The New N. E. C. Meets

THE newly-elected National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—meeting in spite of the sabotage of the party bureaucracy—has fulfilled the revolutionary expectations of the members who placed it in power.

The new N. E. C. has declared that the Socialist Party must become *the Communist Party of the United States.* It re-instates all expelled or suspended comrades.

The new N. E. C. urges the party membership *to elect Left Wing delegates to the Emergency Convention* at Chicago, August 30.

The new N. E. C. requests the co-operation of the National Council of the Left Wing Section Socialist Party, and its official organ, *The Revolutionary Age.*

These acts are historic. They assure the formation of the Communist Party of the United States. . . . *All decisions were unanimous.*

The N. E. C. met Saturday morning at the Bradley Hall, Chicago. Present: from District One—Louis C. Fraina and Edward I. Lindgren; from District Two—Fred Harwood, Marguerite Prevey, C. E. Ruthenberg; from District Three—William Bross, Lloyd; from District Four—none; from District Five—L. E. Katterfeld and H. M. Wicks. Eight members were present, constituting a majority and a quorum of the whole committee.

Comrade Katterfeld called the meeting to order. Chairman: Katterfeld; Secretary, A. Wagenknecht.

Harwood and' Katterfeld were elected a committee to tabulate the vote on the elections. They reported that the eight members present were duly elected with a vote so large as to dispose of the lying charge of fraud, as were: District One—Nicholas I. Hourwich; District Three—Dennis E. Batt and John Keracher; District Four—Dan Hogan, Mary R. Millis and Pat Nagel; District Five—Kate Greenhalgh. The committe further reported that Louis C. Fraina, John Reed, C. E. Ruthenberg and A. Wagenknecht were elected overwelmingly as Internationl Delegates and Kate Richards O'Hare as International Secretary.

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Report of the Meeting of the Nationl Executive Committee, Socialist Party—Chicago, July 26-27.

A committee was elected to demand of Executice Secretary Adolph Germer to turn over the National Headquarters to the new N. E. C. and appear at its sessions. This demand was presented in writing to Germer, who refused.

At the afternoon session, the following motion was adopted: "That we declare the office of National Executive Secretary vacant, inasmuch as the present incumbent violates his functions by refusing to tabulate the vote on referendums expressing the will of the membership, and refuses to recognize the regularly elected N. E. C." A. Wagenknecht was elected to act as temporary secretary until the convention of August 30.

Motion: "that the Massachusetts and Michigan state organizations be re-instated in the Party, and that the suspension of the Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, South Slavic, Hungarian, Lettish and Ukrainian Socialist Federations be revoked.

This means that these expelled Left Wing organizations can elect regular delegates to the Emergency Convention; where this is impossible, *suspended and expelled comrades must organize Left Wing organizations independent of the party and elect contesting delegates.*

The N. E. C. condemned the expulsions and suspensions perpetrated by state and local organizations, and demanded re-instatement. It calls upon members to purchase convention assessment stamps; money from this source not to be sent to the old N. E. C., but held by the State Secretaries and given to the convention delegates.

Plans were made to raise money to defray extra cost of delegates; all members are urged to contribute, and the Yipsels are asked to cooperate.

The new N. E. C. decided to assume full control of the Emergency Convention. A committee of three consisting of Ruthenberg, Harwood and Fraina, was elected to draft a declaration of the issues before the convention. The declaration, unanimously adopted, declared that the issues were not comprised in party democracy against party autocracy, but of revolutionary proletarian Socialism against moderate petty bourgeois Socialism, and affirmed: "*Out of the Emergency Convention must come the Communist Party of the United States.*" (This declaration was incorporated in a final declaration—published in full elsewhere in this issue.)

State secretaries on motion, were urged not to purchase dues stamps, unless absolutely necessary, in which event they can purchase regular party stamps from Temporary Secretary Wagenknecht. (This does not include expelled and suspended organizations, which will buy stamps from the National Council of the Left Wing.)

Several motions were passed to prevent the old N. E. C. from retaining control of party property.

Motion: "That we recognize the National Council of the Left Wing Section, Socialist Party, organized at the National Left Wing Conference, June 21-24, and its official organ, *The Revolutionary Age,* as an organized expression of the revolutionary sentiments of the party, and that we request their co-operation." Unanimously adopted.

A committee of three, consisting of Katterfeld, Fraina and Wicks, was elected to draft a final declaration to the party. The declaration after slight amendments, was unanimously adopted. (Printed below.)

After discussion of organization problems, a committee of three, consisting of Katterfeld, Wagenknecht and Harwood, was elected to bring in an organizaton report to the next session of the N. E. C., August 28, in Chicago.

The final act of the N. E. C. was to express its confidence in the revolutionary spirit of the membership, which would align the party with the new International.