

## We're Gonna be Expelled! Help!!

**I**N Albany last Sunday the State Committee undashed the Pink Terror. On that momentous date, which deserves to rank in history with St. Bartholomew's Eve, the State Committee followed the example of the German Majority Social Democrats in 1916, when they expelled Liebknecht and the Spartacides; they attempted to expell the Left Wing!

The resolution was carried by a vote of 24 to 17, with three delegates absent and Trachtenberg, as usual, not voting until he sees which way the cat is going to jump.

What do you think of that, Comrades? You'll have a chance to say what you think about it, because it will be submitted to referendum, thanks to Comrade Lindgren. Meanwhile, beware of the Pink Terror. Never go out at night without a copy of the Communist Manifesto in your pocket. If you talk in your sleep, be sure to look under the bed before you retire—one of Gerber's spies may be concealed there with a pad and pencil to take down your somnambulist mutterings. Do not trust the books in the Rand School Library—phrases have torn from their context!

It was an historic occasion. Several of the Rights took advantage of the opportunity to declare their solidarity with the Ebert-Scheidemann gang in Germany—although later, in order to offset the effect of the Pink Terror, the meeting passed a resolution bitterly condemning the "murder of Liebknecht and Luxembourg by the reactionary forces... supported by reactionary Socialists."

Comrade Waldman, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee, introduced the Liebknecht-Luxembourg resolution, but spoke against it as being too "vague"—not endorsing any one political party in Germany. He himself, he said, was heartily in favor of the Spartacides, and would endorse a motion to that effect. It developed, however, that Comrade Waldman had made the same objections to the resolution in committee; and Biedenkapp, the author, had requested Waldman to draw up a resolution definitely supporting the Spartacides—which Waldman refused to do.

Comrade Marie MacDonald said she didn't believe the charges made against Comrades Ebert and Scheidemann, and announced her conviction that "our Comrades are a real Socialist Government, and not responsible for the deaths of Liebknecht and Luxembourg."

Comrade Theresa Malkiel, in the course of a fearful attack upon the Left Wing, hinted darkly that "provocators are anxious to disrupt the Party in this country..."

"If it weren't for these provocators," she said, "in Germany, the Spartacan movement wouldn't have been formed, and our dear Comrades Liebknecht and Luxembourg wouldn't have been killed."

Proceedings were opened by the election of the new State Executive Committee, so that the gang might see just how much anti-Bolshevik sentiment it could count on. Only twelve votes were cast against the machine, so the Rights evidently thought they could go ahead.

It was in the late morning that Comrade Berenberg, with a pale, desperate face, read the fatal resolution. Poor Berenberg! We know what he was suffering; he was remembering how he gave us his office in the Rand School in which to draw up the Left

Wing Manifesto, and locked the door so his boss wouldn't catch us.

The debate lasted from morning until four-thirty in the afternoon.

Comrade Waldman, who was so hot for the Spartacides—especially the dead ones—made a speech that sounded like Solicitor Lamar telling the Senate about Bolshevism. The Left Wing, he said, had a secret organization in the Party. The Left Wing was seducing young members of the Party who didn't know anything about Socialism. The Left Wing was "capitalizing revolutionary enthusiasm." And finally, "the Left Wing was a bunch of cowards."

Comrade Theresa Malkiel said, among other things, "Here comes the Left Wing organization and takes the wind out of our sails. Where were these Comrades during the war? Were they out on the street corners advocating Socialism?"

But the most dramatic event of the day was the reading, by Comrade Gerber, of the minutes—full and complete—of the last



Getting the Left Wing minutes for Gerber.

meeting of the Left Wing City Committee, which had been stolen for him, no doubt, by one of his porch-climbers. Upon this, Comrade Esther Friedman was overcome with emotion, and declared that she was convinced that the Left Wing was a secret, low, vulgar, vile conspiracy.

Comrade Watson said that he stood for unity, but unity on the basis of the Left Wing Manifesto and Program. Comrade Boudine said that the resolution was the very thing to split the Party. The Left Wing, he said, was the natural outgrowth of conditions in the Party. He was with the Left Wing in principle, and was not opposed to the organization—although he did not personally believe in it. Comrade Biedenkapp made a spirited defense of the Left Wing.

"The Right Wingers," he said, "condemn the organization of the Left Wing, but they do not condemn their own wrong acts or their crimes, which have resulted in the formation of the Left Wing. The Left Wing is due to the political treachery of Meyer London and others. The action of honest Comrades in getting together to remedy abuses in the Party is not to be compared to this treachery..."

But it was Comrade Lore who threw the real bombshell into the camp of the Rights.

He declared himself a member of the Left Wing.

"I didn't before realize the necessity for a Left Wing organization," he went on. "But now I realize the necessity, and I have joined it. Every German local and branch in the United States is with the Left Wing, and will leave the Party if the Left Wing is expelled..."

The resolution was then voted on; following which Comrade Lindgren proposed to submit it to a referendum, a motion which the gang did not dare to vote down.

When news of the passage of the resolution reached the meeting of the Left Wing City Committee Sunday evening, they unanimously passed a vote of thanks, as follows:

"The City Committee of the Left Wing expresses its gratitude to the Right Wing for assisting our efforts by showing their hand so early in the game."

### THE STATE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION AGAINST THE LEFT WING

Whereas, the constitution of the Socialist Party of the State of New York provides (article 1, section 3) that members and locals of the Socialist Party must adhere and conform to the national and state platforms and constitutions; and

Whereas, the spirit and machinery on the Socialist Party provide adequate channels for the fullest and freest discussion of ideas through branch and Party meetings, the Party press, conventions, referendums, representative bodies and other mediums for the full exchange of opinions and sentiments; and

Whereas, in violation of the spirit of the constitution, an organization calling itself the Left Wing section of the Socialist Party has been formed, endeavoring to force the Party to take certain positions without making use of the existing channels, thereby diverting its energies and funds and paralyzing its activities, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New York State Committee of the Socialist Party is definitely opposed to the organization calling itself the Left Wing section of the Socialist Party, and to any group within the Party organized of the same or similar purpose; and be it further

Resolved, that the State Committee instructs its executive committee to revoke the charter of any local that affiliates with any such organization or that permits its subdivisions or members to be affiliated.

The sudden rise to power of the Hungarian workers was accomplished so quickly and completely that many doubted it. However, there is now no need for doubt—the bourgeois press reports that the Hungarian Soviet Administration has decided to nationalize women.