
Communists Absorb Selves: “Lefts” Pick Still Another Alias In Drive to Pack St. Paul Convention.

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SCHENECTADY— A new “Labor Party” consisting of Communists united with Communists and consolidated, federated, amalgamated, and joined with Communists, was launched here Sunday [May 18, 1924] when a group of Communists met, declared themselves the “United Farmer-Labor Party of New York State,” and undertook to get delegates elected to the St. Paul convention of June 17, in addition to the delegates the Communists have already elected under various other aliases.

The gathering consisted of 92 delegates, mostly well known for their activity in the Communist movement and known to be actively engaged in the attempt to multiply organizations in order to “capture” and split the St. Paul convention under instructions from the Executive of the Communist International in Moscow.

For several weeks a campaign had been going on under the direction of the so-called “Federated Farmer-Labor Party” — a Communist alias — and the Buffalo “Labor Party” — another Communist alias — to get unions to send delegates. The result of the intensive campaign was the 92 delegates, representing the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, the Buffalo Labor Party, the Workers Party — the original “legal” form of the Commu-

nist Party — as well as local groups, Left wings of other organizations, and fraternal bodies. Mr. J.A.H. Hopkins, of the “Committee of 48,” who is working hard to organize a “Liberal” party opposed to a class party, was also there.

The managing committee had sent a speaker to the Schenectady Trades Assembly to get them to send a delegate. After a lengthy debate, the request was turned down, only one delegate voting against a motion to “receive and file” the invitation.

The convention, so far as is known, did not have a single delegate from a bona fide Labor organization.

The convention elected an executive of 16 members, 8 of whom are from New York City. Among them are such well known American “trade unionists” as Ludwig Lore, Harry M. Winitsky, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, William Weinstone, [Charles] Krumbein, Noah London, [J.] Jampolsky, and [Benjamin] Lifshitz.

The convention having been called to create a new organization to add additional Communist delegates to those being sent to St. Paul in accordance with orders, considerable enthusiasm among the delegates was evoked when the convention voted to elect delegates to St. Paul.

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