

ist system. This spreading of knowledge must be the first consideration of the socialist, as the class struggle must be a conscious struggle and the majority of the workers must be convinced of the correctness of our position. With the understanding of the class character of the capitalist state comes the knowledge that the class struggle is and always has been a political struggle and the necessity for the working class to organize itself into a political party for the conquest of power.

The syndicalist and the socialist have this in common: That they both strive for the reduction of the state to zero and the "building of a new society within the shell of the old." The fundamental difference between the two is that the syndicalist naively strives to build the new society while the capitalist class controls the coercive power, and the socialist

aims to destroy that power first and then begin the "building" process.

Karl, Marx, at the close of his book, "The Poverty of Philosophy," states the socialist attitude on the outcome of the political state in the following words:

"An oppressed class is the vital condition of every society based upon the antagonism of classes. The emancipation of the oppressed class therefore implies the creation of a new society. In order for the oppressed class to be emancipated it is necessary that the productive powers already acquired and the existing social relations should no longer be able to exist side by side. Of all the instruments of production the greatest productive power is the revolutionary class itself. The organization of the revolutionary elements as a class presupposes the existence of all the productive forces which can be engendered within the bosom of the old society."

"The essential condition of the emancipation of the working class is the abolition of all classes, as the condition of the emancipation of the third estate of the bourgeois order was the abolition of all estates of all orders.

"The working class will substitute in the course of its development for the old order of civil society an association which will exclude classes and their antagonism, and there will no

longer be political power, properly speaking, since political power is simply the official form of the antagonism in civil society.

"In the meantime the antagonism between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie is a struggle between class and class, a struggle which, carried to its highest expression, is a complete revolution. Would it, moreover, be a matter of astonishment if a society, based upon the antagonism of classes, should lead ultimately to a brutal conflict, to a hand to hand struggle in its final denouement?"

"Do not say that the social movement excludes the political movement. There has never been a political movement which was not at the same time social.

"It is only in an order of things in which there will be no longer classes or class antagonism that social evolution will cease to be political revolutions."

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At the ranting and raving of James O'Neal  
For he and Germer—of mighty name—  
Are saving the party from traitors and shame.  
Kraft, the old war-horse, just loves to expel  
All insurgent states; they belong down in hell.  
Then we have Goebel, that patriot real,  
Who is proud to have worked for the New Appeal.  
And then comes the "statesman," a fellow called Shippy;  
Why, isn't he funny; he thinks himself witty.  
Dan Hogan and Holt both come from the South;  
They don't know a thing, but, MY, what a mouth!  
You've all heard of Stedman—now please do not smile—  
They say he's a lawyer and believes in "fair trial."  
From the East comes a man whom you all should proclaim  
As the greatest. He's Hillquit, of five-cent-milk fame.  
And last, but not least, comes Berger, who bellows  
"Hurrah for the Party, it's saved for the Yellows."

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF LOCAL UNION COUNTY, N. J., COMMUNIST PARTY**

On Thursday, August 21st, at 8 p. m., there will be a general membership meeting of Local Union County, N. J., Communist Party, at Lutven's Hall, 69 South Park street, Elizabeth, N. J.

This meeting has been called by the Ways and Means Committee of the Local, for the purpose of electing and instructing a delegate to the National Convention of the Communist Party (September 1). Other important matters concerning the welfare of the Local will be brought up for action.

The members of the affiliated branches should make it their business to attend this meeting. The members living in Plainfield should make arrangements to attend in a body.

Fraternally,  
J. BISTRAJIENE, County Secretary,  
W. GABRIEL, State Secretary.

**OFFICIAL**

The South Slavic Socialist Federation, through its Executive Committee, has decided to send a fraternal delegate to the Communist Convention, to be held in Chicago on Monday, September 1. By this action the Federation severs all connection with the Socialist Party and urges all South Slavic branches to send delegates to the above convention.

GEORGE SELAKOVICH, Translator-Secretary.

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I, the undersigned, recognizing the necessity for the organization of a Communist Party in conformity with the call issued for a convention to be held in the city of Chicago, Monday, September 1st, 1919, hereby make application for membership in said party.

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