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{HILLQUIT RECALLED.}

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THE Socialist party is to be congratulated for having recalled Mr. Morris Hillquit from the International Bureau. According to the S.P. press Mr. Hillquit received only 6,587 votes against 8,030 for Kate Richards O'Hare. Mr. Hillquit's demeanor and manœuvres on the Bureau were a disgrace to his party. The latest instance thereof surely is still fresh in the public mind. It will be remembered how at the Copenhagen session of the Bureau, Mr. Hillquit having at first manœvred directly to oust the Socialist Labor Party from the Bureau and having failed, resorted to the disgraceful tactics of endeavoring to accomplish the same end surreptitiously. He first managed to get the Congress vote of the S.L.P. down to 1; and then he introduced a motion in the Bureau that no delegation holding less than two votes in the Congress should be entitled to a seat on the Bureau. It was legitimate enough from the S.P. standpoint to wish to reduce the S.L.P. vote in the Congress; it was even legitimate enough from {the} S.P. standpoint to wish to remove the S.L.P. from the Bureau. It was an unclean, shyterish method to try and remove the S.L.P. from the Bureau in the underhanded manner indicated above. The move failed. Its uncleanliness did not escape the large majority of the members of the Bureau. But the disgracefulness of the method remained. As the S.P. and the S.L.P. are looked upon in Europe as substantially one thing, it was not the S.P. alone upon whom the shame of Mr. Hillquit's misconduct fell. The S.L.P., although not responsible for Mr. Hillquit, could not escape a portion of the shame, seeing the shame fell upon "Socialism in America."

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