

August 30th convention called by the National Council of the Left Wing.

(b) We concur in the call issued by the National Organization Committee of the Communist Party for a convention in Chicago September 1st.

(Signed) M. LOONIN, Secretary.

Los Angeles, California.
August 5th, 1919.

National Organization Committee.
Comrades:

We wish to notify you that we have severed all connections with the Socialist Party of California, and have voted to affiliate with the Communist Party of America, and will send delegates to the Convention September 1st.

Very truly yours,

South Slavic Branch, Los Angeles.

(Signed) JOHN VINKOVICH, Secretary

Note Local Los Angeles of the Communist Party includes many branches, and will send several delegates to the September 1st Convention. One of the delegates already elected is the former Secretary of Local Los Angeles, Socialist Party of California.

At their convention held in New Haven, thirteen Polish Branches of Connecticut adopted a resolution stating that they would send delegates only to the convention called by the National Organization Committee for the purpose of organizing the Communist Party.

The Lettonian Workmen's Association of Boston (the Lettish Branch of the Socialist Party) in its monthly meeting held July 20, endorsed the position of the minority of the Left Wing Conference and decided to ignore all other calls emanating from any faction of the old Socialist Party and to take part only in the Convention of the Communist Party called for September 1, in Chicago. Accompanying the decision to definitely repudiate all elements of the Socialist Party is a request to all other Lettish branches in the United States to take the same action. At the same meeting it was decided not to participate in the Special "Left Wing" Convention of the State of Massachusetts, to be held August 10.

COMMUNIST PICNIC

The Jewish Communist Branches of Chicago will hold a picnic Sunday, August 24th, at Milwaukee Woods. In order to get there take any car to Milwaukee Ave., thence Milwaukee Ave., car as far as it goes. Thence another Milwaukee Ave. car to end of the car-line where a committee will meet you.

Comrades!

The Call of the Third International has been answered by the formation of the Communist Party of America. The expense of the propaganda necessary to make that party a success must be met. The expenses of the convention that will finally draw up the manifesto, program and constitution of the Communist Party of America must be defrayed.

In the state of Michigan an assessment of one dollar per member has been levied to meet the expense of organization. That is not excessive and should be easily met.

We have not the space to make a full page appeal to you in this matter, even if it were necessary. The space in this paper is too valuable and must be used for other purposes.

We know that you are behind us and will see the need of funds and answer the call. ACT NOW! Make your contribution as large as possible. With your loyal support the future of the Communist Party of America is assured.

Make all checks and money orders payable to J. V. STILSON, Treasurer, 1221 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, Ill.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
DENNIS E. BATT, Secretary

COMMUNIQUE

The Finnish Federation has "endorsed" the "Left Wing." Germer, you're next!

The new National Executive Committee, having "admitted" the expelled groups, is now busy getting itself admitted.

The "new" N. E. C. had eight members in it, a majority of the total fifteen. What happens when one of this majority joins the staff of THE COMMUNIST?

A girl worker in a cap factory, in answer to a question, "Oh, no; the work isn't tiresome; when you have to work, you know, you don't get tired."

The race riot question is solved. The mayor, governor and packers have agreed that all negroes be fired from the stockyards.

Our friend Adolph has fired the manager of the literature department. Now, Adolph, why not complete the job by sending for the junk man?

A worker at Ford's auto plant was discharged last week for his activity in study classes, with the suggestion that he "leave the education of Ford employees to Ford himself." Query: Will Ford teach them U. S. History?

"What puzzles many of us is how any man can be an ignorant idealist and yet make \$20,000,000 a year."—Chicago Daily News.

Whadaya mean, make it? Henry don't make it; he gets it. The slaves make it.

This "new" National Executive Committee, having "re-instated" the expelled and suspended organizations, is surprised to find the old committee still on the job. Those "despotic seven" are real men, aren't they?

Kraft of New Jersey makes a motion in the N. E. C. to revoke the charter of the Socialist Party of Ohio. The principal charge is that the Ohio State Convention instructed its delegates to withdraw from the August 30 convention and attend the convention of the Communist Party on September 1, in the event that they failed in their efforts to capture the old party. Ohio might have saved itself considerable worry, expense and confusion by getting out while the getting was good.

It is reported that the Socialist Party Convention on August 30 will be held in the Machinists' headquarters. As we understand it, the old N. E. C. will call its convention on the second floor, while the new N. E. C. will hold forth on the first floor. Both sessions are scheduled to come to order at the same hour. Now, we would suggest that each provided itself with a reception committee armed with megaphones. The committee making the most noise would most likely win out.

PROSTRATE RUSSIA

God the all-merciful, Russia lies bleeding,
Stabbed by her traitors and mangled by foes;
Hear as we bend before thee interceding,
Look on her agonies, pity her woes.

Send forth Thy Word, that shall bring to the nations
Healing for misery, hope for despair.
Humbly we utter our heart's supplications,
Trembling we offer our penitent prayer.

Give them defense who were Europe's defenders;
Beating the Tartar aback from thy fold,
Battling for faith and for freedom contenders—
Recompense now for their heroes of old.

Thou wilt not answer our plea with rejection.
"Ask what ye will, what ye ask shall be done."
Give to her, chastened and saved, resurrection.
Father, grant this in the name of thy Son.
—Ernest A. Bell (Chicago Hell-Peddler)