Courage, Comrades---Courage

This is not the time to whine. This is not the time to cease your activity as a Socialist. This is not the time to forsake the Socialist Party organization, to crawl into a hole, to go into hiding.

In these times of war madness and mental panic every Socialist should serve as a leader in the community, giving intelligent interpretation to the cause of wars, giving direction to working class activities so that the day may come when wars will be no more.

These are days which will prove your metal. These are days which will tell whether you ring true to the ideals to attain which Socialists have striven for years and years. These are days which will finally decide your real value to the revolutionary party of the working class.

And why falter? Why hesitate? We are as right today as we ever were. We are stronger in this right today than we ever were. Thousands upon thousands of working men and women look to us to continue to conserve and give expression to the interests of the working class while the war is on. And hundreds of thousands have turned sympathizers, realizing suddenly that our party is the only dependable force working for the abolition of wars by demanding the abolition of capitalism.

You are NEEDED ON THE SOCIALIST FIRING LINE TODAY. You are needed to fire the determination, the inspiration, the enthusiasm of the workers so that they may close ranks and defeat capitalism. Your value in this work today is double that at any other time.

Then attend your local meeting regularly. Pay your dues regularly. Distribute literature regularly. Get as many new members as you can. Have your local hold a peace demonstration. Have your local hold an anti-conscription meeting.

CIRCULATE THE LISTS SENT YOU FOR THE $1,000 ORGANIZATION FUND. Approach every worker you meet and ask him to give a dollar to be used to strengthen the working class in its opposition to capitalism and its wars.

AND HOW ABOUT YOUR OWN CONTRIBUTION? Money is needed right now to begin an effective organization campaign. Have you ten dollars to spare? Have you five dollars to spare? Have you one dollar to spare? Can we not count upon your generosity in times such as these, so that we may make an onslaught upon capitalism, weaken the master class and increase our power?

ANSWER! AND ANSWER RIGHT AWAY.

Let every comrade take his place in the work. Let every comrade give money. Activity and money to finance activities are the need of the hour.

GIVE US THIS AND WE WILL FORWARD MARCH!
As Debs has said, let every one of us rather be a dead traitor to Wall Street than a live traitor to the working class.

LOCAL TOLEDO remitted $24 to the state office to pay one year’s subscription each for all its good standing and all its bad standing members.

LOOKING FOR a new member? We’ll tell you where to get one. Wend your way into the kitchen and ask your wife to join. Ask her to work for Socialism WITH you.

THE WIRES were kept pretty warm by the state office this last month. Speakers in all parts of the state, yes and out of the state were telegraphed to in an effort to fill the unusual demand on the part of locals for speakers at peace meetings.

62 NEW MEMBERS were admitted by Local Cleveland at its last C.C. meeting. Several delegates got boarse reading applications.

LOCAL LORAIN held the first meeting protesting the conviction of Thos. J. Mooney. Ellis B. Harris of Wisconsin was the speaker.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

WHAT IT DID

The Emergency National Convention of the Socialist Party, held in St. Louis, April 7 to 14, was in many ways the most important convention of our party ever held. It was a hard working convention, every session of which gave the standing of our party as a factor in the world war and in the emancipation of the workers, most serious thought.

Ohio delegates were represented upon nearly every committee elected by the convention. Frank Midney and C. E. Rutenberg served on the committee known to the delegates as the “War Committee.” This committee drafted the party's declaration upon the questions of war and militarism.

Marguerite Prevey and Tom Clifford were elected upon the Resolutions Committee. Cha Baker served as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Wm. Patterson was a member of the Platform Committee. A. Waggenknecht was elected upon the Committee on Organization.

The first important act of the convention was the passage of a resolution against fusion or compromise with the Non-Partisan League, a political organization of farmers which had its beginning in North Dakota and which, under the guise of non-partisanship, has elected many republicans and democrats to office. The roll call vote upon this anti-fusion resolution was 114 in favor and 55 against, the Ohio delegation voting solidly with the majority and for no compromise.

The stand of the party in the present world conflict and its program of action while the war lasts brought forth discussions which every member of the party should have heard. Three reports were placed before the convention by the “War Committee,” a majority report and two minority reports. There was no decided line of demarcation between the majority report and the first minority report which was known as the Boudin report. The only differences between these two were minor in effect. On the other hand, the difference between the

WANTED:

REPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL BEFORE MAY 8th. Either send in your monthly report, Comrade Secretary, or run the risk of having your entire local membership disfranchised.
majority report and what was known as the Spargo report was very decided. When the majority report voiced the party's unalterable opposition to all wars declared by the ruling class, offensive or defensive, and pledged the party to the non-interventionist policy in the class war only, in the war to abolish capitalism, the Spargo minority report supported the stand of President Wilson in declaring the one for "national defense," for which the workers of this country should be glad to give their lives.

Here is a paragraph out of the Spargo minority report: "Nothing that the war is an accomplished fact, for the reasons stated we hold that it is our Socialist duty to make whatever sacrifices may be necessary to enable our nation and its allies to win the war as speedily as possible."

The roll call vote upon the three reports resulted as follows: For the majority report, 136; For the minority report, 32. For the Spargo minority report, 5. Allan Benson took part in the discussion and proposed a declaration upon the question of war which came very near agreeing in full with the Spargo minority report. It received no support from the floor of the convention.

Concerning the party, now that a state of war exists in this country, was also a pivotal point upon which there were very decided differences of opinion. The majority of the "War Committee" brought in a report which demanded continuous, active, public opposition to all military or industrial conscription; vigorous resistance to all reactionary measures; the broadening of the rights of free speech, the right to strike and organize; propaganda against teaching of military training in the schools; for socialization and democratic management of industries, transportation systems, land, natural resources now monopolized for speculative profit.

The majority report also recommended that all elected Socialist officials, whether in congress, state legislature or municipal bodies, vote against all proposed appropriations or loans for military, navy, or other war purposes.

A substitute report on Socialist Party program during the war was proposed, which declared for conscription of incomes and against all conscription of manpower until the American people have been given the right to vote upon it. Many of the delegates thought that the party would make a serious error in approving "wealth conscription," for, in this they saw an attempt on the part of the capitalist class to "carry the war to a successful conclusion" by trading or balancing wealth with conscription, with the conscription of workers to do the fighting and dying. Also, the party's stand upon a conscription of men was voiced as uncompromising and unconditional, referendum or no referendum.

The final roll call vote resulted in 117 for the majority report and 47 for the substitute report. None of the 66 delegates voted either for the Spargo minority report or for the substitute report upon the party's war program.

All the forces favoring fusion and compromise upon the political field on the part of the Socialist Party and its members, seemed to have gathered at this convention, purposing to so amend the constitution of the party as to allow participation. The test of strength between the fusionists and anti-fusionists was finally decided when the Constitution Committee, composed mostly of comrades whose differences preclude a national constitution too ironclad and doctrinaire, made its report.

The majority report of the Committee on Constitution, which report sought to "loosen up" our party laws and give us a more "elastic" constitution, was rejected by the convention by a vote of two to one, the following committee members submitting the majority report were Walter Thomas Mills, Anna Maley, George Goebel, W. R. Gaylord, John C. Kennedy of Illinois, Thos. Williams of California. The latter two comrades are both state secretaries. The minority report was signed by U. Solomon of New York, L. E. Katterfeld of Washington, Wm. H. Henry of Indiana.

A further report which we hope will give the names of all the well known delegates who declared themselves in favor of giving party members the opportunity to vote for capitalist class candidates under certain circumstances: Dan Hogan, Joe Harrieman, Cameron King, Walter Thomas Mills, John C. Kennedy, Florence Wattles, Walter Milnard, Anna A. Maley, Geo. H. Goebel, Jos. D. Cannon, S. J. Mahoney, Adolph Germer, John Spargo, Victor L. Berger, W. R. Gaylord, Seidman.

The large delegations from the industrial states, with the exception of Wisconsin and Missouri, voted almost solidly against fusion. Among the small delegations from the farmers' state, with the exception of the large delegation from Oklahoma, voted almost solidly for fusion. The Ohio delegates voted as one man against fusion.

The convention approved of some very radical changes in the national constitution. The national committee was abolished. A national executive committee of 15 will, if sanctioned by the referendum, hereafter conduct the party activities, this committee to be elected by five districts, three members to serve from each district. This will mean that New York and Wisconsin will have to relinquish control of the National organization to the organization from all parts of the nation.

The national secretary will be elected by the national executive committee of 15 members. There will be a yearly meeting of state secretaries who will gather to decide plans for more thorough organization and propaganda in work and exchange ideas as to party efficiency in administration details.

It is proposed that dues to the national office be increased five cents, doubling the amount the states now pay. This will mean that locals will be obliged to pay five cents more for stamps bought from the state office.

The "American Foreign Policy" section of the national constitution was eliminated. This section known as Section 6 of Article 2 caused wide spread dissatisfaction when it was amended several years ago.

A departure from the prescribed rules was also had in the adoption of a new platform for the party. The report of the majority of the platform committee and precedent and placed before the convention a lengthy, well written document, which many delegates termed a classic in Socialist literature. However, the minority report on platform won the convention, the argument in favor being that it was about time to get away from lengthy treatises couched in language not understood by the masses and adopt a platform which would be read because of its simple language, its brevity and its harmony with working class psychology. The new platform will be probably the shortest ever adopted by the party, giving the Socialist position in terse and concise sentences, every one of which is built of words in common use by working men and women.

The convention decided to pay the party debt and the convention expense by a 25c assessment and by proportioning the "unindebted" among the states in accordance to the state's membership.

The final report of the Resolutions Committee was made at the last session of the convention. As the convention had voted an adjournment at 11:30, Saturday, April 14th, business was carried on with a rush at this last session. The report of the Organization Committee was presented in full, and it was decided to send both the majority and minority reports of the Organization Committee to
the state secretaries and delegates in printed form for their study.

The convention adjourned with three cheers for the Social revolution and the convention's declaration upon the question of peace, which is considered the most revolutionary war-time document ever adopted by the workers in any country at any time.

With the red flag in the lead, the delegates proceeded around the convention hall, singing Socialist songs, after which they hurriedly bid each other goodbye and rushed for their trains.

Party members can not but help take courage as a result of the convention's deliberations and actions. They should renew and intensify their activities through their local and branch organizations so that we may reach the great majority of workers with the Socialist Party's position upon war and with the message of Socialism in action. There is no time like the present to voice the party's principles, for the majority of workers in every community are against war and therefore will willingly listen to the reason for its cause and arguments proving that only with the end of capitalism will wars cease to be.

One National Committee Elected

The following vote was received by nominees for the office of national committee: Mark Brilliant 76; Alex Connell 20; Robert Edwards 86; Dan Farrell 35; John H. Belcher 20; Henry Schmitz 106; Thos. Liptop 33; E. O. McPherson 59; Thos. Marshall 79; Marguerite Preve 436; John Rehn 23; C. E. Ruthenberg 748; Jos. W. Grays 121; S. C. Arnold 234; O. G. Van Schooy 117; Dan Wallace 63.

The only nominee elected upon the first ballot is C. E. Ruthenberg. The names of Marguerite Preve and F. G. Strickland will appear upon the second ballot which will be sent locally soon.

Revised List of Speakers Desired

A revised list of Socialist speakers residing in this state is wanted. All comrades who have had sufficient platform experience to enable them to speak for locals with credit to the party are asked to send their names, addresses and occupations to the state office at once. Comrades desiring to be placed upon the list of speakers are also requested to inform the state office on which days of the week they are available.

THAT $1,000 FUND

WE KNOW THIS, COMRADES. We know that uncountable numbers of men and women are READY to contribute money to the Socialist Party. These men and women have learned to KNOW the Socialist Party in the last few weeks. They have learned to LOVE the Socialist Party. They were NOT AFRAID to speak its mind. They have learned to recognize it as an organization THAT WAS NOT AFRAID of the capitalist class and its army of hired jingo soldiers.

Uncountable numbers of men and women are ready to contribute money to help make the Socialist Party more powerful. All that is needed is enough party members to collect the money awaiting our call.

ARE YOU CIRCULATING YOUR ORGANIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTION LIST? HAVE YOU ONE OF THESE LISTS TO CIRCULATE?

If you have a contribution list in your possession, put it to work at once. If you have no list, write to the state office, 1291 Cook avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and a list will be sent you by return mail.

These lists were sent to locals only a short time ago. That many comrades are giving attention to their circularization is proven by the following donations already received.

Slovak Branch, Canton ........................................... $1.30
J. S. Case, Delaware ........................................... .50
E. E. Pasco, Dayton ........................................... .25
H. L. Cunningham, Dayton ..................................... .50
Thos. Holher, Dayton ........................................... .50
J. Kochendoerfer, Dayton ..................................... .50
J. A. Herzog, Dayton ........................................... .25
L. B. Broadhead, Dayton ..................................... .25
T. Schroeder, Dayton ........................................... .25
P. E. Athey, Dayton, 25c; L. Jimeson, Dayton, 25c; Wm. Shieling, Dayton, 35c; B. F. James, Dayton, 25c; E. Auffuldish, Dayton, 25c; Max Traedek, Dayton, 50c; Martin Ryan, Dayton, 25c; E. J. Huber, Van Buren Tp., 40c; Bohemian Socialist Branch, Maynard, $2.00; Laura Crowley, Fostoria, $5.00; W. M. Ralston, Fostoria, 50c; Geo. H. Bailey, Fostoria, $1.00; Theo. Allebach, Fostoria, 50c; J. J. Werner, Fostoria, 1c; Local Cambridge, $2.00; Geo. D. Eynon, Cambridge, 25c; O. D. Hart, Cambridge, 50c; J. L. Steinbreccher, Cambridge, 25c; W. H. Henken, Cambridge, 25c; Lloyd Darland, Cambridge, 10c; Mat Uttar, Adena, $1.00; Chauncey Dover, Cadiz, 25c; Fred Bartles, Adena, 25c; ohn Vehre, Adena, 50c; Wm. Thompson, Adena, 50c; Orvaldo Taleup, 50c; I. S. Williamson, Cable, 50c; G. A. McBride, Sterling, 25c; D. C. Steiner, Sterling, $1.00; I. W. Malbach, Sterling, $1.00; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, $5.00; J. M. Remy, Greenfield, 50c; I. D. Clark, Greenfield, 25c; W. E. Baker, Greenfield, 50c; Fred Beatty, Greenfield, 25c; Fred C. Kelso, Greenfield, 50c; Harley Wright, Greenfield, 50c; Henry Rush, Greenfield, 25c; Walter Wilson, Greenfield, 25c.

SEND FOR A $1,000 ORGANIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTION LIST TODAY

Then circulate it among all Socialists, sympathizers and friends in your vicinity. Help the party to the sinews of war so that it may more effectively fight your battles.

SAY---WHO IS YOUR WIFE?

Have you a wife? And if you have, who is she? Is she anybody? Isn't it funny, comrades, how a lot of us men folks go forth into the wilderness in an attempt to induce a Socialist voter to join your paying organization, while right at home, under our very noses, there's a party prospect of true value?

We know of a Socialist Party branch in the largest city in the state, the members of which are a smart lot. First one or two comrades of this branch began to bring their wives to meetings, and eventually they joined the party. Soon more men joined. Then the comrades took the hint and did the same thing. And now this branch has an attendance that is almost 50-50.

Suppose you say to your wife next meeting night: "Come to the Socialist meeting with me tonight, will you, dear? I'll help you a little with the work. You'll enjoy hearing the comrades talk." Suppose you do this next meeting night.

We want every comrades wife to come and learn something about the work the party is doing. More men are needed to join the party, and it is up to the women to help. And we may get more willing hands at work digging capitalism's grave.
A Very Busy State Executive Committee

The sessions of the State Executive Committee held at state headquarters Monday and Tuesday were notable for the prompt and efficient dispatch of state office work. Many communications were placed before the committee from the field and these communications, which dealt with the renewed interest in the movement, were most encouraging.

The new business transacted shows that this committee is looking forward to the day when the state organization will be able to enlist as many comrades in this work, as we have in the "Building Up" project.

There are now upon the mailing list nine hundred signatures. This number should be doubled in this next month. With the regard I would like to ask your committee to circulate these lists as widely as possible. It would be a small sacrifice if, when the subscription price, it would pay to have subscription cards printed, which would be mailed to subscribers, and on which the name and address of the subscriber is printed.

I suggest that this committee consider the possibility of issuing a semi-monthly paper, or a semi-annual magazine, which could be sold for $1.00.

There are two other matters to which I desire to call your attention.

The first is the question of remittances. What is the proper amount of foreign branch dues to be sent? It is desirable that every local in the state should contribute a certain amount, but how much should be sent?

The second is the question of the proper time to hold a state convention. It is desirable that this state convention be held at a time when the state will be able to discuss its work in a proper and adequate manner.

State Secretary

ADVISORS.

After inquiries which your committee has made, it is believed that the Ohio State Bar Association has declared themselves in favor of an advisory committee being established by the state legislature to political office. Local boards also declared themselves in favor of supply services to their local and state organizations.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the State Executive Committee elect a sub-committee to confer with the State Board of Bar Examiners to establish the advisability of forming an advisory committee of lawyer members of the Ohio State Bar Association.

2. That your committee elect a committee to confer with the Ohio State Bar Association to establish the advisability of forming an advisory committee of lawyer members of the Ohio State Bar Association.

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FINANCES.

State office finances are in an admirable condition. As we have been notified in the past, the present administration has in mind the desire to make the Ohio Socialist a real and vital factor in the political and social life of the state. To this end, the present administration has spent a considerable amount of money in the purchase of advertising space, and the results have been most encouraging. The Ohio Socialist is now reaching a wide and increasing circulation, and the financial condition of the state office is such that the committee is able to maintain a proper proportion of the necessary expenses.

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State Secretary

Revised and considered seriatim.

The committee on the report of the Secretary was not able to complete its work at the last meeting of the State Executive Committee. The report will be submitted to the committee for consideration at the next meeting.

Motion carried that report be taken up at the next meeting of the State Executive Committee.

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GEO. BUNDY....686 Forstye Ave.
Columbus.

CLIFFORD TOMS...3517 Fulton Rd.
Cleveland.

E. L. HITCHENS....3918 Regent Ave.
Cincinnati.

WM. PATTERSON...947 Michigan St.
Toledo.

SCOTT WILKINS.....Wapakoneta
JAMES J. WHITE....Box 492
Toronto.

No. 5 be concurred in.

Motion carried to now elect committee members to appear in person.

Motion to reconsider action upon recommendation No. 1 lost.

Mr. STARLING moves that the Advisory Commission as per recommendation No. 1 be composed of members of the State Executive Committee.

Motion carried that this committee consist of the following members: Comrades Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins and Jas. J. White elected the Advisory Committee to assist Socialist elected to political office.

The following applications for membership to consist of teachers who were Socialists when selected as per recommendation No. 2: Thos. G. Gossing, Hamilton; John W. Marshall of Eaton; Henry Holcomb of Dover.

The following committee of accountants was elected in accordance with recommendation No. 3: Comrades Harry Cheek, C. E. Rubythen.

Upon the committee on leave for state distribution were elected Edward Smith of Warren, A. Wagenknecht, J. B. Buchanan of Columbus, E. P. McDevitt of Steubenville.

The Legal Committee elected consists of the following members: F. P. Thulir of Cleveland, J. W. Shart of Warren, A. Wagenknecht of Columbus.

Motion carried that representation of members at large in the state convention be sent to the Ohio State Secretary, be referred to the state convention.

Motion carried that where there are no county or city central committees duties from these branches be kept in the state treasury.

MANY MEMBERSHIPS AT LARGE AND CHARTERS GRANTED.

The following applications for membership at large in the party were read and granted: Roy Nichols, William Riley, Fred Fitch, John Davis, Harley Locker, Ray Beldersdorf, Roy Cole, Charles Grummert, William Beldersdorf, Carl Hiller, John Schlegager, Homer L. Henson, Thomas Burress, John Peck, Alonzo Parson.

The following applications for charters were read and granted: proposed by Julius Soos and Robert Graham.

Mr. Tom Clifford requested to be recorded as having granted so many memberships at large in one city, holding that these comrades ought to organize a local.

Charters applications, as follows were acted upon:

To J. H. Ringer....1318 Fifth Ave., Columbus.

To Calvin Johnson as Secretary in the name of the workers of Swab, Schwalb, Willshire, F. D. Crain, Secretary.

To Chevot, Earl Pickering, Secretary, of Lisbon Shephard, Secretary. Bella Valley (Bohemia), Secretary.

All applications were granted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From local, Cincinnati, submitting application for approval. Approval granted.

From locals regarding election of Advisory Committee and purchase of an auto for the same.

From State Secretaries regarding circularization of state locals by the National office, requesting authority to establish of a State Secretaries’ Exchange.

Motion carried that the National office give the Ohio State office preliminary notice of its circularizing and that all National office circulars be photostat copies and that the Ohio State office have approval.

From U. C. Engle of Oberlin suggesting a formal statement of the activities of D. C., and placing before committee manuscript with the request to publish after approval that although a great credit is due Comrade Daniels for his activity, we recognize its value, the State Executive Committee is in no position at this time to enter the propagation of publishing the book.

From local, Sandusky, regarding efforts to obtain a state law to establish a municipal court. Motion that as this matter is turned over to the legislature, no further action be taken.

From the Socialist Party of Idaho, protesting against the holding of the National convention.

From Fred Walchill, Secretary of local, Belmont County, stating that the passing of the Act creating the State Executive Committee to use the money in the convention fund for anti-war purposes and promising double the local’s former contribution for the upcoming national convention.

Motion carried that local Belmont County have the necessary money deposited in the state convention fund.

From local, Conneaut, protesting the holding of the National convention.

From J. T. Marsh, State Committee, advising that list of available speakers is needed and request State Secretary committee state meeting and organize a list of available speakers and place list of names before the State Executive Committee.

From International Socialist Review offering state organization a Ford car for the sale of the paper. The committee carried a resolution to favor the proposition and that State Secretary communicate with members and ask for list of those who would give their support in the sale of 600 copies of International Socialist Review.

From local, Conneaut, inquiring as to action of party in regard to circulating petitions for the state-wide referendum upon the question of old age pensions. Motion carried that any member of the party be allowed to circulate or sign such lists as individuals or any unit of any party law or resolution.

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From National office requesting the Ohio State office to hold anti-war meetings. Request complied with.

From National office announcing holding of an Emergency National Convention.

Motion carried to adjourn to 9 a.m. April 1.

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Motion carried that action be deferred awaiting arrival of representatives from local.

At this juncture August Malm of the Finnish Socialist District Committee appeared to witness the committee’s actions.

Motion carried that E. L. Hitchens, Comrade of the district committee and having an auditing committee and that this committee audit the books of the State office every quarter before the State Executive Committee convenes.

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Motion carried to adjourn to 9 a.m. April 1.

SESSION OF APRIL 1.

Scott Wilkins elected Chairman for the session.

Reading of communications continued.
$770.63--All Bills Paid

STILL FORGING AHEAD.

The State office treasury is still on the upward trend. Every fund shows a surplus. The Secretary reported to the State Executive Committee that the first of the month would see a balance of about $700.00 in the treasury. Instead, when all balances were finally added, not only the treasury showed all of $770.63 to the good and ALL BILLS PAID.

To suppose to do with all this money? We are going to make the Socialist Party a power in the State. We are going to strengthen local organizations. We are going to organize locals where none now exist. State Organizers have already been designated by the State Executive Committee. It will not be long now, for they will be in the field hard at work. And when that day comes, we will need even more money than we now have, for we intend to accomplish our organization work without putting the weak locals, which need assistance, to any expense. To the State treasury, then, Watch it jump by leaps and bounds as soon as members get busy circulating the contribution lists for our $1,000 Organization Fund, sent out by the State office several weeks ago.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH.

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A COLORADO COMRADE SAYS:

"I believe I have done more real thinking in the last month than in my whole life. I suppose I have just been like a good many of the comrades and thought that because I could not write or speak that there was not very much that I could do for the party except vote the ticket and just sit it out. I am glad to be granted that somebody else with more time than I have shown how matters and do what was necessary to do.

"If I have found out that the very ones I was depending upon to do things did not have any more time to devote to the party than I did, and now I believe that if every comrade would take up his mind to do everything he can, even if at the time what he does seems small, then we will very soon find that it is from doing small things for the party it is built."

"One of these so-called small things which every comrade should do for the party is to ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY even if they are DUES PAID UP. And although these seem small things, in time we will find out that they are big things and probably THE BIGGEST things we can do for the party."

Fred Holder, Loveland, Colo.

ATTENTION

Foreign Speaking Branches

Some financial secretaries of foreign speaking branches labor under the misunderstanding that new members admitted to the foreign speaking branches do not need to buy initiation stamps for their dues books.

This is a mistake, comrades. EVERY MEMBER ADMITTED IN OHIO MUST be able to show an initiation stamp in payment for his first month's dues. Unless the new member has an initiation stamp in his dues book he is not a LEGAL MEMBER of our party.

OBITUARY:

Local Steuben-ville announces its regrets in the loss by death of Comrade Michael Achkammer, who was a very active worker in the cause.

WE POINT OUR FINGER STRAIGHT AT YOU AND ASK—what good are you to the Socialist Party? Is your importance to the party as great as the importance of the hole to the doughnut?

LOCALS DID NOT REPORT

You, who are now reading this, are you a member of a local whose Secretary is not reporting to the state office? Read the list of reporting locals below. Is your local's name in the list? If it is not, then your Secretary needs YOUR attention. He needs a little prodding and we elect to give it to him.

A total of 195 new members were admitted by the reporting locals during the month of March. Permit us to repeat last month's advice: KEEP THESE NEW MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. See to it that they get the habit of paying dues regularly from the very first. Make them realize that there is nothing so important as keeping in good standing.

- New Paid to Total on

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You BET we will begin that organization campaign by means of automobiles. We will begin it just as soon as the comrades want it begun. A few more dollars, please.

At the sound of your master's factory whistle you hustle like the very devil to get there in time so you may be permitted to earn a little bread for the day—but you turn a deaf ear to the sound of the Socialist party state office whistle which calls upon you to work a little to speed the day when you'll get all you produce. Isn't that funny?
OFFICIAL BUSINESS


COMMENT: By Patterson—"Please submit my motion with whatever comment you think necessary." By Hitchens—"I am not prepared to the motion but I would not want to see The Ohio Socialist, with its limited space, cut out of the story of all that the party was trying to do. I would like to think that the State Executive Committee would give some direction to the local paper. There might be some that would be enlightening and others that would be of no consequence in the development of the party. I hope the editor can be more specific on what to print and what not at its sessions." By Wilkins—"I vote no as it would be a waste of space and useless expense; besides that State Secretary's comment concerning this matter reaches all the active members when read before the local with a state-wide audience those who would read it in The Ohio Socialist.

Motion "F." By George Bundy: "That the State Secretary place the result of the party convention held before the State Executive Committee at its first session, before communicating results to the National Secretary." Voting yes: Geo. Bundy, E. L. Hitchens, Jas. J. White, Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins. Voting no: Tom Clifford, Wm. Patterson. Motion carried.

COMMENT: By Patterson—"I vote no on this motion, providing the next meeting of the State Executive Com- mittee to be held at least two months after the convention. Since the motion of Comrade Clifford to hold the meeting April 7 has carried and since we do not know yet whether the question of the State Executive Committee has been approved, I want to be recorded as changing my vote to 'no' should the committee decide not to meet March 31.

Motions for State Referendums

Local Mt. Vernon submits the following motions for state referendums.

Motion No. 1. "That no law or measure shall be passed or legislated within the state of Ohio in the interest or for the benefit of its people either by Congress or the state or by a majority vote of all its people, state, county or municipal, at any time or of any age, if it shall be resolved, that all officials elected or appointed to office shall enter office for the sole purpose only to carry out in the best interests of all people the decisions declared by referendum ballot at the preceding spring or fall election; be it also resolved, that all officials elected to office shall be subject to the law or rules and regulations that may from time to time be recalled by a three-fifths referendum ballot of the people for the purpose of giving each official the power of recall in addition to the recall of the whole body of officials; each family of the state be supplied with a copy giving provisions of this amendment one month before election.

Motion No. 2. "That the state of Ohio shall establish and maintain its own banking system; that it shall establish one bank in each county in the state, and that such banks shall pay 4 per cent on all money received and pay out all such moneys at 4½ per cent, all moneys accruing from the ¼ per cent paid by the cost of operation and maintainance, to be used for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the people of the state and may decide upon by referendum ballot. Each family of the state shall be provided with a copy giving provisions of this amendment one month before election.

Motion No. 3. "That the state of Ohio shall establish twelve-power plants or as many more as may be necessary ranging from one to five million horsepower at suitable locations, along main streets and roads; that the state and furnish heat, light, fuel and power to the people of the state of Ohio at ½ cent per kilowatt hour above and beyond the cost of operation of such plants. The ¼ cent received per kilowatt hour above the cost of maintenance and operation of such plants to be placed in a state fund to be used to establish elevators and flour mills, leather tanneries, shoe factories, furniture factories, glass factories, car factories, tin factories, farm implement factories, and all such establish-ments as may be necessary to furnish the necessities of life to the people.

The state shall charge .05 cents or as much as may be necessary, over and above cost of production and distribution, on a pair of above 50 each such pair of above, 50 cents on each 100 pounds of fertiliser and on each dollar's worth of clothing, furniture or implements, such .05 cents to be paid to the state. The state shall purchase all such goods and maintenance of plants in production to be placed in a state fund to establish warehouses and to purchase and maintain in such warehouse all such goods and such farm products as are not perishable over and above what the farmer and his family use and their own family use and shall sell to its people such goods stored at a price fixed by a commission composed of thirty-four Indians. The prices of each article to be based on the average production of such articles through the state. The state shall also sell pork, beef, poultry, butter and eggs above what is needed by the producers of such articles and sell such articles to its people at cost of production and distribution. The state of Ohio shall acquire by either one of four methods the present establishments or manufacturers for producing such necessaries.

Those four methods named in the amendment shall be unlimited to the people of the state for the good of all.

METHOD No. 1—That the state of Ohio buy those establishments or manufactories at cost of building minus the wear of old machinery, the price to be decided upon by a commission composed of five men, not to be paid over three thousand dollars a year each, with expenses.

METHOD No. 2—That such industries sell the rest of their natural life as long as they remain in the state.

METHOD No. 3—Seize those establishments by which the means of life must be produced, by right of eminent domain or condemnation.

METHOD No. 4—Compete out of business any public establishment who may exploit from any individual any work to the fullest advantage of the public. The production and distribution of such article and guarantee to every individual or household the social right to all these goods. Through this amendment, direct throughout the state the establishment of grazing ranges on the rough, swampy and unhealthy lands. Through this amendment, no one shall supply any deficiency of pork or mutton at a minimum cost which the farmers of the state may be unable to supply.

All calves produced shall be reported to the commission charged with such work and all calves produced above what the farmers wish to raise for themselves shall be purchased by the commission named and used to the greatest advantage for the benefit of the state.

The state shall also direct and control the milk supply in its present form to the people of the state. The state shall sell pork, beef, and other meat and goods produced and goods in stock.

The state shall also mine and control the distribution of all coal in the state and also acquire control and ownership of all gas and oil production, also telegraph and telephone means of communication, also all roads--steam, electric, or gas.

Each family of the state shall be supplied a copy with provisions of this amendment one month before election.

Motions that these resolutions be sent to the state office of Ohio for a draft by local Mt. Vernon by Comrades P. B. Strobel and T. Shields, and the resolutions were sent to the state office by the local Mt. Vernon. Local Mt. Vernon has seven members in good standing.

State Office Price List

SUPPLIES.

Dues Stamps, each...
Dues Dual Stamps...
Initiation Stamps, each...
Dues Book and State Constitution...
National Constitutions, each 5c, 25 for...
Application Cards, per 100...
State Platform, 100 copies...
Transfer Cards, 10 for...
Certificate of Adoption, Arm and Torch, each...
Letter Heads, per hundred...
Envelopes, printed, per hundred...
Shields, International Emblem, etc...
Imprinted Pins, etc...

LITERATURE.

Socialist Songs, with enjoy...
Marxism and Darwinism, Pannekoek...
The Socialist Movement, Rev. Yall...
Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels...
Talks on Economics, by Marx...
Wages, Price and Socialism, catalog...
Value, Price and Profit, by Marx...
Proletarian Revolution, Engels...
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Engels...
The Class Sense of Socialism, by Spargo...
Industrial Proletarians and Capitalist Tyrants, Engels...
Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vail...
Evolution, Social and Organic...
Socialism for Students, by Comrade...
THE OHIO SOCIALIST

As To Short Cuts

Together with other state secretaries we desire to warn the comrades against so-called short cuts to the Revolution, which are being advocated so assiduously here and there of late.

There is the colony scheme for instance. Although we do not desire those comrades from joining a colony should they care for the adventure and experience such an escapade entails, yet WE DO SAY and say it emphatically, that colony schemes ARE NOT short cuts to Socialism. Socialism cannot be gained by attempting to avoid capitalism, by leaving the fields of the class struggle and going off into hiding in some sparsely settled part of the land. It can only be secured by grappling with the monster in its own den and gradually shearing it of its power.

Then there is another so-called short cut which has been dubbed "Let us get government ownership of railroads first." That is, let us forget about our revolutionary aims altogether and let's help the railroad capitalists sell the railroads to their government at a fat price. And what will we have gained if we get government ownership of railroads? What have the Germans and Russia gained through government ownership of railroads? The true aim of the Socialist Party is to establish a worker's government and not to assist capitalists to sell the railroads to a capitalist's government.

Let us add this. Pay a bit more attention to the Socialist Party and its declarations and tactics. Don't permit a private enterprise to prescribe your "brand" of Socialism for you. A private enterprise is in business to do business and the kind of Socialism it promotes is not the kind that will "take," the kind that will bring in the most shillings. On the other hand, the Socialist Party is organized to secure the kind of Socialism which is in the interest of the working class, the rank and file of the party. This kind of Socialism is revolutionary in aim and demands complete overthrow of capitalism and not its bolstering up.

Of course, you can take your choice. If you'd rather get your Socialism through the business office of some private enterprise, we're willing. We'd rather that the membership of the Socialist Party decide our Socialism for us.

LOCAL TIFFIN sends $5 to the $1,000 Organization Fund. Secretary Wm. D. Loucks remarks: "Let us contribute just a little bit more to that necessary fund." Quite a little bit, say we.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAN

A. Wagenknecht, State Sec.
1291 Cook Ave.
Lakewood, O.

Dear Comrade:

No business has come to a vote of the National Committee during January and February, the committee business being limited to comment and discussion. I have therefore no report to submit of concrete actions or my vote on same.

Fraternally yours,
C. E. Ruthenberg
National Committeeman

LOCAL CLEVELAND secured 47 applications for membership at its recent peace meeting the fourth it has so far held.

OHIO DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Of the 119 nominees for delegates to the National Convention which appeared upon the ballot, these nominees received the highest number of votes:
DELEGATES: C. E. Ruthenberg, Cleveland, 876; A. Wagenknecht, Lakewood, 737; Tom Clifford, Cleveland, 717; Marguerite Prevey, Akron, 525; Chas. Baker, Hamilton, 521; Wm. F. Barnard, Cleveland, 481; G. F. Strickland, East Toledo, 399; Jno. Jodlbauer, Cleveland, 341; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, 329.

ALTERNATES: Jos. Robb, Cleveland, 301; Frank Midny, Youngstown, 252; Allen Cook, Canton, 239; J. G. Willert, Cleveland, 225; George Bundy, Columbus, 210; John Braithlin, Cleveland, 207; M. J. Beery, Mansfield, 184; Lotta Burke, Cincinnati, 179; O. G. Van Schooy, Columbus, 177; E. L. Hitchens, Norwood, 175.

All the rest of the nominees received less than 175 votes throughout the state.

Delegate Strickland notified the state office he could not attend convention and Alternate Midny took his place.

ENLIST

Permit us to conscript you for service in the Army of WORKING SOCIALISTS

Socialism will only come if workers work for it.

Will YOU Join the Workers?

You're Elected--to see some bad standing comrade today to collect his arrearages.

Do you accept or decline the honor?


Owner: Socialist Party of Ohio, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood (Cleveland P. O.), Ohio.

A. Wagenknecht, State Secretary, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood (Cleveland P. O.), Ohio.

State Executive Committee: Chas. Baker, 103 N. Shuler St., Hamilton; Geo. Bundy, 1359 Forsythe Ave., Columbus; Tom Clifford, 3517 Fulton Rd., Cleveland; F. L. Hitchens, 3918 Regent Ave., Norwood; Wm. Patterson, 1727 Michigan St., Toledo; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta; James J. White, Box 492, Toronto.

A. Wagenknecht, editor and manager, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood (Cleveland P. O.), Ohio.

Known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds or other securities: None.

A. WAGENKNECHT,
Editor and Manager.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of March, 1917.

C. R. STONE,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 27, 1919.