
Morris Hillquit Returns After 14 Months' Recuperation; Looks Fine

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Morris Hillquit, leading Socialist Party worker, received a warm welcome yesterday morning from a large crowd that had gathered at the Grand Central Station to greet him as he returned to New York and active party work, after 14 months of enforced idleness at Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks, because of illness.

Hillquit, who has been one of the leading figures in the Socialist movement in this country for nearly 3 decades, broke down in the summer of 1918 in the midst of his Socialist work in what appeared at the time to be the darkest period of oppression in the history of the United States.

He had just come through the spectacular campaign of 1917 as candidate for Mayor and had spoken at 7 great meetings, each one of which packed Madison Square Garden to the rafters, within a short period, in addition to countless other meetings and much other work. The strain of the 1917 campaign had much to do with his breakdown, it was believed, in addition to the strain of labor union work, party activities, writing, lecturing, and committee work.†



Hillquit, whose train arrived at 7:45 at the Grand Central Station, was accompanied by Mrs. Hillquit and his son, Lawrence, and his daughter, Nina. About 40 of his close friends and party officials, together with committees from some of the branches, greeted him with enthusiasm. The cheering was so great that an impromptu meeting gathered, around the Socialists, from which

Hillquit laughingly escaped with his companions.

A breakfast in the station restaurant followed the greeting, attended by nearly 50 persons. Among those there were Adolph Germer, National Secretary of the party; Julius Gerber, Executive Secretary of Local New York; George H. Goebel, Harry Lang of the *Jewish Forward*, Dr. A.E. Gottfried of Hillquit's home party branch, Meyer Gillis, Louis Waldman, Bernard Schub, Jacob Hillquit, and representatives of the 8th Assem-

bly District [branch], the 6th Assembly District [branch], the Harlem branches, and the Jewish Federation. Flowers were sent by many of the branches, and someone laughed and wondered

†- Morris Hillquit suffered from tuberculosis; the 1918-19 bout was his second. The disease would eventually kill him in October 1933 at the age of 63.

where the rice was.

Hillquit was in excellent spirits, and laughed and joked with his old friends, who were gathered with him. He is stouter than usual, and his face is fuller, almost plump. There is not a suspicion of gray hair in his head, in spite of his illness — his recent operation for appendicitis. He is tanned and looks much better than at any time within the last 10 or 15 years.

In spite of his confinement in the Adirondack town for more than a year, Hillquit has kept in close touch with party affairs, and has written much on recent events and party difficulties. He does not expect to participate actively in the speaking campaign this year, but he will take part in party work, as he always has done.

When asked his opinion upon the League of Nations, the steel strike, the Left Wing, the chances of the Reds copping the world's pennant, and of the Shantung settlement, Hillquit said: "Let's all have breakfast." The announcement was greeted with cheers.

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