

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.

Credentials to the Socialist Party City Convention should be in the hands of the delegates by Saturday morning at the latest.

All Comrades who still have subscription lists should send them in immediately. We need the money!
MAXIMILIAN COHEN.

All Left Wing Organizations and Branches are notified not to arrange any affairs for Sunday, August 24, 1919, the date of the Left Wing Picnic.

The unreorganized 23rd A. D. Branch 1, Kings, meets every Monday night at 1709 Pitkin avenue; organizer, Feistman. Attend every meeting.

The first session of the public speaking class will be held at the headquarters of the 17th A. D., 1538 Madison Avenue, next Monday, June 16, under the direction of Henry Engels. There has been a heavy registration. Our motto is a hundred Harlem speakers before the end of the summer.

CITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 6, 1919

Comrade Gitlow elected chairman.
 Credentials from Branch 2, 18th A. D. Kings. Lipner in place of Goldberg.

Credentials from 1st Russian Branch.
 Credentials from 6th Russian Branch. Shoropky temporarily in place of Samoiloff.

Credentials from 7th Russian Branch, Danelwich.
 1st A. D. Minority Group, Netzer.

Local Kings County, Peters and Weinstein.
 Spanish Branch, Saxon and Massara.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Motion carried to have roll call and report of delegates at reading minutes at every meeting.

Roll call followed.

2nd Russian Branch request that open air meetings be held on Russian Question. 20th Ukrainian branch requests City Committee that something be done to agitate for organization of workers along industrial lines.

3-5-10 A. D. instructs to report that branch went on record that no paid official be eligible on any committee.

8th A. D. that copies of the minutes of the City Committee be sent to every branch. To instruct delegates to the Left Wing National Conference to take up question of Unity Conference.

14th A. D. Kings wants provisions made for meetings and speakers.

4th Russian Branch speaker for Tuesday meeting to be held as protest against expulsion.

17 A. D. requests speakers for open air meeting. Reports also that their ball was a huge success and over five hundred dollars made by branch.

Local Kings that local has been expelled. Also that charges were brought against Shiplacoff for voting in favor of expulsion of language groups.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Frains giving vote of clever states for national referendums: Left Wing candidates received highest vote.

From Lithuanian Branch, Boston, that it has joined the Left Wing.

From Estonian Branch announcing picnic June 8th and requesting speaker to represent COMMUNIST.

Executive Committee minutes of May 28th read and acted upon.

On question of speakers, where there is a minority group, half of collection up to \$10.00 be donated to L. W. rest of motion carried that we charge for speakers, money to go to organization; no money to be paid to speakers.

Motion carried that we raise a working fund of \$5,000 dollars by getting individual donations from one dollar up, for the maintenance of organization, publishing pamphlets and leaflets.

Question of assessing each branch to cover expenses of delegates to N. L. W. C.

Motion carried that Executive Committee proceed to carry out the work left by special committees.

Educational Committee elected.

The New York COMMUNIST depends upon volunteer workers for its distribution throughout the city.

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!

Special meeting of City Committee called for Wednesday evening.
 Meeting adjourned.

FANNIE HOROVITZ, Rec. Sec'y

This resolution was adopted at the monthly meeting of Local Union County, June 6, 1919:

Whereas, the trend of world events and the experience of the Revolution in action have demonstrated the necessity for a clear cut definition of the Socialist position; and

Whereas, the growth of opportunism and bourgeois parliamentarism within the Socialist Party has made a re-statement of the revolutionary Socialist position imperative; and

Whereas, the tendency of the officialdom within the Party has been in contradiction with the revolutionary sentiments of the rank and file within the Party as manifested in the St. Louis program on the war; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Socialist Party delegates of Local Union County of the State of New Jersey assembled in their monthly meeting, in 709 Elizabeth avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., June 6, 1919, herewith indorse the Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing.

To National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the U. S. At the regular monthly meeting of Local Union County of New Jersey, held June 6, 1919, at Socialist headquarters, 709 Elizabeth avenue, a communication was read, received from State Secretary of N. J., Fred Harwood, stating that the seven Foreign Language Federations were suspended from the Party without a trial. Union County protests the action taken by the National Executive Committee.

Union County decided 36 against 4 to count the so-called "suspended" comrades as members of the Socialist Party.

This communication is sent to the National Executive Committee and Socialist press. *New York Call*, *NEW YORK COMMUNIST*, and *Revolutionary Age*.

Oakland, Cal., June 4th, 1919

Maximilian Cohen,
 New York

Comrade: Relative to yours of the 28th.

Our local has tentatively elected delegates to the Left National Conference. The delegate elected is also a member of the California State Executive Committee and is in close touch with the membership.

According to the clipping you enclose we understand that our delegate is taxed \$25.00 and that the balance of his expenses will be paid by the Conference pool fund. Is this correct?

The State-wide mass conference of the California Party held May 30, 31 and June 1, swung heavily to the Left. Presume you have reports. Also of the attack on the State Office of the party here by Governor Stephens' hirelings. State Secretary and county organizer arrested without warrants, etc. (1:30 A. M., etc., etc.) Trials come up June 6 and 12 on Stephens' "criminal syndicalism" law.

Advise immediately if the above understanding is correct and if it will hold good for another local that has written us in this matter.

Yours in the cause,

EDRIC B. SMITH

NOTICE

Owing to stress of work, Maximilian Cohen resigned as business manager of N. Y. COMMUNIST, to devote all his time to the duties of Executive Secretary of the L. W.

Benjamin Gitlow has been elected business manager in his place.

All communications pertaining to THE COMMUNIST should be addressed to

BENJAMIN GITLOW,
 43 W. 29th St.,
 N. Y. C.

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MAXIMILIAN COHEN,
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 N. Y. C.

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

Resolved, that we, the Socialist Party of McKeesport, in Party membership meeting assembled this first day of June, 1919, adopt as our official expression the Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party of New York, as printed in *The Revolutionary Age*, March 22, 1919, and be it further

Resolved, that we pledge both financial and moral support to the Left Wing propaganda to the end that the National organization conform with the policies of this program, and be it further

Resolved, that all delegates, committees and officials of the Socialist Party of McKeesport adhere strictly to this Manifesto and Program.

To the Editor of THE COMMUNIST,

Dear Sir:

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the 22nd and 23rd A. D.:

RESOLUTION OF PROTEST.

The members of the 22nd and 23rd A. D. learn with surprise from their organizer Comrade Weisbar that an election for Delegates to the International Congress and Members of the National Executive Committee should have been held by the Branch before May 16th, and that notification of this election was not received until three days before the expiration of the election period, thus preventing the comrades of this branch from registering their votes on these important matters.

The Branch at its regular meeting held May 21st, 1919, protests against the defective notification that prevented the Branch from voting on these questions, and asks that the Executive Committee of Local New York declare the entire election invalid, and set a date for a new election, simultaneously instructing Comrade Gerber to inform all branch organizers long enough in advance to enable them actually to hold the elections.

JEANNETTE D. PEARL,
 Financial Secretary.

May 29, 1919.

Whereas the National Executive Committee has suspended the Russian, Lithuanian, Lettish, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Polish and South Slavic federations, and expelled the Michigan State organization, and

Whereas, the suspension and expulsion of the above organizations disfranchises about 30,000 Party members from participation in Party affairs, and

Whereas this action is unfair to our Party membership by refusing to allow them to be heard before the expulsion or suspension, be it therefore

Resolved by the Socialist Party of McKeesport in general membership meeting this first day of June, 1919, that we condemn this action taken by the National Executive Committee and we demand that the National Executive Committee immediately re-instate the suspended and expelled organizations, and we further demand

That the Party membership, and the Party membership only, decide the matter of the suspension and expulsion of these organizations, and be it further

Resolved that we send these resolutions to the National Executive Committee and to the Party Press with the request that all Locals and branches in the Socialist Party condemn this action of the National Executive Committee and demand that the suspended and expelled organizations be re-instated immediately.

GREATER NEW YORK CITY COMMITTEE SOCIALIST PARTY

To the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party

Comrades: We, the undersigned, elected at the meeting of the City Committee, held June 2, 1919, were instructed to answer your communication of May 30, 1919, in reference to the calling of City Convention.

1. We the members of the City Committee emphatically deny the power of the State Executive Committee to rescind any action of the City Committee, except, if such action is a violation and contrary to the spirit of the State Constitution of the Socialist Party.

2. That the action of the City Committee in calling such convention was in obedience to a motion passed at a Joint Central Committee Meeting of all the Locals of Greater New York City held on March 7th, 1919. Your charge that the Left Wing City Committee of the Socialist Party was the instigator for the calling of this convention can not be true as there was no Left Wing City Committee Organization at the time of the holding of the above mentioned Joint Central Committee Meeting which instructed the City Committee to call this convention.

Furthermore, the delegates from Local Kings and Queens were instructed by their respective Central Committees to work and vote for the calling of this City Convention.

3. You further say that the City Committee has no power to call a city Convention, when it is a well known fact, that the present City Committee was created through a City Convention called by a temporary City Campaign Committee.

4. You also state that the Rules of the City Committee does not provide or authorize the City Committee to call a convention. A Convention, even by the narrowest interpretation is a Party Meeting, and only by a process of mental gymnastics can the State Executive Committee declare the City Convention illegal on the ground of it being a violation of the Rules of the City Committee which only empowers the City Committee to call Joint Central Committee Meetings and General Party Meetings. The Rules of the City Committee, section 11, reads as follows:—

"The City Committee shall call Joint Meetings of the Central Committees or General Party Meetings whenever it deems such meetings necessary."

(Note: that the rules does not read General Party Membership Meetings but General Party Meetings which without a question of doubt includes conventions and all Party Meetings.)

5. We desire to say that the State Executive Committee has been misinformed as to the vote on the question of calling a City Convention. Out of nineteen delegates attending, only four voted against motion for Convention. Nearly half of those delegates voting in favor were so-called Right Wing Delegates. The real fight was not on