of the amnesty convention was, possibly, a tactical blunder, as it placed the representation at such convention more surely in the hands of reactionaries. But I insist that this repudiation was largely the result of resentment caused by the open attempt of the N. E. C. to prevent a National Party convention universally demanded. The allegation that Left Wing supporters did not suffer through wartime persecutions rebounds to the discredit of the maker when we remember the names of Frania, Wagenknecht, Rutenberg, Stanley Clark, Emil Herman, Sam Sadler, Gene Debs, Hulet M. Wells and scores of others who are now doing time in prison, or, having done their bit, are now out and waging an uncompromising fight for working class domination, bitter opponents of middle class reformism. Emil Herman from his prison cell, repudiates the autocracy of the N. E. C. He demands to be recorded as voting NO on their every un-constitutional action, and protests their disorderly conduct in counting him as "present" in order to make up a quorum whereby to jam through their raw deal. This illegal act of disregard for the well being of imprisoned comrades is an unparadonable insult to every member of the working class. That some comrade had sufficient regard for the well being of these immediately dependent upon him to cause him to forego the empty honors of a nomination for chairman of the Socialist ticket and choose to stick by his job is an example of remarkably good judgment—one worthy of being copied.

If congress and the state legislatures are using the terminology of

the national executive committee and city executive committee and the despotic national executive committee was spared the job of expelling the state organization. New York has 32 delegates to elect for the national convention. The party members will readily see just what the nefarious plans of the despots are, in the light of this information.

Before the national convention meets Ohio and Washington state will probably also be expelled. Washington endorsed the Left Wing program by a referendum vote. Ohio endorsed the Left Wing program at its recent state convention. The result of it all will be that the despotic national executive committee and its dupes will sit in judgment upon its own acts at the national convention, will O. K. these acts and manipulate the convention so as to make it impossible for the rank and file to voice its sentiments.

It has already planned to deny the rank and file to voice its disapproval of the acts of the national executive committee in throwing out nearly half of the party by holding up the call for a national referendum upon these acts, which call has been seconded by locals and branches representing more than 10,000 members, enough members to carry the referendum. Never in the experience of Socialists in the party since its organization have such shameful and despicable acts been perpetrated upon the rank and file of the party as these of the despotic national executive committee. Shall the Socialist Party be wrecked by these autocrats? It is for you to answer.

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Party News and Views

ORDER NOW!

Orders for municipal platform should be placed with the state office at once. The platform referred to is that adopted at the recent state convention and which, if the referendum of the membership favor it, will be the official municipal platform of all locals entering the municipal campaigns this fall. The platform was printed in the last issue of the Ohio Socialist.

We cannot make a price at this time, but we assure you that it will be low enough so that every local can make a thorough distribution. Let us know how many thousands you can use.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This serves as official notice to all locals that the last day for filing municipal tickets is September 4th.

Go to the board of elections at once. Get official blanks upon which to gather signatures. Secure as many signatures as you can. Make it many times the number necessary; and file these signatures and the names of your candidates BEFORE September 4th. Only 45 days left to work in. Get busy AT ONCE.

GET A BALLOT—VOTE

State referendum "A," 1919, has been mailed to all locals in Ohio. This referendum pertains to the election of a state secretary and a state executive committee. Every member is advised to attend the next local meeting, get a ballot, and vote.

Local and branch secretaries who have not received a quantity of these ballots by this time should notify the state office and the shipment will be duplicated. If you need more ballots, let us know.

State referendum "B," 1919, is in

RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PASSED BY LOCAL DEMING, NEW MEXICO

To the members of the Socialist Party throughout the United States:

Whereas, through the minutes of the national executive committee, carefully read and digested by us, we find upwards of 40,000 dues paying members of the Socialist Party have been expelled from the party on what appears to us to be flimsy grounds, and

Whereas, these 40,000 comrades were given no trial whatsoever nor were they allowed to admit nor

stand of the Scandinavian translator-secretary and if it is the intention of the present N. E. C. to expel every radical in the Socialist Party that we invite them to include New Mexico in their sweep, and be it further

Resolved, that we deny the implication by Stedman on page 16 of the N. E. C. minutes that the Socialist Party is primarily a political organization, but on the contrary hold that we are primarily an organization of CLASS CONSCIOUS workers with our primary object the overthrow of capitalism and the institution of the co-operative commonwealth, with politics only a means to an end—not the end itself, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the national secretary, the state secretary of Michigan and to each of the seven language federation secretaries, to the Ohio Socialist, Oakland World, Proletarian, Revolutionary Age, New York Call, and Milwaukee Leader.

T. E. PENDERGRASS,
L. R. GRAVES,
Local Deming, N. M.
Mrs. C. M. Calkins, Secretary.

Resolved, that we condemn in emphatic terms this plain attempt on the part of those members of the N. E. C. who represented nothing more nor less than the Scheidemann-Ebert-Kerensky petty bourgeois Socialism to lineup our party with the reactionaries above mentioned and to betray the Russian and Hungarian revolutions, and to endanger the working classes in every other country, and be it further

Resolved, that we demand that the complete vote as cast on referendums B and C be at once tabulated and published and that both the old N. E. C. and the new N. E. C. meet with the delegates to the national convention to settle all claims to their respective offices, and be it further

Resolved, that the action of the present N. E. C. in expelling the state of Michigan be rescinded and the Russian, Lettish, Lithuanian, Ukrainian, Hungarian, South Slavic and Polish federations be restored at once to full membership so that they

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the mails. This referendum pertains to the election of delegates to the Emergency National Convention to be held in Chicago, August 30th.

State referendum "C," 1919, is now in the hands of the printer. The balloting in this referendum will be upon the acts of the recent state convention.

REMEMBER

A. A. Hennacy in the county jail at Delaware, Ohio. A. L. Hitchcock in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Remember them. Write them a letter. Drop them a postal card.

The comrades at Cambridge will place a full ticket in the field. Local Youngstown has begun its municipal campaign, Secretary Catlin already being busy writing for speakers.

ORGANIZER WANTED

The state secretary of Minnesota desires a competent organizer for a month's work. Address Chas. Dirba, 1217 Hennepin ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary G. Waters, literature agent of Local E, Liverpool, has ordered a selection of pamphlets on sale at the state office. Very good sign. More literature agents have awakened to their duties within the last month than for several years past.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

All money derived from the sale of special national convention assessment stamps must be sent to the state office. This by order of the state convention. This applies to language locals and branches as well as English locals.

Say, Comrade Member at Large, how about your dues? Paid up?

Local Fremont makes inquiries about engaging a speaker. Socialists will carry on a warm municipal campaign in Fremont.

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Wm. M. Brown has favored the state office with a remittance of \$12.50 a month for many months past, asking us to use the money for whatever purposes we deem best. At present we are placing it in the press fund.

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There are several strikes on at Piqua. Eight hundred men at the Favorite Stove and Range Co. are out. Strikers are joining the Workers' International Industrial Union by the hundreds. Socialist Mayor Hamilton is lending what assistance he can.

Portsmouth local has decided to place a municipal ticket in the field. There are good chances of winning the city in this Ohio river town.

MASSILLON SOCIALISTS.

Secretary Nick Weltlich desires your co-operation for the purpose of placing a municipal ticket in the field. Attend the next meeting and prove yourself not yet ready for the embalmers.

The best thing you can do every day is to do a little for Socialism. Do THIS RIGHT NOW—PAY YOUR DUES.

Walter Conradi has been elected literature agent and reporter for Local New Bremen. His first act was to secure a list of pamphlets for sale at the state office.

How about the literature agent of your local? Is he filling his office with credit? Does he ever appear at local meetings with pamphlets and books for sale?

Herbert Knecht orders 200 "Crimes of the Bolshevik" to sell at the Guernsey County picnic, August 10th. Frank Martin will be one of the speakers at this outing and an effort is being made to secure Chas. Baker also. A special attempt will be made to get contributions for the press fund.

H. A. Hedden, of Michigan, will represent the Ohio Socialist at the national convention, August 30th.

Three new Polish socialist branches have just been organized in Ohio, one each at Youngstown, Maynard, and Fairpoint.

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HERBERT KNECHT.

New Mexico Bulletin

W. B. Dillon, State Secretary, Albuquerque, N. M.

Comrades of New Mexico:

After repeated efforts to induce you to nominate for state officials and receiving only one full nomination and two endorsements for myself as state secretary, I gave it up and notified Local Carrizozo that the ticket they had nominated would go as the state official roster since the remainder of the state seemed not to care enough to nominate at all and Local Carrizozo with its membership of 50 would easily elect their own ticket.

Local Carrizozo nominated S. Parks of Las Cruces as an executive committee member, but as this former comrade's local has not paid dues within the required time, his nomination was void. Besides, he acknowledged over his own signature to Comrade W. P. Metcalf that he had joined the Social Democratic League, fostered by the New Appeal while still under the narcotics of Wilsonian Socialism, and went even further by attempting to have the S. E. C. nullify the state ticket last fall.

Well, I wish I could go where I could raise my own grub and could tell the tailors to go to—your know. We wish you every kind of happiness and well being, our Indian comrade, and perhaps it may come to pass that the land of the Aztecs may spring into being again the far flung civilization for which it was famed, and which the gold and power mad Spaniards razed to the ground in their hollow mockery of eastern civility.

Darned if I ain't beginning to be ashamed of my American compatriots. It seems that every country under the sun except the U. S. A. is looking upward and onward, but we free born fools still imagine that the sun rises and sets in the dollar bill, and that without Wall Street the country will go to hell. And at that I believe we at best deserve it. If we didn't have Oily John Rockefeller and Banker Morgan and a few more of these highbinders to watch over and care for us, we never would be able to grow corn or wheat, the sun wouldn't shine at all or the tides ebb and flow, and these damned Bolsheviks would come over here and induce us to keep the prod of our labor instead of dividing it with the above mentioned gentlemen who need it.

Oh, punk! This report goes to you during the time of the greatest crisis in our party history. The N. E. C. has thrown out of the party something like 40,000 members without a trial or charges which at best deserve only severe condemnation. The whole state of Michigan and seven language federations were fired bodily. I have submitted the whole question to the S. E. C. and Locals Deming and Carrizozo for their action. The matter is such that I could not submit it to each member at large, but I ask each member at large to go into the matter through the information in the various papers available to them, and let me know what they think about it.

Personally, I condemn without equivocation this act of the N. E. C. as the most arbitrary and despicable act in its history, and I waited patiently until I had every explanation that they had to submit. Perhaps I am wrong, but for the past year I have been coming slowly to the opinion that our national officials were either incapable of expressing the growing revolutionary spirit of the American workers, or worse, were preparing to line up the party with the Scheidemanns, Kerenskys, Thomases, Hendersons and other reformists.

I am no blood and thunder revolutionists who sees no good whatsoever in political reforms, and if Michigan really meant to prevent any and all such reforms they should have been warned that their action would be taken before the coming national convention, but to prevent any and all participation in the selection of delegates to the convention by first expelling them and then reorganizing the state with only the reformers in the state is the grossest of crimes against every Socialist ethic. In fact, it savors so strongly of personal animus and political chicanery that I am compelled to believe that it was and is a deliberate attempt to retain control of the party machinery in spite of the evident intention of the membership to swing to the left.

I am leaving tomorrow for New York to attend the conference of the Left Wing sections of the party. I am not sure that I want to align myself with them, so I am going there to get into personal touch with the leaders of this section of the party. However, I will state frankly that unless there is something unduly the propaganda of the Left Wing sections that does not appear in their programs and their personal letters to me, I will very likely come back strengthened in my resolution to support only such sections of the party as follow the lines of the class struggle, strictly and rigidly.

Class lines are being drawn so tightly nowadays, comrades, that to attempt to blur them only confuses the issue. Let the Gompers element amongst the workers support capital; let you and I and every other real Socialist fight it out along strictly working class lines.

Remember, that compromise spells disaster. Remember Kerensky in Russia and Scheidemann in Germany. Don't lose your head, but don't make the mistake of playing capital's game of crushing everything in opposition to you unless you know that opposition to be capitalist in nature. Every section of the party should remain inviolate until a convention settles the matter. No seven members have the right to expel nearly half the party.

New Mexico is small in membership, but let us show that we are large in class consciousness and next STAND BY THE LEFT WING! So far they have proven their ability all over Europe.

LENINE, TROTSKY, BELA KUN, LUXEMBOURG, LIEBKNECHT, LONGUET, MacDONALD, DEBS, KATE O'HARE, compare them with SCHEIDEMANN, KERENSKY, THOMAS, HENDERSON, SPARGO, BENSON, et al. and then choose which you want to follow. I do not want to compare Germer, Berger, Steadman, Work, et al. with the Social patriots last mentioned above, but I am sorry to say that they are gradually compelling me to do so.

If you are lucky enough to have the speeches of Germer, Berger, Engdahl, Kruse and Tucker before Landis before being sentenced, compare the fire and scathing contempt of Engdahl, Kruse and Tucker's speeches with the cold, methodical arraignments of Berger and Germer. There you have the revolutionary fire of the crusaders against the passionless non-resistant who is content to let matters gradually straighten themselves out. It is a test, comrades, which goes much deeper than you think.

If you had ever seen all of these comrades in action as I have seen them, you would better understand what I mean. Kruse, Engdahl and Tucker are calm and cool when delivering the finest broadsides—Germer and Berger both set hot. Debs cuts into the very vitals of capital, yet seldom has any one ever seen Debs mad.

Think it over. W. B. DILLON, State Secretary.

Local Louisville Kentucky Calls Acts of N. E. C. Traitorous

Whereas, the national executive committee has suspended foreign federations with a membership variously estimated from 25,000 to 36,000, and Whereas, said national executive committee has failed to give any adequate reason for said suspension, and Whereas, we believe that the expulsion of the above mentioned language federations was prompted by the national executive committee's desire to interfere with the election of the proper delegates to the coming emergency national convention, and Whereas, the aforementioned act of the national executive committee is an attempt at party treason inasmuch as said act is an attempt to break the unity of the party and therefore weaken our attacks upon the master class, and Therefore, be it resolved, that we, Local Louisville, in regular business session June 7th, 1919, do hereby express our most emphatic protest against this dastardly attempt to disrupt the party and divide our strength before the enemy, and we also hereby serve notice on each and every member of the national executive committee who are guilty of the aforementioned treacherous conduct, that we will not forget your actions and will do all in our power to see that you will never again be entrusted with a position of power or importance in this party, and if further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the national executive committee and to the Ohio Socialist for publication. F. A. HUBER, Local Secretary.

A Dough-Boy Ditty

Favorite song of the American Army of Occupation, somewhere in Germany. (Air, "Silver Threads Among the Gold.")

"Darling, I am coming back— Silver threads among the black— Now that peace in Europe nears, I'll be home in seven years. I'll drop in on you some night, With my whiskers long and white— Yes, the war is over, dear, And we're going home, I hear! Home again with you once more, Say—by nineteen-twenty-four. Once I thought by now I'd be Sailing back across the sea; Back to where you sit and pine, But we're stuck here on the Rhine. You can hear the gang all curse— 'War is hell, but peace is worse!' When the next war comes around, In the front rank I'll be found; I'll rush in again pell-mell, Yes I will—I will like hell!"

—The Watch on the Rhine (published by American Occupying Forces)

SNAPPY SAYINGS FROM PRESS FUND CONTRIBUTORS

I enclose check for \$6.20. This is the second installment from our collection box which we are donating to the press fund. Am glad to learn that you are pleased with results so far, and hope they may keep increasing until the \$10,000 is raised. W. N. PATTERSON, Sec'y Local Zanesville, Ohio.

And there's plenty of cause for enthusiasm in this matter of securing a press and printing plant for the Socialist Party. Nothing can prove so valuable to us in our propaganda work as it will. Everybody hustle a bit and we will soon have it.

FROM A CONSTANT BOOSTER. Three dollars from himself and two from friends for the press fund is what Comrade V. Topov of St. Louis sends in. Comrade Topov is one of our very best boosters. He also ordered 300 copies of the O. S. for distribution.

MORE IF NEEDED. A dollar and fifty cents comes from Comrade Alex Van Gundy of Cheyenne, Wyo. Comrade Van Gundy says he will send more "live wires" throughout the country, he is just bound that we shall have that printing plant.

FROM A MICHIGAN REBEL. One of our best boosters in Michigan is Comrade E. Vanderost of Kalamazoo. He not only secures renewals and new subscriptions for the Ohio Socialist, but helps us buy our printing plant too, by contributing a dollar. Comrade Vanderost is always on the job at every opportunity to work for Socialism.

KEEP POWER WITH RANK AND FILE. "We must never allow the power to fall from the rank and file," writes Comrade M. A. Mann of Oneonta, N. Y., in a letter received wherein he scores the N. E. C. for expelling thousands from our party. He helps to keep the power in the Socialist Party where it belongs by contributing a dollar to the Ohio Socialist press fund.

NEVER TOO LATE. Expressing the hope that he is not too late to help, Comrade Chas. Hames of Toledo contributes a dollar to the press fund. "Will do the best I can to support the Ohio Socialist," he writes.

A FEW MORE BOOSTS. "Enclosed find a few more boosts to help us along the way," is what Comrade Mrs. Fred L. Thompson writes in her letter which enclosed two dollars from herself and a friend, and also one subscription.

HARD AT WORK FOR THE PRESS FUND. At the state picnic Local Youngstown, O., pledged to raise one hundred dollars for the press fund. Now comes the cheering news from Comrade F. J. Catlin that the seven branches of the local are hard at work on the keeping of the pledge. Activities point to a going over the top of that pledge at a lively pace, sixty dollars having already been collected and great enthusiasm being shown by the comrades.

ONE SENTENCE SERMONS

Uncle Lark has a peculiar way of snatching a truth and driving it in with a thunderbolt. We quote a few: The reign of blood continues to rain on the just the same as on the unjust. Man's instinct to bow to injustice stinks the most horrible of all other sins. At the theater the fool looketh upon the screen; the philosopher, behind it. Laziness is a revolt of the flesh against exploitation.

"Universal Brotherhood" is the only healing balm that will ever make the world wound heal over. The appetite of justice seldom craves blood. Free thought must always precede free speech. If this is a "war of brains," after this war maybe we can enjoy a "brain" peace. Instead of "international brotherhood" the world is about to have "international" starvation.

It is a long jump from a "rented shack" upon earth to our "mansions in the skies." After the world war, fame will command the sea of oblivion to give up her dead. Autocracy's dying kick was the hardest kick that she ever gave. The caravan route across the great Sahara desert of militarism is marked with bones.

When some Russian workers were sent to jail. For asking his nation's pity, "Such rough scum should be shot," said he. But that was in New York City— And he wiped hot tears with a trembling hand. When he heard the peasants had "stolen" the land In Russia.

When a labor leader was falsely tried. The news was sweet nabisco; He shouted and sang in delirious joy, But that was in San Francisco— And you ought to have heard the things he said. When he heard that a count was poorly fed In Russia.

He heard of some people disfranchised and spured, And he was not inclined to be snippy; He thought very little about it, in fact, But that was in Mississippi— And he walked the floor and he beat the air, And he gnashed his teeth and he tore his hair, And his burden was greater than he could bear, When he heard of the same thing over there In Russia.

THE SEVEN SUSPENDED

whelming mass of the party membership. Unless the party members act quickly and decisively to rebuke these actions of the N. E. C., there will be some degree of confusion within the federation ranks. There will be organization and panic. Our work of organization may be set back years, because members may become disgusted with the whole party if a few officials are allowed to proceed in this high-handed way.

We warn our federation members against withdrawal from their present organizations. We are confident that the members of all other locals and federations will vote for our quick re-instatement. Meanwhile our work will go on just the same, and dues-stamps will be sold as before. The only difference will be the location of our offices. When it comes to the voting for delegates to the Emergency convention of August 30th, we will advise our members further as to our method of procedure.

Comrades, the real issue before you is one of "moderate socialism" against revolutionary socialism, against International against the Communist International. Do not let yourselves be deceived by the many unfounded assertions which are coming out of the national office. The men who did such disgraceful and destructive things to win control of the Emergency convention will say anything to surpass their acts.

The only crime of these federations is their firm adherence to revolutionary socialism, their oneness in spirit and understanding with the Bolsheviks of Russia and the Communists of all lands. To stand by these federations is to stand by real socialism in the United States. Everywhere the new spirit of the party is winning victories. All that is needed is quick action to make an end of the sabotage of a small group of unscrupulous reactionaries who would rather destroy the party than have it give up its opportunistic, anti-revolutionary reformism.

Support the referendum to reinstate our federations. Do not wait for the convention, but let every one know where the membership stands. Fraternally, (Signed) J. V. STILSON, Lithuanian Federation. LEO FRANKEL, Hungarian Federation. GEO. SELAKOVICH, South Slavic Federation. PAUL H. LADAN, Ukrainian Federation. OTTO PURIN, Lithuanian Federation. JOS. KOWALSKI, Polish Federation. ALEXANDER STOKLITSKY, Russian Federation.

"When our cause is all triumphant And we claim our Mother Earth, And the nightmare of the present fades away, We shall live with Love and laughter, And we'll not regret the price we have to pay."

GERMER'S BUM "BOMB" (Continued from third page.)

the Left Wing as an excuse for more repressive laws it is merely incidental. The master class is frantic with dread of the growing power of the workers, and repressive laws are the thing to be expected. Like the N. E. C. when it expelled a third of the organization, its very life is at stake and any kind of an excuse will do on which to hang a repressive measure. The implication that "mass action" is synonymous to mob action and violence cannot be made honestly, except by persons with distorted mentality. Nothing whatever can be done by a people or a class except it be an expression of the collective will, i. e., "mass action." Any violence which may occur is incidental and the result of MINORITY OPPOSITION. To advocate the capture of the powers of government through the ballot box is to preach MASS ACTION—of a sort. To advocate control of industry through industrial organization and the general strike is to preach mass action, or a combination of them, is certainly no more "incendiary" than the statement of Victor Berger who, some years ago, said: "One should not only vote for Socialism, but each voter should provide himself with a high power rifle and the necessary rounds of ammunition to enforce his mandate. But I have never heard it claimed that Berger is a paid hireling of capital 'trying to precipitate a new Haymarket.' The N. E. C. expelled 40,000 members who wanted Socialism instead of reform. Germer is trying to fight the remainder into sending delegates to the convention who will acquiesce in this high-handed manifestation of factiousness. He will fail; for no SOCIALIST, however timid, will ever endorse autocracy.

TOLEDO, TOO. Toledo, O. local comes to bat with a contribution of \$22.90 for the press fund. This amount represents donations from members of the local. We have not their individual names, so until we receive them we trust they will be content to accept our thanks through Comrade M. A. Toohy, secretary.

SLOVAK COMRADES IN ACTION AT BLACK TOP, O. A letter from Comrade John Moravek of Black Top, O., tells us that the press fund subscription lists have been placed in the hands of the "Sons of Revolutionary Socialism" and results will be forthcoming in very short while. The comrades are more than anxious to see the day when the Socialist party shall own its own printing plant and the O. S. become a daily.

HERE'S HOW! How to NOMINATE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES. 1. Nominations of candidates in municipalities of LESS than 2,000 population should be made by petition, signed in the aggregate by not less than 25 electors for EACH candidate. The same number of signatures are required for candidates for the school board. 2. Nominations of candidates in municipalities with a population of MORE than 2,000 must be made by petition, signed by at least 1 per cent of the electors who voted at the last preceding election. 3. Nominations for candidates for school boards in municipalities with a population of MORE than 2,000 must be made by petition, and signatures of not less than 2 per cent of the electors voting at the last preceding SCHOOL ELECTION must be secured. 4. Petitions must be filed with the deputy board of state supervisors of elections NOT LESS than 60 days previous to the day of election. 5. A committee of five to fill va-

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canies shall be named in the petitions. 6. Petitions must contain a provision that the signer will support and vote for the candidates thereon. 7. Signatures must be written upon petition in ink or indelible pencil. 8. One of the signers of a petition must make oath before a notary public that statements contained therein are true. 9. Petitions can be secured from the election board in your city. 10. Petitions should ALWAYS be filed ahead of time, that is, more than 60 days before the day of election, in order to avoid delay in case objections are made to signatures and so that you have enough time to secure additional signatures. 11. PETITIONS should always contain MORE NAMES than required in order that you may be sure that you have enough genuine signatures. 12. For further information of any kind about nomination of candidates by petition, see your board of elections.

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