

# EDITOR OF VOLKSZEITUNG HAILS MEET OF UNITED FARMER-LABOR PARTY OF N. Y. AS HISTORIC EVENT

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NEW YORK.—On Sunday, May 18th, in the Labor Temple of the City of Schenectady, the United Farmer-Labor Party of New York state, which will go into the coming campaign as the spokesman and leader of the workers and farmers of the empire state, was born.

The convention, which had been called by the Farmer-Labor Party of Buffalo, and the Federated Farmer-Labor Party of N. Y. C., for the purpose of bringing into existence in the most wealthy and most powerful state of the union a working class party that will take a determined stand against capitalist reaction and exploitation, as represented by the old parties of the capitalist class, surpassed all expectations.

It was attended by almost one hundred delegates from more than eighty organizations, representing labor unions, local central bodies, fraternal, educational and political organizations of the working class, representing every shade of progressive working class opinion, local Farmer-Labor Party organizations, Workers Party, Left Paole Zion, and the Progressive Party, more commonly known under the name of the Committee of 48 under the leadership of its chairman, J. A. Hopkins, of N. Y. C.

After Comrade Ballam, Buffalo, had opened the convention with a brief address, emphasizing the need of a working class unity for political action, a credential committee was elected, which later reported that there were delegates present from practically every important industrial center in the state, Buffalo, Schenectady, Syracuse, Gloversville, Schuylerville, Peekskill, Binghamton, Albany and Rochester, representing an aggregate membership of more than one hundred thousand.

Comrade Kucher, Amalgamated Metal Workers, N. Y., was then elected permanent chairman, Viatic of the Buffalo Moulders' Union, vice-chairman; Verhagen, Schenectady, and Sand Horowitz, secretaries. The following committees were then elected: Committees on Program and Resolutions (7 members); Constitution and Organization (5); Ways and Means (5); Press-Committee (3).

## Greetings from Organizations.

At the beginning of the afternoon session a number of telegrams from various workingmen's organizations were read to the convention. Particularly hearty applause followed the reading of a telegram from Comrade Manley, announcing that a State Farmer-Labor Party has been founded in Kansas. Coming down to actual business, the organization of the United Farmer-Labor Party was decided upon, which shall conduct an active working class campaign, not only in the state of New York, but shall join its efforts with those of the workers of every other part of the country, to achieve the organization of an active and successful workingclass party of the U. S. for the coming campaign.

A recommendation to proceed immediately to the collection of a fund of \$100,000 was unanimously adopted. Upon report of the committees on organization and constitution, an organization-plan was decided upon providing for an executive committee, consisting of delegates from all the most important centers, and membership by organization affiliation. The calling of a nominating convention as soon as possible after June 17th was also provided for.

The same harmony and willingness to come to an understanding on the part of all the various elements that made up this convention, characterized the discussion of the proposals made by the Committee on Platform and Resolutions. The platform, consisting of a statement of the position, industrially and socially, of the working class in the U. S., declares itself, in a series of brief, definitely formulated statements, for the nationalization of all public utilities, against child labor, against the use of injunctions in labor struggles, for a system of land tenure based upon working ownership, for a more sensible money and credit system, adapted to the needs of the laboring masses.

It is a working class document from the first to the last line. The resolutions, which were also unanimously adopted, after brief and intelligent discussion, breathed the same uncompromising spirit of the class-conscious determination. A resolution demanding the recognition of Soviet Russia was received with enthusiastic applause, while others demanding

the repeal of the espionage act, condemning the imperialist tendencies of America in the South American Republics, in Cuba and in the Philippines and others were adopted without a dissenting vote.

## Class Party the First Aim.

Every delegate in the hall looked forward eagerly to the nomination and election of the executive committee that was to close the work of the convention. Out of a large number of nominations, the following delegates were elected to function as the State Executive Committee of the new party. From New York City: Krumbein, Lore, Poyntz, Hopkins, Winestone, Lifshitz, London, Jampolsky and Winitzki; from Buffalo: Campbell, Herzog and Ballam; from Albany: Jones; from Binghamton: Klekunas; from Schenectady: Verhagen; from Rochester: Sussman and Hoesteroy. Comrade Krumbein was unanimously elected as delegate to represent the United Farmer-Labor Party of the state of New York at the June 17th convention in St. Paul and he promised in an enthusiastically received address to do everything in his power to further, there, the organization of a class party of the workers and working farmers of America.

At the same time he explained in a pointed speech the reasons, which prompt the Communists to work with all elements of the producing classes for the formation of national Farmer-Labor Party, tho their final aim is the overthrow of capitalist society and the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Republic.

If the firm determination to do something worthwhile, if the readiness of the delegates of the various bodies to meet each other in a spirit of mutual understanding, if the crying need for a party in New York state and in the nation to protect the workers against the betrayal and the industrial and political oppression of the rulers of the country—if these things count for anything, then the United Farmer and Labor Party, that was founded in Schenectady last Sunday, will enter in a few weeks upon an active, strenuous campaign, that will aim to carry with it every labor union, every working class and farmer organization in the state.

## Canadian Mine Districts.

MONTREAL, Can. — District 26, United Mine Workers of America, in Nova Scotia, is likely to have its autonomy restored within the present year, according to William Green, secretary of the U. M. W. of A., who is here to attend the executive council of the American Federation of Labor now in session in this city.

Green stated that the U. M. W. A. is behind the strike in District 18, British Columbia and Alberta, and supports the effort to maintain old rates and conditions.

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