

# 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.

Notice to All Branches of Locals New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Astoria and Bronx.

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 therefore 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, at Queens County Labor Lyceum, Cypress Avenue, Ridgewood, L. I. 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 reorganization of branches of 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.

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.

The Convention of the German Federation, held at Rochester, N. Y., on May 30-31, endorsed the Left Wing Manifesto and Program with the proviso that if the National Emergency Convention does not adopt this program the German Federation will join the Left Wing.

A motion was introduced that the Federation should contribute 5c per capita per month for the support of the Party press. A substitute motion to the effect that the Federation demand that the Party press be Party owned and controlled, and that until such time as this is complied with it withholds its support. The substitute motion was carried.

A resolution protesting against the expulsion of the Michigan State organization was carried, as was a resolution condemning the suspension of the seven Federations and the suspension or expulsion of other Party Branches or Locals. The Federation declaring itself in solidarity with those expelled or suspended. Details next week.

We suppose the German Federation will shortly be suspended from the Party on the ground that it is composed of "Huns."

At the National Convention of the Jewish Federation, held in Boston, Sunday, June 1st, sixty Left Wing delegates bolted the convention and formed a convention of their own. Details next week.

anti-Socialist, counter-revolutionary, reformistic body. The split with the I. W. W. in 1912, by the adoption of Article Two, Section Six, in the Party constitution, finally completely separated the Party from the revolutionary American proletariat, and forced out of the Party some of its best elements.

The Party platforms became so filled with reformist demands calculated to appeal to professionals and small property owners, that the Progressive Party adopted several of them in 1912. For the moment this did not effectually modify the Socialist vote; but when, four years later, under the threat of war, the Wilson Democrats adopted the same tactics, it proved fatal to the Party—the Presidential vote fell almost one-half.

The St. Louis War Resolution, forced upon the Party officialdom by the rank and file, gave promise of a new spirit in the Socialist movement, born of the shock of war. But how the Party officials and office-holders violated or apologized for the St. Louis Resolution, and what happened to the members of the rank and file who attempted to live up to it, reminds one of the leaders of the Second International, and the millions of trusting workers betrayed by them.

The War revealed the power of capitalist political control. Before it the political workingmen's parties disappeared, were overwhelmed by the parliaments in which they participated, by the machinery of political democracy which they helped to maintain.

(To be concluded)

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Each week's issue is ready for distribution on Thursday afternoon.

Come to the headquarters, 43 West 29th Street, Thursday, and get your bundle.

Now is the time to get the truth across. Make the Left Wing campaign among the rank and file a huge success by putting a COMMUNIST each week, in the hands of every party member.

Our motto is:—10,000 COMMUNISTS in Greater New York!

## SOCIALIST PARTY OF KENTUCKY—LOCAL HIGHLAND PARK

To THE NEW YORK COMMUNIST:

Whereas, the State Committee of the Socialist Party of New York has put a referendum to vote in the state, which if carried, will expel the Left Wing Socialists of that state from the Socialist Party, and

Whereas, the Executive Committee of Local New York, unwilling to await the outcome of the aforesaid referendum, is now preparing to "re-organize" all branches of that Local, said reorganization meaning the expelling of all members of said branches who adhere to the Left Wing, and

Whereas, we regard the above actions as a mean and cowardly attempt on the part of the Right Wing and the Centrists to prevent the defeat of the afore-mentioned New York State Referendum,

Therefore be it Resolved: That we, Local Highland Park, in special session, May 24th, 1919, do hereby express our condemnation of the aforementioned mean and cowardly action of the Executive Committee of Local New York, and do hereby notify the State Committee of the Socialist Party of New York and all others who may be connected with this dastardly plot to disrupt the Party; that in case National Referendum B carries, we will do all in our power to have the Kentucky Delegate instructed to vote and use his influence at the National Convention for the seating of any delegates which shall represent the Left Wing Socialists of New York, even if said Socialists have been expelled by the New York Party.

And be it further resolved that we send a copy of these resolutions to the National Executive Secretary, to the State Secretary of the Socialist Party of New York, and also to the NEW YORK COMMUNIST, the Ohio Socialist and the Revolutionary Age, for publication.

Respectfully submitted

R. E. LEVELY,  
Sec'y of Local Highland Park.

Following is the regular recorded vote of the State of Pennsylvania on the National Referendum for National Executive Committee, International Delegates, International Secretary and Referendum "B"—question of the National Emergency Convention:

For National Executive Committee: (high men)	
C. E. Ruthenberg.....	2,075
Margaret Prevey.....	1,810
Fred Harwood.....	700
Birch Wilson.....	603
C. William Thompson.....	517
For International Delegates:	
John Reed.....	2,169
Louis C. Fraina.....	1,575
C. E. Ruthenberg.....	1,419
A. Wagenknecht.....	1,032
I. E. Ferguson.....	910
For International Secretary:	
Morris Hillquit.....	581
Kate Richards O'Hare.....	1,801
National Referendum "B", 1919:	
Yes.....	2,252
No.....	165

The 4th A. D., English Branch, formerly owned and controlled by ex-Assemblyman Karlin, much to the astonishment of the late Assemblyman, went Left at its regular meeting, Friday, May 30. Dismayed at the course of events, Karlin became very excited, calling the chairman "a piece of cheese" and threatening to beat him up. Finding that this line of action made no impression on the membership, he launched into an impassioned plea, citing his long years of membership in the Party and

winding up by asking whether the Branch wanted to ruin his career. But the Left Wing is hard-hearted and proceeded to carry the day.

Ruined careers strew the paths where the Lefts have trod.

Central Branch of Local Paterson, N. J., the largest branch in the city, has joined the Left Wing. Local Paterson was not given any ballots for the referendum vote for National Executive Committee members.

## The Telescope

WE understand that Morris Hillquit says that it is not the Foreign Federations who are to blame, but the economic organizations of the foreign workers.

Our Left Wing Secret Service informs us that at the last meeting of the Local New York Executive Committee a motion to suspend the publication of *The Socialist* was only lost by a small margin. Apparently there are some Right Wingers who are occasionally visited with gleams of sanity.

The first editorial in the last issue of *The Socialist* begins: "The Socialist has justified its existence." Is this a reply to the motion to suspend publication?

We notice that Hillquit's *billet doux* to the Left Wing has undergone a change in title since it appeared in *The Call*. *The Socialist* is now offering it for sale under the somewhat less ambitious title "The Immediate Issue." Will someone tell us what immediate issue Hillquit discovered?

Bill Feigenbaum writes in *The Socialist* on "Nationalism—A Great Danger." He says: "Speaking as a Russian sympathizer." Nationalism is a great danger, but sympathizing with nationalism is of course quite alright! Now we would say, "Speaking as a sympathizer with the Russian Revolution"; but then saying what is meant is a mere detail.

Bill has discovered that what is wrong with the Socialist movement is "inverted patriotism," whatever that means. However, in future we would advise all Right Wingers to see that their patriotism is right side up.

We are much obliged to Robert Spector for his approval of our "fine literary style." This quite relieves our mind, as we were afraid he might not like our little efforts. But now that we are O. K., why does not he give Bill Feigenbaum a few lessons in how to say what he means if he means anything.

According to *The Socialist*, Lenin is of the opinion that Samuel Gompers is a Socialist. If this is true, then Lenin must have got his impressions from reading *The Call*, or perhaps from perusing one of Hillquit's speeches.

To the Editor of THE COMMUNIST,

Dear Sir:

The Seventeenth Assembly District, according to Local New York, is supposed to be reorganized. It seems to us to be a kind of family affair.

The following constitute the membership of the reorganized branch: Mr. and Mrs. Claesena, Mr. and Mrs. Calman, Mr. and Mrs. Granditer, Mr. and Mrs. Polstein, Mr. and Mrs. Turim and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried and junior.

We wish to offer an apology for Gottfried junior for we feel sure that had she been of the Yipsel Jrs., she would undoubtedly be a Left Winger now.

Fraternalty yours,

TWO COMRADES OF THE 17TH A. D.  
Left Wing Branch.

### 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.

Tear off and mail to MAXIMILIAN COHEN, 43 WEST 29th STREET, N. Y. C.

I hereby subscribed the sum of.....each week for the support of THE N. Y. COMMUNIST.

Name.....Address.....

Branch.....Local.....