

Official Left Wing News

FOR several weeks it has been the effort of the National Council and the National Secretary to ascertain and adjust the relations between the National Left Wing and the Russian-speaking Federations. The initial step was a communication from the Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Russian Federation asking for an official statement as to the stand of the Russian Federations with regard to support of the Left Wing, in view of the association of the Federations with a call for a convention issued by the minority group of the Left Wing Conference.

At the meeting of the Russian Federation Executive Committee to answer this communication the National Secretary was requested to be present to explain the questions and to give further information. As a result of this meeting invitations were sent out by the Russian Federation Executive Committee for a Joint Federation Conference, and such a Conference was held at New York, July 27th, with representatives of the National Council in attendance.

Preceding this Conference, and in direct relation thereto, the following instructions were given to the National Secretary by the National Council:

- 1) That we do not insist on participation in the Emergency Convention as an absolute condition of co-operation;
- 2) That we insist that Federation representatives shall participate in no Convention other than the Left Wing Convention called for September first by motion of the Left Wing Conference;
- 3) That we insist upon support of *The Revolutionary Age*, so far as the Federations as organizations can affect its support;
- 4) That we invite a sub-committee of the Federations to meet with the Council, provided that our call for a September first Convention is accepted, to advise on all matters and particularly as to the Convention to form a Communist Party.

As a result of the July 27th Joint Federation

Conference, the following resolution was submitted to the National Council:

"Having discussed the written statements issued by the National Left Wing Council and the telegram of the so-called 'new N. E. C.' of the Socialist Party reported by the Secretary of the National Left Wing Council, we, the Central Executive Committees of the Lettish, Lithuanian, Esthonian, Ukrainian, Polish and Russian Federations, came to the conclusion that these documents justify once again the position taken by the Minority of the Left Wing Conference, and call upon all our members to carry on the work of the creation of the Communist Party. We appeal to the comrades of the Majority group to clarify their desire in forming the Communist Party through participation in the Convention which is being called by the Minority of the Left Wing Conference on September 1st, 1919.

"In case of reply in the affirmative we are prepared to instruct our National Organization Committee to combine with the National Left Wing Council in the common work of calling the Convention for the purpose of organizing the Communist Party of America on September 1st, 1919, in Chicago.

"For the Lettish, Lithuanian, Esthonian, Ukrainian, Polish and Russian Central Executive Committees,
O. TYWEROWSKY,
Secretary

The foregoing resolution came before a regular meeting of the National Council on June 28th, and the following motion was made and carried:

- 1) The National Left Wing Council stands for a Communist Party on September 1st; and we repeat the call of the Left Wing Conference for a Convention on September 1st to form the Communist Party of America, inviting all revolutionary Socialist groups to join with us.
- 2) We invite the Minority group of the Left Wing Conference and the Federations to work with us on the basis of a September 1st Convention to form the Communist Party.

3) We associate ourselves with the N. E. C. in relation to the August 30th Emergency Socialist Party Convention only as a preliminary to the September first Communist Party Convention.

On this resolution, the vote was unanimous (7) in favor of Clause 1, and 5 in favor of Clauses 2 and 3, namely, Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Ruthenberg and Wolfe. Comrades Gitlow and Larkin voted for the following resolution in addition to Clause 1 above: "That we discontinue all conferences with the Federation groups, and instruct the Secretary immediately to work for the Convention called by the new N. E. C., also for the call of the National Left Wing Conference for a September 1st Convention to start the Communist Party." There were 5 votes against this resolution.

From the above record it is absolutely clear that there is no longer any valid reason for the schism in the Left Wing arising out of the Conference, no matter what may be said about the origin of the disagreement between the Majority and Minority delegates.

It is evident, also, that the National Left Wing Council, has left nothing undone to assure the Minority group of the formation of a Communist Party at Chicago on September 1st. If there should still be a refusal of the Minority to work unitedly with the National Left Wing, then there is no deduction other than that this group is out for a little Communist Party under its own control, barring other elements as "centrists" in order to make plausible this maneuvering for control. But this degree of pettiness we cannot expect from comrades who have heretofore done such splendid service in the general Left Wing movement as it has developed within the Socialist Party. It seems beyond question that the Majority and Minority will again stand united, so far as the Federations are concerned, on the program of a joint call for the September 1st Convention to organize the Communist Party.

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

Greater New York News

SECOND 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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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 his 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.

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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 enter-

In accordance with the action of the Left Wing Conference, held at New York June 21st to 24th, 1919, the National Left Wing Council herewith extends an invitation to working class groups, not within the Socialist Party, but willing to join with us on the basis of the Left Wing Manifesto and Program, to send delegates to the Left Wing Convention at Chicago on September 1st.

The basis of representation is one delegate per 500 members, with lesser groups entitled to one delegate. However, since groups not heretofore within the Socialist Party will want first to confer with the Left Wing as to its policies and methods of action, we suggest the sending of fraternal delegates to this Convention.

The general purpose of the Convention will be the organization of a Communist Party on the basis of the Left Wing Manifesto and Program.

For details, please communicate with the undersigned.

I. E. FERGUSON,
National Secretary
43 W. 29th St., New York City.

tainments 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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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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BRONX NOTES

A reorganization meeting of Branch 3 will be held next Tuesday evening, August 12, 1919, at Berger's Lyceum, 162d Street near Prospect Avenue, at 8 o'clock.

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A special meeting of the Lettish branch will be held on Saturday evening, August 9, at headquarters, 371 Willis Avenue. Voting on delegates to the National Convention will take place.

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The Central Committee will hold its second meeting this coming Saturday evening, August 9 at the Fifth A. D. headquarters, 1304 Southern Boulevard. Every delegate should make it his or her business to attend.

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The Left Wing Picnic Committee meets every Monday evening at the Lettish Hall, 371 Willis Ave.

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Branch 1 will hold a propaganda meeting on Thursday evening, August 14, at Lettish Hall, 371 Willis Avenue. Speakers, Rose Spanier, Blanche McPherson and Louis A. Baum.