

Left Wing Notes

THE Left Wing organization has decided to support the following nominees and asks 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.

The following branches and locals have affiliated with the Left Wing Section:

- Local Queens: Entire Local.
 Local Kings: 6th A. D., Branch 2
 7th A. D., Branch 1
 9th A. D., Branch 1
 13th A. D., Branch 1
 14th A. D., Branch 1
 14th A. D., Jewish Branch
 23rd A. D., Branch 1
 All Russian Branches
 All Lithuanian Branches
 Minority Groups in all other branches.
 Local New York: 1st A. D.
 2nd A. D.
 3rd, 5th and 10th A. D.
 8th A. D.
 8th A. D., Jewish Branch
 All Russian Branches
 All Lettish Branches
 All Ukrainian Branches
 German-Hungarian Branch
 Murray Hill German Branch
 Estonian Branch
 Minority Groups in all other branches.
 Local Bronx: Entire Local.

The following are the Left Wing papers in New York:

Der Kampf (The Struggle), Jewish; *Novy Mir* (The New World), Russian; *Elore*, (Forward), Hungarian; *Robinik*, (The Worker), Ukrainian; *Uus Ilm* (The New World) Estonian.

The 2nd A. D., Manhattan, will hold an open air meeting at Rutgers Square, on Saturday afternoon, April 26th, at 2 P. M., to protest against the imprisonment of Debs. Prominent Left Wing speakers will address the audience.

Turning to the Left!

The following locals throughout the country have adopted the Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing:

- Local Boston, Mass.
- Local Rochester, N. Y.
- Local Buffalo, N. Y.
- Local Denver, Colo.
- Local Cleveland, O.
- Local Essex County, N. J.
- Local Tiffin, O.
- Local Duluth Minn.

The following states have been captured by the Left Wing:

- Michigan
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Ohio

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.

A meeting of Jewish Left Wing members will be held in the Forward Building, 175 East Broadway, on Sunday, April 27, at 1 P. M., to consider the report of the newly elected Organization Committee with regard to the Jewish Federation. All Jewish Left Wing Members must come.

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 com-

municating with Maximilian Cohen, Secretary of the Left Wing Section, 43 West 29th Street, New York City.

REGULAR membership meeting of the Left Wing Section, Socialist Party, held April 20, 1919, at Manhattan Lyceum, 64 East 4th Street.

Meeting called to order at 2 P. M. Gitlow elected chairman and Lindgren vice-chairman. About 800 members were present. An order of business was submitted, and with one amendment, to wit: that good and welfare be taken up before adjournment, was adopted.

A resolutions committee was selected, consisting of Wolfe, Cohen, Brodsky, Hourwich, MacAlpine, Lindgren, Blueglass, Pflanzner and Wilenkin.

A motion was carried to have the proceedings of the meeting interpreted into Russian by Himmelfarb for those Russian members who are not familiar with the English language.

The executive secretary reported that the inception of the Left Wing Section dates back to the joint central committee meeting, where a portion of the members bolted and then retired to another part of the building and held a meeting of their own. The Left Wing Section has now a membership of about 4,000 in Greater New York, and that various local branches throughout the nation have become affiliated with the movement. The report was accepted.

The financial secretary reported the total receipts, since the first membership meeting of the Left Wing, were over \$1,000. That the expenditures amounted to about \$700 and that there is a balance of about \$300. Report was accepted.

An appeal was then made by the chairman for a contribution, and collection was taken up, which netted \$329.43.

A message sent by Comrade Martens, who was unable to attend in person, extending his allegiance and support to the Left Wing movement, was delivered by Comrade Hammer.

The minutes of the city committee were read and accepted with one correction. A motion was carried to limit discussion on all questions to three minutes. The minutes of the last executive meeting were read and adopted. The resolution committee then reported as follows:

1st—May 1st resolution asking for a demonstration and strike on that day. The resolution was adopted by rising vote.

2nd—Lawrence strike resolution pledging moral and financial support to the Lawrence strikers. The resolution was accepted and a motion made that a collection be taken up. The motion was carried and a collection was made which netted \$143.65.

3rd—Political prisoners resolution—Declaring our solidarity and unity with imprisoned Comrades and calling on the members of our class to organize for the release of all class war prisoners; to oppose participation in bourgeois liberal amnesty conventions and to define our attitude on that question at the National Emergency Convention. Resolution accepted.

4th—Local New York resolution—that Left Wing members of Local New York support the nomination of Max. Cohen as the executive secretary of Local New York, and the nominations of Fraina, Hourwich and Lindgren as the delegates to the National Executive Committee and Fraina, Reed, Ferguson and Ruthenberg as the delegates to the International Congress. Resolution accepted.

5th—New York Call Resolution—to support the New York Call, provided that ownership and control of the New York Call is vested in the membership and that referendum on the question is taken immediately. Resolution adopted.

An announcement was made at this time that the Ukrainian Federation of the United States had joined the Left Wing. A motion was made to protest against the *Fonacru* calling itself a Socialist paper until it becomes Party owned and controlled, and to demand the removal of its name from the Party membership card. An amendment was made referring the matter to the City Committee, which was carried. The meeting then proceeded with the hearing of the resolutions.

6th—Socialist party—Demanding a referendum on the question of expulsion of party members and repudiating the reactionary measure of the State committee, and to stand behind every member, branch or organization expelled, and to express condemnation and contempt against those attempting to expel revolutionary elements. Resolution accepted.

7th—New York Executive Committee resolution—to instruct the membership of Greater New York to send full quota of delegates to the Conference of the Left Wing Section to be held in Boston in June. Resolution accepted.

8th—Instruction to Left Wing delegates—to empower the city committee to prepare and adopt all New York instructions for the guidance of Left Wing delegates to the Conference. Resolution accepted.

9th—On Mexico—pledging our class solidarity to the Mexicans. Resolution adopted and referred to the city committee for style.

A motion was then carried to instruct the city committee to draw up a leaflet on the Mexican situation and to submit same to the central committee for adoption. Recess was then had and the meeting reconvened one hour later at about 7:30 P. M. The last resolution was taken up.

10th—The New York Communist—approving the action of the city committee in issuing the New York Communist and pledging our moral and financial support to same. Resolution adopted. Comrade MacAlpine then submitted the need of money for the issuance of the Communist, and asked for financial support. A motion was carried to hold a Red Week for the benefit of the Communist and the *Jewish Kampf*, consisting of mass meetings, concerts, bazaars, etc. A motion was carried to elect a committee of three to devise ways and means of raising additional funds, the committee consisting of Comrades Solomon, Sacks and Volodia.

A resolution was then submitted asking that we endorse the *Kampf* as a Jewish Left Wing publication.

A motion was made to limit the sale of the Communist to Party members. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made to hold a parade on May 1st, starting at Rutgers Square and ending at Union Square. The motion was defeated.

The amendment to have a demonstration consisting of open air meetings was carried.

A motion was carried to send a telegram of good cheer to Debs.

A motion was carried to refer the election of delegates to the Left Wing Conference to the City Committee. Carried.

A motion was carried that the City Committee call a special membership meeting before the Left Wing Conference is held, and submit the names of the delegates elected and the instructions given them to be followed at that conference.

The 17th A. D. then reported that the Executive Committee on its own initiative dissolved their branch and then re-organized it. That no charges have ever been preferred against the branch nor did the Grievance Committee take any action at any time on that branch.

That the re-organization committee meeting was held on Sunday, April 20th, and that only Right Wingers were permitted to enter the hall and participate in the proceedings. That 35 members attended that meeting and proceeded with the election of new delegates to the central committee, electing 13. That prior to this organization meeting, on Thursday, April 17th, at a regular meeting, 10 Left Wing delegates were elected to the Central Committee to replace the others. That in view of the organization meeting, they anticipate considerable trouble at the next Central Committee meeting, and asked for a committee from the meeting to co-operate with them in this fight. A motion was carried to elect such a committee, and the following were elected: Reed, Cohen, Joseph Brodsky, MacAlpine, Hourwich, Carl Brodsky and Hammer.

The meeting was then adjourned.

New York, April 9, 1919.

Mr. Maximilian Cohen, 43 West 29th St., N. Y. C.
 My Dear Comrade Cohen:

I believe that I made it clear in the conference with your committee that there has never been a difference of principle between your organization and myself. I have stood for revolutionary Socialism, not only recently, but ever since I became an active member of the Socialist movement. And while it is true that my views, as those of the entire revolutionary movement everywhere, have become crystallized during the last four years into a more definite program, I can say for myself that I have been the same all the time.

Our differences have been in regard to tactics only. I was of the opinion that an organization as it exists here in New York—and I understand from your committee that nowhere else have such organizations been formed—would be a constant menace to the unity of the Party at this most critical time. I am fully aware that there are times when to preserve party unity under all circumstances means a sacrifice of principle. Thus, if the coming National Convention should declare itself against revolutionary Socialism, a split in the Party would be not only necessary but inevitable. But since I am still of the firm conviction that the party membership, in its overwhelming majority, stands with us, I thought that we took no chances in waiting for the convention to speak.

But now I am confronted with a situation, not a theory. The organization is in the field and if the split is to be avoided at this time it can be done only by so strengthening it that the conservative and opportunistic forces in the party will not dare to force expulsions or employ provocative measures. In this connection I must protest that certain comrades of the Right have exploited my refusal to join the organization of the Left by hurling attacks at the revolutionary principles. And the circumstances that my position in this regard has been misinterpreted and misused is not the least among the reasons that caused me to join the rank and file at this time.

Our tactical differences must disappear before the great task of transforming the Socialist Party of the U. S. into a powerful weapon for the emancipation of the revolutionary proletariat.

With fraternal greetings,

LUDWIG LORX.