
Italian Federation Endorses NEC Action: Resolution on the Expulsions and Suspensions of the Left Wing Section, June 8, 1919.

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The following report has been made to the National Secretary [Adolph Germer] by John LaDuca, Italian Translator-Secretary:

The Executive Committee of the Italian Socialist Federation in meeting assembled June 8, 1919, has adopted, with but one dissenting vote, and the National Committee (of the Federation) has endorsed the following resolution:

“Whereas the Translator-Secretary of our Federation has submitted to us the true translation of the report of the National Executive Committee regarding the expulsion from the party of the entire state of Michigan and the suspension of several foreign federations, and

“Whereas said report contains much documentary evidence that makes clear and unequivocal the violations of several parts of the national constitution of the Socialist Party by the state organization of Michigan, and

“Whereas it is self-evident, in the light of documentary evidence presented in the aforesaid report in the form of a letter to the NEC of the Socialist Party, signed by the Translator-Secretaries of the suspended federations and written in the name and behalf of their federations, in not recognizing the right of the NEC to discuss and criticize their attitude regarding party tactics and principles is one of arrogant challenge to the Socialist Party, and

“Whereas the suspension of these federations and

the expulsion of the state of Michigan was caused by the self-evident violations of the party constitution and not by the fact that these organizations entertained viewpoints on the question of tactics and principles at variance with those of the Socialist Party.

“Therefore, be it resolved, that the action of the NEC of the Socialist Party in suspending and expelling those elements that violated the party constitution is justified, and be it further

“Resolved that the NEC of the federation recognizes, on the other hand, that this action of the NEC of the Socialist Party intended as chastisement of the offending comrades was too drastic and very unwise, as it was taken by a retiring committee called upon by the same constitution of the Socialist Party to cede the reins of the party to a new Executive Committee.

“In justice to all concerned and to show that the Socialist Party plays fair at all times and in all things it could, we believe, have found a less drastic way of disciplining these organizations and put the whole matter before the coming national convention for final solution, and be it further

“Resolved that we recommend the NEC that the expelled and suspended organizations be given full rights of representation at the coming national convention, and be it further

“Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the NEC and to all the Socialist papers throughout the country as well as to all parties concerned.”

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