

# S. P. LEADER IS NOW MEMBER OF WORKERS PARTY

## Was Member of N. E. C. of Socialist Party

Comrade Albert Weisbord, former member of the national executive committee of the socialist party, secretary-organizer of the New England district, national secretary of the young people's socialist league, and national director of the young people's department of the socialist party, has been extended the right hand of Communist fellowship by the New England Workers Party members.

"I am convinced that Comrade Weisbord is in thoro agreement with the principle, policies and statutes of the Communist International and its American section, the Workers' Party," says John J. Ballam, organizer of district 1, Boston, of the Workers' Party. "I have a high regard for his personal integrity and revolutionary purpose and I am convinced that Comrade Weisbord can be of the greatest service to our party and the American working class.

"In the name of the Workers' Party I extended to Comrade Weisbord the right hand of Communist fellowship and have assured him of a comradely welcome to our ranks."

### Weisbord States His Position.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 20, 1924.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you that I have resigned from the socialist party.

The members of a revolutionary party must be clear in their own minds, regardless of what may be told the workers, as to the means by which the socialist revolution will be brot about. The theoretical position of the socialist party, essentially legalistic and pacifist, prevents those who join from following the foremost principle of the revolution, namely the principle which recognizes the probability, nay the inevitability of the use of force or the threat of force as the sole political method of the masses in bringing about the revolution. The members cannot see, consequently, the great meaning of democratic centralization and discipline within the party and the great strength of the slogan: All Power to the Soviets.

Further, even were the theoretical position of the socialist party essentially sound, the rank opportunism of the leaders and the milch-cow inactivity of the members demonstrate that the socialist party does not put its theories into practice. It is impossible for the socialist party actually to live up to revolutionary theories for its general membership and leadership, when analyzed, belong ideologically and economically to the petite bourgeoisie.

In this connection it gives me pleasure to note how few young or active members, generally, the socialist party has acquired. Sooner or later the few militant ones who do remain must see the futility of their work within the socialist party. I am convinced that at present there is but one revolutionary party here and that is the Workers' (Communist) Party of America.

To those who have been so kind to me in the movement a further word is due. It is very difficult to break old ties. My full activity in the socialist party began in 1920 after the Communist split had occurred. Consequently it was not my privilege to hear the arguments or to take part in the fight. It is not my fault that I was not enlightened as to the true principles of the Communist International and of Lenin, its leader. It is not my fault that I had to dig out for myself, in a painfully slow and laborious way, the conclusions that I have now reached. The socialist party failed here in education, as elsewhere in politics. I can but say that, disillusioned and determined, I hasten now to rectify my mistake.

Long live the Workers' (Communist) Party of America!

Albert Weisbord.

Former secretary-organizer, socialist party, New England district; former national secretary young peoples' socialist league and national director young peoples' dept. socialist party.

## SOCIALIST PARTY PINS LAURELS ON WEISBORD; MAY ROAST HIM NOW

The Milwaukee Leader of Nov. 21, published the following item sent out over the press service of the national office of the socialist party:

"Albert Weisbord has been elected district secretary of the New England states to succeed Helena Turitz, resigned. Weisbord, Turitz and Lewis were the amazingly industrious trio that was responsible for a splendidly efficient and effective campaign in the five states under their jurisdiction—National Office Press Service."

## RUSSIAN CHURCH CLASH CARRIED TO N. Y. COURT

### Hibben and McCullagh Opposing Witnesses

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Captain Paxton Hibben of the U. S. army reserve gave a set back to the anti-Russian propaganda of Captain Francis McCullagh in the court room of Justice Ford where both appeared at witnesses in litigation brot by Bishop Kedrovsky, claiming to represent the "Living Church" of Russia and suing for the possession of the entire Russian Greek catholic church property of America. "Conscience was never so free in Russia as today," said Hibben answering McCullagh.

Replying to McCullagh's testimony which talked luridly of executions of priests and bishops in Russia Hibben declared that the only priest put to death there was Mgr. Butkevitz, for high treason and the use of money for counter-revolutionary purposes when Russian and Poland were at war.

Captain Hibben studied Russian conditions while representing the American committee for the relief of Russia, of which Cardinal O'Connell, Rabbi Wise and leading protestants were members.

An attempt was recently made by reactionary army elements to oust him for his liberal opinions but no action has yet been taken as the result of an official inquiry. Captain McCullagh, formerly a British secret service agent in Russia, later served out anti-Russian stories to the readers of the New York Herald from his offices in Warsaw. He is visiting America on a lecture trip.

Bishop Kedrovsky charges the metropolitan and other representatives of the Russian church here illegally used church resources for Deniken and other military invaders of the homeland and declares that the present American church officials are no longer authorized by the home church.

### Amalgamation for Employers.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 23.—"Business must be brought together in consolidations and trusts," is Edward A. Filene's message to the convention of New England district associated advertising clubs. "People must re-organize their ideas of big business," Filene believes. "Mass production and mass distribution are coming in every country." Filene wants advertising to "educate the public to the vital principle" of mass production.

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