

Official Left Wing News

A WAIL goes forth from the National Office of the Socialist Party that the membership has withdrawn almost completely its financial support. For the first four months of the year, the dues stamps sales exceed \$5,000 per month, which meant an average membership of over 100,000. In May the dues sales went down to \$3,335; June, \$2,109; first half of July, \$533.

The Literature Department is practically out of business, according to the July report. The "Defense and Organization fund ran for the first five months of the year as follows: \$7,309.; \$2,868.; \$1,095.; \$2,474.; \$4,349.; \$837; with first half of July, \$276.

In other words, there is no membership willing to entrust funds to the National Office, even for the purposes of legal defense. But this does not mean that the members will desert the comrades whose cases are to be tried or appealed. It simply means that the local organizations, city, state, or federation, will have to handle these cases directly. It goes without saying that the National Left Wing Council, through THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE, or in any way open to it, will do everything possible to help these local bodies in this emergency.

There is much complaint of the Left Wing activities as responsible for the bankruptcy of the National Office. A man from Mars might look at the above figures according to the calendar and, following the activities of the old National Executive Committee, might find a very ready explanation for the fact that the membership of the Socialist Party will no longer entrust funds to the National Office.

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MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION

A Special Convention has been called by the Massachusetts Executive Committee for August 10th, at Boston. This Convention will instruct the delegates from Massachusetts as to their stand at Chicago, on August 30th.

There is a small Right Wing group in Massachusetts, heretofore dependent on the Finnish Federation.

Now it appears that the Finnish Federation is no longer going to allow itself to be used for purposes of reaction, and the Finnish delegates to the Massachusetts Convention ought to line themselves up with the Left Wing. On the other hand, the groups in Massachusetts which have recently separated themselves from the Left Wing under spur of the deceitful campaign carried on in that State by the secessionists from the Left Wing Conference, particularly by Comrade Stoklitsky among the Russian members, ought to be ready to realign themselves with the National Left Wing Organization by the time of this Convention.

This is a highly important Convention, and the comrades in Massachusetts who are anxious to see all the revolutionary Socialists in the country lined

up for common action on September 1st at Chicago, ought to instruct their delegates to act with the National Left Wing on the basis of the program of the National Left Wing Conference.

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OREGON

Local Portland, Oregon, is looking for a good Left Wing organizer and lecturer. The Oregon party has about eighteen hundred members, of which more than one thousand are in Portland.

The letter comes to this office from Constance Svedsen, Secretary Local Portland, 131 Second St., and says, among other things: "As to wages, we could not pay more than a living wage at present, but the field is so large and the possibilities so great for the right man that the salary could probably be increased later."

Any one making application for this work will please send copy of such application to the National Secretary, so that inquiry can be made as to qualifications.

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VIRGINIA

After nominations were made but before election had proceeded the National Office notified the Virginia organization that it was not entitled to representation at the National Convention. The two nominees appear to stand with the Left Wing. Comrade E. J. Beggs writes: "While the radicals in this section are not grouped in an organization, they are standing at attention ready for action when the pressure squeezes a little harder, as demonstrated during the war (1917) by over 5000 navy yard workers laying down their tools." Writing of the party situation, Comrade Beggs adds: "Personally I am as for 'over' (left) that I am only holding on to the present organization by that stub of a finger left from an industrial accident."

I. E. FERGUSON, Nat. Sec'y.

Workers!

Money is urgently needed for the defense of the men and women imprisoned throughout Canada for their part in the One Big Union movement, particularly for the leaders of the Winnipeg General Strike.

Their cause is your cause, they are fighting your fight. In solidarity there is strength. Show your solidarity with your Canadian comrades by getting behind the defense. Stretch over the boundary line and show the capitalist class that the workers of the North American continent are united.

Send funds to:

E. Robinson, Secretary of the Trade and Labor Council, Trades Hall, James Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Greater New York News

ORGANIZERS of all branches contesting the primaries should file their petition lists in this office not later than July 28th.

First Bi-Weekly Letter To Enrolled Socialists—is now ready for distribution to branches. Price per hundred letters 60 cents.

Lists of enrolled voters can be purchased at this office.

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Branches desiring more petition lists for enrolled Socialist Voters can procure them in this office.

Branch secretaries or organizers should procure new Left Wing application cards and duplicates from this office as no one will be permitted in to the membership meeting on August 3d unless he shows his Left Wing application card and his Socialist Party card.

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All Left Wing New York Branches should elect their delegates on the basis of one for every twenty-five members to the new Left Wing N. Y. Central Committee.

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Branch secretaries should send in the place and date of their meetings so they can be published in this column regularly. Also reports of activities of the branch.

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Emergency Due Stamps and Emergency Party Cards are now ready and can be procured at this office.

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Special Propaganda Stamps are also ready and the Left Wing comrades should do their best to push the sale of these stamps among the comrades and friends and sympathizers. Every comrade should carry a book of these stamps with him to the shop and union meetings and sell them to their comrades. At the same time it gives him an opportunity of explaining the Left Wing organization to those workers who as yet are in the dark about our movement.

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Push the sale of the Propaganda Stamps—It provides us with funds and offers you the chance of presenting the Left Wing case to the workers.

All comrades should get busy in their branches as the branch activities must not be neglected at this important time. Every Left Wing branch must be made stronger than ever it was in the past. We are building for the future—the Communist Party of America—and the Social Revolution. To think

that you can stay home and let the branch take care of itself means only one thing—*stagnation*—and that must not creep into our movement. We have youth, enthusiasm and proletarian ideals on our side—this combination is invincible. Make your slogan—*All power to the Left Wing*—and act upon it by becoming active in your branch.

The 18-20th A. D. will hold an Entertainment and Dance on Saturday, August 9th at Socialist Hall, 1848 Lexington Ave. The proceeds will go to rebuild the branch headquarters, raided by the Right Wing.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the tremendous success obtained at the "Left Wing Excursion" to Great Bear Mountains, last Saturday afternoon, July 12, the 1st and 2nd Assembly District Branches of the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party, decided to run a second excursion for the convenience of all those who held tickets for the first excursion and were not able to get on the boat, as well as for the benefit of their friends.

This second and last excursion will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 16, 1919. The boat will leave the Pike Street Dock at 2:30 P. M. sharp. Dancing, singing, rowing, swinging and other entertainments are on the program for this day. Tickets may be obtained at the following places: 180 Henry Street, 255 Grand Street, *Novy Mir*, 113 E. 110th St. and at *The Revolutionary Age*, 43 West 29th Street.

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General membership meeting of 1st, 2nd and 3d Russian Branches of N. Y. will be held on Friday, August 1st, at Madison Hall, 1666 Madison Ave. between 110th and 111th St., at 8 o'clock sharp.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, 1 P. M. August 3, 1919.

MANHATTAN LYCEUM

66 East 4th Street, New York

Ratification of the National Left Wing Conference and election of officers.

Admission by Left Wing Application Card and Socialist Party Card.

Application Cards can be secured at headquarters or from Branch secretaries.

All Left Wing branches participating in the primary election should send in the names of the candidates so their names can be published in the "Age."

MANHATTAN BRANCH NOTICE:

Nominations for delegates to National Emergency Convention should take place in every branch immediately. Each branch is entitled to make twelve nominations. These should be sent in to this office and when all the nominations are in, a letter will be sent to all nominees asking for acceptance or declination and those accepting and otherwise qualifying as delegates (three years membership in the party) will be placed on the ballot and then sent out for referendum to the various branches.

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The 3d, 5th and 10 A. D. will hold a symposium debate, Monday, August 4, at 43 W. 29th St., on "The Limitations and Functions of Unionism." Its limitations will be presented by Comrades Daniels and Slater, while Comrades Larkin and Brahdly will present its functions and uses. Open discussion to follow.

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The Left Wing Central Committee of Local Bronx was organized on Saturday, July 26, at 1304 Southern Boulevard. The following officers were elected: Recording Secretary, Abraham Nefsky; Organizer, Louis A. Baum; Treasurer, L. Glouberman. In addition an Executive Committee of 13 was elected.

The Central Committee will meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday, at 1304 Southern Boulevard. The Executive Committee will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, at 1258 Boston Road.

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The 1st A. D. will hold a concert and dance on Saturday Evening, August 2, at the Lettish Hall, 371 Willis Avenue.

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Announcements—5th A. D. Bronx.

Friday, August 1st: A debate at the headquarters, 1304 Southern Boulevard, "Is there room for a Left Wing movement in the Socialist Party?" Jay Lovestone affirmative; Maurice Amberg, negative.

Admission free.

Tuesday, August 5th: Regular Branch meeting. Business will be suspended and Comrade I. E. Ferguson, National Secretary, will speak on "What is the Left Wing."

Wednesday, August 6th: Open air meeting at Intervale and Wilkins Aves.