

'Clarity' Splits New York Yipsels

Join with Right Wing to Expel 11 Revolutionists

(Continued from page 1) tion organ, the Socialist Call of today. Clarity had a dual motive:—to carry out Altman's campaign where Altman could not himself wage it; to scotch a left wing majority at the National Convention of the YPSL.

When the Clarity-right wing bloc dropped the four Yipsels from League membership on Altman's demand after they had been rejected for Party membership, it set a precedent for illegal actions of this kind. However, the same formula could not be used in the instance of those who had been expelled from the Party by the Altman machine. Altman had stepped brutally upon Clarity's bunions in order to guarantee his two-thirds majority, and the Clarity caucus had cried out in pain that the expulsion was an illegal act, and not to be recognized by the Party membership. Though a section of the Clarity caucus, as revealed elsewhere in this issue, favored a change in its position on the expulsions, a majority prevailed against. But expel the left from the YPSL they must. Altman demands it. Clarity itself demanded it in the interest of security by hook and by crook an anti-Appeal majority at the National Convention.

Whole Left Wing Involved

A meeting of the DEC called for August 13 was deliberately sabotaged by Clarity. A formula had not as yet been found. That formula was discovered at a stormy session of the Clarity caucus on August 16. Charges involving every single Appealite, and many who are not members of the Appeal, were presented against the eleven on August 17, with a supplementary list held in abeyance for one week. On August 20 the expulsion vote was cast. Hardly a day wasted!

Thus, it can no longer be said that Clarity is moving towards a split. More correctly, Clarity, with its right wing ballast, has split the YPSL. The attempted expulsion, for it can only be an attempt to expel the League majority, dimaxes a series of crimes against League democracy which would require columns to detail. Beginning with a vicious inner-caucus document directed against the Appeal, some five or six months ago, Clarity has committed repeated acts of bureaucratic violence against the Appeal youth group, and consequently against the overwhelming bulk of the national League membership. These acts comprise

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in their totality a veritable Black Book. In many instances, so desperate is their anti-left wing campaign, they have shamed Altman with their methods. Not even Altman would have dared to rescind out of hand a referendum that been constitutionally demanded on the dropping of the four Yipsels.

Their methods are air-tight. First, they try to expel 200 or more members of the New York League. Next, they plan to suspend the whole state of California, which it undoubtedly will now that the California Party has been suspended. Between times they use their control of the apparatus to inflate their support. They cheat, or try to, one circle after another out of its proper representation. Then they come to the national convention, "confident" of a majority—if they can first guarantee the support of the right by taking severe enough measures against the left. Finally, they delude themselves with the vain hope that the Appealites, will be damn fools and revolutionary weaklings who do not utter a word of protest.

How they reckon without their host! Behind the Appeal stands the nation League membership. As daily the revolutionary elements in Clarity's ranks, disgusted with the capitulatory antics of its caucus leadership, join hands with the Appeal, that majority becomes more crushing. No more than the left wing tolerated disruptive tactics of the New York DEC, will the national League membership abide the machinations of the Clarity-right wing caucus. Expel, cheat, lie as that combination may, the League membership will be represented in Philadelphia in its proper proportions. And its revolutionary will will be done.

California...New York

The National Executive Committee, without even asking the left wing of California to state its side of the case in reply to the wretched falsehoods of Rodgers, has just voted (with the Clarity and Right wing leaders combined, as usual) to grant the Rodgers demand and to suspend the charter of the California state organization. An NEC sub-committee is being sent to California to "reorganize the party". It goes without saying that the left wing in that state will fight tooth and nail against this brazen usurpation and split move of the desperate Clarity leadership, which has lost the last shadow of support among the active membership in the party and youth organization.

Softness toward Right Wing

In significant contrast to the brutal decision against California, amounting to a condemnation of the left wing without a pretense of a hearing and showing that the Zam-Tyler-Delson group is capable of out-Altmaning Altman, is the decision of the NEC with regard to the New York situation. In spite of the flagrant violation of party line and constitution by the right wing administration, in spite of the sell-out virtually consummated by Altman and Thomas to the

Ohio Youth Votes Solidly with Left Wing

By Robert Stiler

An overwhelming victory for the Revolutionary Socialists was won at the State Convention of the Ohio YPSL held in Cleveland last Sunday, August 15th. Out of a total of sixteen delegates Clarity was represented by two. The convention demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that 90 per cent of the membership in the league in Ohio actively supported the political positions of the Appeal.

At the opening of the convention Clarity stated that any discussion on political questions would be futile since Appeal had an overwhelming majority, and asked the convention to limit itself to organizational questions. The Appealites pointed out that the party and the Youth was facing a crisis because of political questions and that it was the duty of every YPSL member to actively intervene in the struggle. The desire of Clarity to limit the convention to organizational questions at this time showed conclusively the political bankruptcy of the Clarity brand of centrism. However, even on this question Clarity could not remain consistent. When the political resolutions were offered Clarity did participate in discussion and suffered a decisive defeat on every political question before the convention.

A resolution calling for the Fourth International was passed with the two Clarityites voting against. After analyzing the current world situation and the bankruptcy of the existing international the resolution concluded in the following manner: "The appraisal of the past experience of the working class, the present crisis, and the perspective for the future, lead thus to the conclusion of the inescapable and immediate need for the regroupment of the revolutionary forces,

and the building of a new, Fourth International, based upon the principles, strategy and tactics of Revolutionary Marxism". The Clarityites in their usual attempt to circumvent any political questions, stated that they were for the Fourth International—but not at this time.

A resolution vigorously condemning the Right wing of the Party for splitting the S. P. and sharply criticizing the Clarityites for aiding the Right wing was passed with the two Clarityites voting against. The resolution also called upon all YPSL'ers to solidarize themselves with the expelled comrades of the Left wing and strongly condemned the attempts of Clarity to gerrymander the majority at the forthcoming convention of the YPSL.

On the American Youth Congress question the Clarityites voted against a resolution which called for a break with the reactionary, patriotic AYPC. The resolution passed with the Clarityites voting against. After the resolution on the AYPC the following motion was presented: "We demand that the NEC immediately issue an ultimatum to

the AYC stating that unless the following is done by the National Council of the AYC the YPSL shall withdraw its delegate to the National Council:

1. Repudiate and refuse to seat the delegates of the Italian-American civic league.

2. Repudiate invitations extended by Carey to other fascist organizations.

3. Withdraw the resolution against armed insurrection, repudiate the impartial aid to Spain and issue a clear statement that we are only in favor of aid to the Spanish anti-fascists.

4. Remove Governor Hoffman and all other anti-labor names from the sponsors list of the congress.

In spite of the convention of Clarity they could not deny the necessity of these demands. They passed unanimously.

The revolutionary Socialist position on the Role of the YPSL was passed as was a statement solidarizing ourselves with the Fourth Internationalists in Spain.

A regional committee of seven members, with disciplinary and policy-making powers was set-up. Comrade Stiler of Akron was elected Regional Secretary of the committee whose jurisdiction is to extend over the state of Ohio.

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La Guardia gang, despite the wholesale expulsions already undertaken, the "Clarity" NEC coos like a dove. It does not think for a moment of suspending the charter of those whom Zam and Delson call "betrayers of socialism". Not at all! The height of its audacity towards the right wing is reached by a decision to send a sub-committee to New York to.... "investigate the situation". Why wasn't the same moderation shown to California, where, with the very worst possible interpretation of what is happening there, the situation cannot seriously be compared with that prevailing in New York? The only answer is that despite all their talk the Clarityite leaders, in every real show-down, crumple up under the hammerings of the right wing. Whatever strength and power they have, they exercise in effect against the left wing.

It is in action that everybody is tested.

It is in action that the Centrist leaders of the Clarity group show themselves to be — Centrists, talking against the right wing and acting against the left.

The action on California shows the road the Clarity leaders are traveling.