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A RESOLUTION THAT YAWS.

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THE *Party Builder*, national official organ of the Socialist party, for the 7th of last month reports the adoption by the National Committee of a resolution offered by Mr. John Spargo, which resolution is introduced with the whereas many immigrants are being brought to this country by means of misrepresentations on the part of the employers of labor and transportation companies, and the mass importation of laborers from European countries is being used to reduce wages and degrade the conditions of labor in the United States, it be—

“Resolved, That the International Secretary of the Socialist Party be instructed to urge upon the International Bureau the obligations resting upon that body by the resolution of the Stuttgart Congress, making clear to the working class of Europe the actual conditions of the working class in the United States, with reference to wages and hours of labor, and relative to cost of living.”

The whereas is all right, so far as it goes; the resolution, however, starts right, then misses the line of its course, and, yawing badly, capsizes.

The correct resolution should read:

“Resolved, That the International Secretary of the Socialist Party be instructed to urge upon the International Bureau the obligations resting upon that body by the Trades Union resolution of the Stuttgart Congress, to make clear to the national officers and press of the Socialist Party of America that economics and sociology teach that European and other mass immigration to the United States is an unavoidable phenomenon; that the phenomenon being unavoidable, unavoidable likewise is the policy of the American employers of labor, the foreign nobility that has allied and will continue to ally itself with American heiresses, and the transportation companies, to ‘accelerate’ the stream of immigration; that, to fight this phenomenon and

policy is to fight windmills, and Socialism is no crack-brained Don Quixote; that the part of Socialism is to meet the mass immigration, such as it comes, with open arms, and organize it, jointly with the labor now in America in such wise that the immigrants' class instincts may be quickened for the overthrow of capitalism; finally, that, in order thus to rescue the immigrant from the mortal and economic clutches of the exploiter, Socialism is directed to hiss out of its camp the theory of 'neutrality in unionism' as an utterly perverse, false, hypocritical and corruption promoting theory, and is furthermore directed ruthlessly to expose A.F. of L. and all kindred Civic-Federationized and Militia-of-Christized methods as capitalist devices to hamstring the class-consciousness of Labor."

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