

# Left Wing Notes

**THE** Left Wing organization has decided to support the following nominee and asks all revolutionary Socialists to do likewise:

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 of 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.

A Joint District Meeting of the 8th A. D., Socialist Party, will be held at 122 Second Avenue, Thursday evening, May 22d, at 8 P. M. Very important business will be taken up.

At the last meeting of the Left Wing caucus of the Central Committee, Local Bronx, Benj. Gitlow, H. Bourgin, A. Winick, Dr. Glouberman and Roman Bluegrass were endorsed as the candidates for the City Committee from Local Bronx.

Owing to an error in the minutes of the City Committee of May 14th, Comrade Lore's name was inserted instead of Comrade Lovestone's as one of the delegates to the Left Wing National Convention. A donation of \$50 from Local Queens to the Left Wing was erroneously recorded as \$5.

The following locals have joined the Left Wing:

to 1880 was necessarily small, because the movement itself was overshadowed by other political movements. Still, at a time when movements in Europe very similar in size and importance were having an important effect upon the policies of various governments, the effect in America was absolutely nil.

Why? I have tried to point out in this series of articles the disastrous effect of political democratic ideology upon the growth of class-consciousness. Even after the capitalist class in America had learned that government is not carried on in legislatures, but in banks and Chambers of Commerce, the workers still believed that political democracy could solve the problems of the wage-earners. This belief affected and modified the revolutionary theories imported from Europe. And when it did not, the class-conscious workingmen's organizations soon found that the capitalist political parties, with their appeal to small property holders, were easily able to capture the labor vote from the Socialists.

And finally, although, as Sorge stated at the Hague Congress, "the foreign immigrants alone constituted the wage-earning class in America," they found themselves unable in any way to bring influence upon the government or the ruling classes—because they were foreigners.

This is as true today as it was in 1876—if not more so, on account of the war. The foreign workers in this country are virtually excluded from all participation in the government, although they constitute the majority of the American working class. Although naturalized citizens, the latest immigration laws nullify this advantage, because under them citizenship can be revoked upon conviction of having revolutionary ideas. Their organizations are powerless; their press is muzzled; the courts convict them of political offenses upon the slightest evidence, and Organized Labor—as typified in the A. F. of L.—bars them from the advantages of even the inadequate labor organizations formed to defend the workers' economic interests.

The present outlawing of Socialists in politics, because they are Socialists, indicates the answer of the democratic State to the political action of the class-conscious workers.

[To be continued]

## Help Your Comrades!

At least one hundred workers who participated in the Cleveland May Day Demonstration, have been railroaded to prison. So far as the ten, fifteen or thirty days that comrades must serve in the workhouse, those who are outside cannot help them. But we can see to it that not a single man or woman remains in the workhouse to work out the fine and costs which are part of all the sentences.

Under the unjust laws now existing, a man or woman who is poor and cannot pay fine and costs must remain in the workhouse to work out the fine and costs at the rate of sixty cents per day. In other words every sentence which includes a fine of \$25.000 and costs means that the prisoner will have to serve fifty or sixty additional days to work out that part of his or her sentence.

This must not be. The fines must be paid. In addition, the families of some of those who are in prison will be in need before their sentences expire. We must help them. They must not suffer. Send donations to C. E. Ruthenberg, 1222 Prospect Ave., Cleveland.

Locals Sandusky, Toledo, Youngstown, Akron, Hamilton and Zanesville, all of Ohio.

The United Lettish Singing Society held an entertainment at which \$33 was collected for the Left Wing.

Local Utica, N. Y., has adopted the Left Wing Manifesto and Program and revised its platform to conform with Left Wing principles.

Lettish Branch No. 1, of Local Bronx (185 members in good standing) has passed a resolution condemning the New York State Committee for having adopted "artificial means to attempt to throw out a considerable number of the Party members in the State of New York, which of necessity would force a split.

"Resolved, That members of the State Committee voting for the aforesaid resolution, do not and can not represent the wishes of the Party, therefore we call for a referendum to recall the following delegates: Samuel Orr, Esther Friedman, Marie McDonald."

Left Wing Branches in the Bronx are requested to second this resolution.

The 17th A. D. (unreorganized), will hold a discussion meeting on the Left Wing Manifesto on Thursday, May 22, at its headquarters, 1538 Madison Avenue. On Friday, May 23, Dr. Fredrick Blossom will lecture at the headquarters on Industrial Unionism versus Craft Unionism.

## TO THE JEWISH LEFT WINGERS

A send-off party will be held this Saturday evening at 8:30 P. M., for the Left Wing delegates to the Jewish Socialist Federation Convention, at the

Local Kings at its Central Committee, May 17th, joined the Left Wing and adopted the following resolution by a vote of 68 to 21:

Whereas, we desire to clearly place ourselves on record for, and openly and actively align ourselves with the revolutionary proletarian world over, as at present expressed by the policies and tactics of the Communist Party of Russia (Bolshevik), the Communist Labor Party of Germany (Spartacans) and other parties in harmony with them, be it

Resolved, That we, Local Kings in Party Membership meeting assembled this 17th day of May, 1919, adopt as our official expression the Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party, Greater New York; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge both financial and moral support to the Left Wing propaganda and organization, working to the end that the National Organization conforms with the policies of this Program; and be it further

Resolved, That all delegates, committees and officials of Local Kings adhere strictly to this Manifesto and Program; and be it further

Resolved, That Local Kings will not countenance or compromise with any half way measures, but that the change in policies and tactics must be complete, even if it necessitates the severance of relations with those constituting the right.

headquarters of the 8th A. D., 122 Second Avenue. All Left Wingers are invited! Admission 50c.

Arrangements are being made for a monster picnic on Sunday, June 29, for the benefit of the I. W. W. defense. Other organizations are being asked to keep that date open, so that there may be no conflict. The affair will be held at Liberty Park, Evergreen, Brooklyn.

At a meeting of the City Committee held on the 5th day of May it was decided to call a City Convention and that the basis of representation shall be:

"One delegate for every 50 members in good standing or major fraction thereof; that branches shall elect delegates directly."

You are therefor requested to send out a call to the branches instructing them to elect delegates to the convention on the basis decided by the City Committee.

The convention will be held on June 14th and 15th in the People's House and the order of business will be as follows:

Consolidation of Locals into a Greater City Local.

Taking action on Party Ownership of Press.

Taking action on the Left Wing.

Taking up the question of the re-organization of branches in Local New York.

Send the names of the delegates elected and the branches they represent to the secretary at the Queens Labor Lyceum, Myrtle and Cypress Avenues, Ridgewood, L. I.

A class in public speaking is being formed by the 17th A. D. The work will consist mainly of practice in the open air under the instruction and criticism of Henry Engles. There will be no charge. All members are urged to join.

The South Slavic Branch, New York, unanimously joined the Left Wing of the Socialist Party.

## The Telescope

If *The Socialist* pays a little more attention to the details of the make-up of *THE COMMUNIST* it ought soon to be a fairly presentable looking paper.

We are pleased to see that our stuff is striking home—the 6th A. D. is quite riled at "The Pink Terror" which is exactly what was intended. We aim to please.

Unconscious humor—The 6th A. D. resolving against *THE COMMUNIST*.

"Where were these strong men on May Day?" asks Joe Gollomb. If all accounts are true at least one strong man was up on the top floor of *The Call's* new building listening to the "crescendo of the cries of the women and children" who were being clubbed on the floors below by the uniformed thugs. Discretion is the better part of valor, Joe.

And we suppose the rest of them were out on the barricades along with Louis Waldman.

So Buffalo wouldn't stand for Claassen. Well it has been a long lane but it has turned at last.

The dread spectre of economic determinism now stalks through the ranks of the Right Wing. Listen to the voice of fear—"Who is the next to be proscribed?" asks *The Socialist*.

But there's always jobs in the Labor Party for advocates of municipal ownership.

Pathetic Figures: No. 1, Abe Beckerman resigning the 3rd, 5th and 10th A. D.

"I do not pretend to deal in any exhaustive fashion with the whole broad subject of Socialist principles and policy," says Algernon Lee in *The Socialist*. We hope that this new policy of candor will soon preclude the Ramo School.