

Left Wing Notes

THE Left Wing organization has decided to support the following nominees and ask all revolutionary Socialists to do likewise:

For the National Executive Committee, 1st District: N. I. Hourwich, N. Y., Edward Lindgren, Brooklyn, N. Y., Louis C. Fraina, Boston, Mass.

For International Delegates: I. E. Ferguson, Chicago, Ill., John Reed, N. Y., Louis C. Fraina, Boston, Mass., C. E. Ruthenberg, Cleveland, O.

For Executive Secretary of Local New York: Maximilian Cohen.

In view of the referendum on the State Executive Committee resolution to expel all branches and locals that have joined the Left Wing Section, all the branches and locals throughout the State should make arrangements to have Left Wing speakers state our case.

Left Wing speakers can be secured by communicating with Maximilian Cohen, Secretary of the Left Wing Section, 43 West 29th Street, New York City.

All Left Wing communications for this column should be addressed to Maximilian Cohen, 43 West 29th Street, and should reach him not later than Tuesday morning for insertion the same week.

Appeal for Funds for The N. Y. Communist

COMRADES: The Left Wing is in need of funds for the issuance of its paper; we have no dues paying membership and are solely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of comrades for our support. If you think our movement is necessary, if you feel that we must have public expression, you must come to our support. In the present crisis, more than ever before, we must keep in the field, our paper must be published. **WE NEED FUNDS.**

Cleveland, May 8, 1919.

Dear Comrade: Thank you very much for the check for \$10.00 for subscriptions. It is especially appreciated at this moment.

In regard to the May Day Demonstration and the attack made upon us by the agents of the exploiters, I wrote the story for the *Revolutionary Age*, and also sent an account which appears in this week's *Socialist News to The New York Call*. No doubt one of these will reach you.

At the present time the tools of the ruling class are trying their utmost to make use of the fact that in the fighting which resulted from the attack upon us, two policemen were hurt, to railroad Tom Clifford and me to the penitentiary for from one to fifteen years. The charge against us is assault with intent to kill, and the basis of the charge is a speech, or speeches, we made urging people to participate in the May Day Demonstration.

A gang, probably picked for the job, smashed our headquarters while the comrades were fighting against the gangsters and hoodlums, aided by police, who attacked them. Everything was smashed or stolen, and of course, we are working under difficulties just now. We have about a hundred comrades in the workhouse, most of whom, in addition to their days, have a fine included in their sentences, and we must raise \$2,500.00 to pay these fines so that they will not have to work them out at sixty cent a day, as well as to raise the funds to fight the cases still pending.

However, the fighting spirit of the movement is not killed. Last Monday we accepted 335 new members. Another day is coming and we will fight on until victory is ours.

Fraternally yours,
C. E. RUTHENBERG.

the "basic" industries are lost to Organized Labor. And the great mass of the unskilled workers, deliberately excluded from the ranks of the privileged skill workers of the Federation, had been recruited by the I. W. W., which abjured political action of any sort, and whose object was the conquest of the State by economic action.

The end of the European War leaves the great capitalists in command of the industrial world, and determined, if they can, to destroy labor organization for good and all.

This is the result of the votes of the workers who put the Democratic Administration in power.

To meet this menace a powerful movement has sprung up in the ranks of Union Labor, to form a Labor Party—a political organization which, by means of legislative reforms, will conquer power for the workers. Its program bears the marks of its historical genealogy—the psychology of the small property holder, and not of the proletariat.

The method of its organization shows once more American Labor's invincible trust in the vote, and in the possibility of "partnership" with the capitalist class.

Only after painful experience will Labor realize that the capitalist State is "nothing less than a machine for the oppression of one class by another, and that no less so in a democratic republic than under a monarchy."

Labor cannot enter into "partnership" within the capitalist State. Labor can only win the product of its toil by the overthrow of the entire capitalist system—nothing less.

[To be continued]

"Editor of THE COMMUNIST: The members of the 17th A. D. read Mr. Blumstein's letter in the May 8th issue of the COMMUNIST, with a great consensus of opinion that we are very fortunate to have had the presence of this individual in our camp, only as a spy; and the feeling is one of relief rather than dismay, at the loss of the best and only original "Minutes Stealer" in the organization.

"Mr. Blumstein claims that in publishing certain remarks of his, THE COMMUNIST 'blackmailed' him. Does Mr. Blumstein know what blackmail really is, or is it possible that the editor of THE COMMUNIST demanded that Blumstein turn over substantial parts of his private fortune as 'hush money'?"

"If Mr. Blumstein means to deny that he pointed out certain Party Members to a policeman, declaring that they are 'Anarchists and should be deported,' then to his other accomplishments he has added that of being a liar, because the writer can at any time produce the members whom he so attacked. It is possible that Mr. Blumstein was at the time in such a rage that he does not remember having made the statements. The writer would be quite willing to accept this explanation which is probably the true one, and it would also justify Mr. Blumstein's existence as a member of the outlaw executive committee of Local New York.

"Fraternally,
"JULIUS CODKIND."

2nd A. D. Kings has joined the Left Wing.

Italian Branch of the 2nd A. D., Manhattan, unanimously joined the Left Wing.

Regular meeting of the City Committee held May 11th, 1919.

Meeting called to order and Comrade Hammer elected as chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted with one correction.

Following credentials submitted and accepted:

Wm. Schachter and Dolgin, 17th A. D.

Halpern and Sirkin, Jewish Br. 3, Local Bronx.

Nesim and Pfeffer, 2nd A. D., N. Y.

Steinhilber and Reichenthal, Branch Ridgewood No. 1.

Scharf and Goodman, Branch 2, 5th A. D., Local Queens.

Camorda and Quintiliani, 2nd A. D., Italian.

The following communications were read:

A letter from Local Hartford that they voted for the Manifesto and send their greetings to us. Letter filed.

From Local Queens that the Executive Committee instructed its delegates to the Central Committee to express the intention of Local Queens to help the 17th A. D., to retain its membership, and to instruct the delegates to the State Committee demanding that the Berenberg resolution be submitted to a referendum at once. Communication referred to Executive Committee.

From the Lettish Branch, donating a money order of \$26.20 for the COMMUNIST. Accepted.

From Buffalo, with a contribution from Polish Branch, amounting to \$5.65. Accepted.

Leaflet from Cleveland referred to the COMMUNIST.

From five locals up-state asking for Left Wing speakers. Request has already been complied with and Gilow to go as speaker. Communication filed.

Executive Secretary's report:

Income for the month of April..... \$1,304 17

Expenditures 1,219 03

Balance \$ 85 14

Previous balance on hand..... 322 76

Cash on hand \$417 90

Subscription lists are coming in slowly and he suggests the issuance of pledge cards, and to advertise the COMMUNIST by getting out posters or placards. To initiate a referendum for the recall of the Executive Secretary of Local New York. The regular membership meeting was called for May 25th. To issue proclamation on the Peace Treaty. Branch Ridgewood donated \$20.00.

Executive Committee's report:

Recommendation to print 5,000 lists of the various nominees for the coming elections, and to advertise the COMMUNIST on the back of these lists. Concurred in.

That all delegates to City Central Committee secure referendum ballots for the debarred branches. Concurred in.

That City Committee concur in action of editors and business manager in printing COMMUNIST at Graphic Press at \$120.00. Carried.

That the letter from Gerber announcing the re-organization of the 8th A. D., be printed in THE COMMUNIST with necessary comment, and to instruct the suspended mem-

bers to stand firm and proceed with their business. Concurred in.

Motion carried that the same action be taken by all other suspended branches, and that the secretary send a letter to the 2nd A. D., advising them how to proceed when their branch is re-organized.

Recommendation that the basis for the Left Wing National Convention be the acceptance of the Left Wing Manifesto and Program with amendments and to work out a Constitution. Concurred in.

Motion carried that the latter parts of Section (C) and (E) on page 13 be stricken out from the Manifesto.

Recommendation that the delegates to the National Convention use their own discretion on matters they are not instructed in, always preserving the Left Wing principles. Concurred in.

Recommendation that the place for the calling of the National Convention be left to the committee called for that purpose. Concurred in.

Recommendation that the representation be one for every 500 members or fraction thereof without limitation as to maximum representation. Concurred in.

Recommendation to elect 12 delegates and three alternates. Concurred in.

Delegates elected are: Lindgren, Hourwich, Love, Paul, Watson, Wolfe, MacAlpine, Reed, Larkin, Cohen, Zucker and Gitlow. Alternates elected are: Hammer, K. Brodsky and Vaughn.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee with the Left Wing members of regular City Committee, proceed at once for the calling of a meeting of the Convention of all the Greater New York locals for the purpose of consolidating them into one local, and that it be done immediately.

Motion carried to call a membership meeting and elect there an emergency committee to function for the expelled members and branches.

Announcement that Local Queens donated \$5.00. That they will initiate a motion to stop the expulsion of members.

Motion carried to refer to the Executive Committee the selling of Martens' newly translated book "A Year of Proletarian Dictatorship," and the printing of the book by Bucharin.

Charges were preferred against Cornell; that he voted against the Left Wing on all propositions at a meeting of Local Kings. Charges referred to the Executive Committee Meeting adjourned.

FANNIE HOROWITZ,
Recording Secretary.

AS charges have now been preferred against Gitlow by the Right Wing in the Bronx, the Left Wing has dropped its investigation of him.

We are informed that owing to the inability of the Right Wing spies to get material, *The Socialist* will only appear once every two weeks, weather and other circumstances permitting.

This will be a great disappointment to many comrades who are awaiting with breathless interest for Berenberg to reach the Left Wing Manifesto and Program in his article "The Left Wing Manifesto".

We, ourselves, find it difficult to curb our impatience for further utterances from Louis Waldman as to what Socialism really is.

But perhaps as he is going on the barricades he will not have time for writing.

Speaking of barricades we would ask Louis is he going to fight like a tiger when he gets there.

We understand that the 2nd A. D. is going to hold a meeting for the purpose of instructing Julius S. Smith as to what is really transpiring in his Branch. If he has not time to attend Branch meetings, 5c a week expended on THE COMMUNIST will keep him accurately informed.

We are glad to learn from *The Socialist* that Pancho Villa is a Standard Oil bandit, as this probably accounts for why John D. Rockefeller was so opposed to the efforts of the United States to take Villa dead or alive.

As to *The Socialist* enquiry about how to get Marx' "Capital" for 50 cents, we wonder that the editors should need Marx when they have Waldman, who is going to give the state the railroads, coal mines, water-ways, telegraph and telephone lines. Poor old Charley Marx had an idea that the state would be abolished under Socialism.

The Right Wing has discovered that Comrade Max Cohen is not an American citizen. This is causing great indignation among the Semi-Comrades who have just taken out their second papers.

We want to make our position clear once and for all. Although we admit Max Cohen is at fault, we refuse to sign a petition to have him deported. Besides he informs us that if he had been a citizen he might have been an Alderman, and this decided him to remain in the outer darkness.

The statement of the Executive Committee of Local New York, concerning the Left Wing, reads like Babuschka Brezhnevskaya's appeal for intervention in Russia.

LEFT WING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

— ON —

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, at 1 P. M.

— AT —

MANHATTAN LYCEUM

66 EAST 4th STREET

NEW YORK CITY

TO ELECT AND INSTRUCT
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL
LEFT WING CONFERENCE