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 concorse and give expression to the interests of the working class while the war is on. And hundreds of thousands have turned to 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. Werd 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 usual demand on the part of locals for speakers at peace meetings.

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

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

REPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL BEFORE MAY 8th. Either send in your monthly report, Comrade Secretary, or run the risk of hav'ing your entire local membership disfranchised.

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 on nearly every committee elected by the convention. Frank Midney and C. E. Ruthenberg 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. Chap. Baker served as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Wm. Patterson was a member of the Platform Committee. A. Wagenknecht 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
majority report and what was known as the Spargo report was very decided. Whereas the
minority report veiled the party's unalterable opposition to all wars declared by the ruling class, of-
fensive or defensive, and pleaded that the government in the class war only, in the war to
abolish capitalism, the Spargo minority report supported the stand of President Wilson in de-
claring all wars with "minority," for which the workers of this country should be glad to
give their lives.

Here is a paragraph out of the Spargo minority report: "Now
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 only which came very near agreeing in full with the
Spargo minority report. It re-
ceived no support from the floor
of the convention.

Control of the party, now that a state of war exists in this
country, was also a pivotal point
upon which there were very de-
cided differences of opinion. The
majority of the "War Commit-
tee" brought in a report which
demanded continuous, active, pub-
ic opposition to all military or
industrial conscription; vigorous
resistance to all reactionary meas-
ures which would infringe upon
the restriction of the rights of free
speech, the right to strike and or-
ganize; propaganda against teach-
ing of military training in the schools; for socialization and
democratic management of indus-
tries, transportation systems,
land, natural resources now mo-
nopolized for speculative profit.

The majority report also rec-
ommended that all elected Social-
ist officials, whether in congress,
state legislature or municipal bodies, vote against all proposed appropriations or loans for
wartime or other war purposes.
A substitute report on Socialist
Party program during the war
was proposed, which declared for
conscription of incomes and against a "wealth conscription" of prop-
til the American people have been
given the right to vote upon it.
Many of the delegates thought
that the party would make a se-
rious attempt at "wealth conscription," for, in this
they saw an attempt on the part
of the capitalist class to "carry
the war to a successful conclu-
sion" by trading or balancing wealth with a conscription of workers to do their
fighting and dying. Also, the party's stand upon a conscription of men was voiced as uncompro-
mising in its opposition, 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 Ohio delegation voted either
for the Spargo minority report or
the substitute report upon the
party's war program.

All the forces favoring fusion and communism upon the politi-
cal field on the part of the Social-
ist Party and its members, seemed
to have gathered at this conven-
tion, purposing to so amend the
constitution of the party as to al-
low political traction. The test of
strength between the fusionists and anti-fusionists was finally de-
cided when the Constitution Com-
mittee, composed mostly of com-
rades who once professed the
national constitution too iron-
clad and doctrinaire, made its re-
port.

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 re-
jected by the convention by a vote of
2 to 1. A substitute report sub-
mitting the majority report were
Walter Thomas Mills, Anna Ma-
ley, George Goebel, W. R. Gay-
lord, 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 Wash-
ington, Wm. H. Henry of Indiana.

For report on the platform we have
the names of all the well
known delegates who declared themselves in favor of giving
party members the opportunity to vote for capitalist class candi-
dates "under certain circum-
stances:" Dan Hogan, Job Harri-
man, Cameron King, Walter
Thomas Mills, John C. Kennedy,
Florence Wattles, Walter Mil-
lard, Anna A. Maley, Geo. H.
Goebel, Jos. D. Cannon, S. J. Ma-
holney, Adolph Germer, John
Spargo, Victor L. Berger, W. R.
Gavlord, Emil Seidel.

The large delegations from the
industrial states, with the excep-
tion of Wisconsin and Missouri,
voted almost solidly against fu-
sion. Also, the small delegations
from the farm states, with the excep-
tion of the large delega-
tion from Oklahoma, voted almost
solidly for fusion. The Ohio del-
egates voted as one man against
fusion.

The convention approved of
some very radical changes in the
national constitution. The na-
tional committee was abolished. A
national executive committee of
15 will, if sanctioned by the re-
ference, be the charge of the party activities, this committee to
be elected by five districts, three
members to serve from each dis-
trict. 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 new national executive committee of 15 members. There
will be a yearly meeting of state
secretaries who will gather to de-
cide plans for more thorough organi-
ization and propaganda work and
exchange ideas as to party effi-
ciency 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 federal system" section of
the national constitution was
eliminated. This section known as
Section 6 of Article 2 caused wide
spread dissatisfaction when it was
adopted seven 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 set a needed
precedent and placed before the
convention a lengthy, well written
document, which many delegates
termed a classic in Socialist litera-
ture. However, the minority re-
port on platform won the conven-
tion, the argument in favor being
that it was about time to get
away from lengthy treatises
couched in language not under-
tanding by the masses and adopt
a platform which would be read
because of its simple lan-
guage, its brevity and its har-
mony with working class psychol-
ogy. The new platform will be
probably the shortest ever adopt-
ed by the party, giving the Social-
ist 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 indebted-
ness among the states in accord-
cance to the state's membership.

The final report of the Resolu-
tions Committee was made at the
last session of the convention. As
the convention had voted at ad-
tourn at 11:30 Saturday, April
14th, business was carried on
with a rush at this last session.
The report of the Organization
Committee was set aside all
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 Socialist of 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 filed out of 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 America is no longer 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 Com- mittee Elected

The following vote was received by nominees for the office of national committees: Mark Brillant 76; Alex Connell 20; Robert Edwards 86; Dan Farrell 35; John B. Smith 18; Thos. Hammerschmitt 106; Thos. Liptert 33; E. O. McPherson 59; Thos. Marshall 79; Marguerite Prevey 436; John Rehn 23; C. E. Ruthenberg 748; Jos. W. Chambers 121; O. W. Bivins 34; O. G. Van Scyocck 117; Dan Wallace 63.

The only nominee elected upon the first ballot is C. E. Ruthenberg. The names of Marguerite Prevey and F. G. Strickland will appear upon the second ballot which will be sent locals 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 our 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 of the 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 three years. It is an organization THAT WAS 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 jingoes.

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 |
| E. E. Pasco, Dayton | $.50 |
| H. L. Cunningham, Dayton | $.25 |
| Thos. Kohler, Dayton | $.50 |
| J. Kochendoerfer, Dayton | $.25 |
| J. A. Herzog, Dayton | $.25 |
| L. Broderson, Dayton | $.25 |
| F. Schroeder, Dayton | $.25 |
| P. E. Athey, Dayton, 25c; L. Jameson, Dayton, 25c; Wm. Sheklick, Dayton, 25c; B. F. James, Dayton, 25c; E. Aufuldh, Dayton, 25c; Max Jradek, Dayton, 50c; Martin Ryan, Dayton, 25c; E. H. Huber, Van Zurn, Dayton, 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. Warner, Fostoria, 0c; Local Cambridge, $2.00; Geo. D. Eynon, Cambridge, 25c; O. D. Hart, Cambridge, 50c; J. L. Steinbrecher, Cambridge, 25c; W. W. Hen- ben, Cambridge, 25c; Lloyd Darland, Cambridge, 10c; Mat Uutter, Adena, $1.00; Chauncey Doever, Cadiz, 25c; Fred Bartles, Adena, 25c; oohn Vehre, Adena, 50c; Wm. Thompson, Adena, 50c; Arwald Oalle- aup, 50c; J. S. Williamson, Cable, 50c; G. A. McBride, Sterling, 25c; D. C. Steiner, Sterling, $1.00; I. W. Malbair, Sterling, $1.00; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, $5.00; J. M. Remy, Greenfield, 50c; I. D. Clark, Greenfield, 25c; W. R. Baker, Greenfield, 50c; Fred Beatty, Greenfield, 25c; Fred C. Kelsa, Greenfield, 50c; Harley Wright, Greenfield, 50c; Henry Roush, 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 win 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 into the wilderness in an attempt to induce a Socialist voter to join our dues paying organization, while right at home, under our very noses, there's a party pros- ect 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. Since then more men told the interested 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 to- night, will you, dear? I'll help you a little with the work. You'll en- joy hearing the comrades talk." Suppose you do this next meeting night.

We want every comrade's wife to know that there is someone who'll be nobody if she joins her husband in Socialist activities. And if every comrade in the state would induce his wife to become a dues paying member of our party, he might be more willing hands at work dig- ging capitalism's grave.
A Very Busy State Executive Committee

The sessions of the State Executive Committee held at state headquarters Monthly have been quite trying, which attributed to the renewed interest. Locals were taking up the business of the state.

The new business transacted shows that this committee is looking forward to the state's activities, a more efficient and effective state program. Many members expressed interest in various capacities. The renewed interest in the committee's activities was attributed to the interest in the renewed interest.

Minutes of the Meeting

Afternoon and evening sessions of the committee's March 31, 1917 meeting were called to order by State Secretary Wagenknecht and Scott Wilkins was elected chairman. It was moved and seconded that all those present, namely, E. L. Hitchens, Tom Clifford, Charles Reed, John W. King, L. D. Bundy, Jas. J. White, Scott Wilkins the sub-committee's verification of the success of the State Executive Committee in the election of delegates to the National Convention, to be held in St. Louis, July 4th, at 9 a.m. The motion carried. Motion that figures of total votes counted for delegates to the National Convention as presented by the State Secretary be accepted as correct.

The report to the State Executive Committee of the City Executive Committee of Cleveland, objecting to the name of Max Hayes appearing as ballot as a one-man local, was unanioumously adopted. The reason that said Comrade was 13 months in arrears with his dues was discussed. Motion carried unanimously that the name of Max Hayes be dropped from ballot as an eligible nominee.

State Secretary read his report to the committee.

Report of State Secretary

The three months which have passed since the March meeting of the State Executive Committee have been marked by the activity of many locals. Local members and officers are showing a spirit of co-operation such as the state office hardly dared hope for.

The prompt response which was given to the call for $100,000 to action testifies to the fact that there is a spirit of co-operation that is good a understanding of the need for more perfect organization, and it is hoped that the state office will be enabled to do such use as to develop this understanding for better organization into results which are concrete and effective.

Organization Fund

To simply state the case, the call for a $1,000 Organization Fund met with a record response from every one. The report now all tell the story. Day after day at the state office met with surprise after surprise. The funds are needed to meet the call to this fund. That the locals and members are not mean business, that they demand that the state organize, that they expect a summer is the reason why the local members, in thorsun, 13 months in arrears with his dues, have been promptly responded to. Motion that all contributions be sent to the state office.

FINANCES

State office finances are in an admirable condition. As will be remembered, the state office has been in its latest and present location for three years and is now in a position to operate at its full capacity. Of the amount $45,454 was owed the state office the state office as of March 1, 1917, the balance of $760,000, having been briefly applied to its own needs, has been fully paid by the members. Motion that all contributions be sent to the state office.

Since your last meeting I have purchased a filling cabinet. I have put it in a duplicate at a duplicate of the office equipment has been purchased. This equipment shall try to get along with present facilities for a while as efforts at economizing do not interfere with the prompt and efficient dispatch of state office work.

ADVISES

For inquiries which your committee has been asked about the state's organization, the State Executive Committee will feel free to answer the questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the State Executive Committee elect a sub-committee as an advisory committee to confer with State members from time to time.

2. That your committee elect a committee of state members who are Socialists, this committee to give the direction of Socialist school directors throughout the state on their attention and to compile a list of teachers who are Socialists so that these teachers may be given. To be known to teachers at schools who are Socialists in control.

3. That a committee of state members who are Socialists be elected, and that these comrades devise a uniform system of keeping track of locals and branches.

4. That a committee on propaganda leaflets be elected and it should duty be to write leaflets for free distribution, thereby making the work of the Socialists of our capitalist government at Columbus in the main.

The committee is composed of lawyers who are Socialists be elected whose duty it shall be to keep the members of the Socialists in touch with the conditions of their work.

There are two other matters to which the committee desires to call your attention.

The first is the question of remittance at the coming state convention which this committee think that members at large should be considered as a whole and should be able to represent the state.

The second is the question of remitting quotas of foreign branch dues to locals which have no city central committee.

Locals Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, and Belmont County have remitted foreign branch dues can be remitted. The committee think that the remittances of English speaking branches are specifically meant for the treasures of city and state, and that the remittances of English speaking branches or locals should be remitted. The committee think that the remittances of foreign branch dues no longer be sent.

Locals Cleveland desires to advise you that it voted to hold and supervise a state picnic at the time of the state convention, all net proceeds to go into the state treasury. This local also, at a sacrifice of its own funds, $500.00, turned over to the state for state's or the state's expenses.

This ends my report I am sorry to add that there consideration ought be given to the delegation of one or more state organizers and state lecturers at the state sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
A. WAGENKNECHT,
State Secretary.

Motion carried that report be re

Motion carried that recommendation No. 1 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 2 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 3 be concurred in.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 4 be concurred in.
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TOM CLIFFORD..... 3517 Fulton Rd. Columbus.
E. L. HITCHENS... 3918 Regent Ave. Norwood.
W. PATTERSON...... 1417 Michigan St. Toledo.
SCOTT WILKINS..... Wapakoneta.
JAMES J. WHITE.... Box 492 Toronto.

No. 5 be concurred in.
Motion carried to now elect committee per recommendation.
Motion to reconsider action upon recommendation No. 1 lost.
Motion to dissolve Advisory Committee per recommendation No. 1 
be composed of members of the State Executive Committee
Motion carried that this committee consist of three foreign agents
Comrades Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins and Jas. White elected the Ad-
visory Committee to assist State Secretary elected to political office.
A Committee of three to consist of teachers who are Socialists was 
then elected as per recommendation No. 2.
Harry Checel, C. E. Rutenberg.
Upon the committee to legislate for state distribution were elected
Edward Smith of Warren, A. Wagenneketh, J. I. Buchman of Columbus, E. P. 
Devitt of Steubenville.
The Legal Committee elected com-
ists of the following members: P. 
F. Trulhar of Cleveland, J. W. Sharts of 
Bosch of Cleveland, John W. Marshall of 
Lemontia, Herb Hoffman of Dover. 
Motion carried that representation of 
members at large in the state con-
ference be referred to the State Secretary, be refered to the state convention.
Motion carried that where there are no 
any county or city central commit-
tees, dues are paid to the foreign branches be kept in the state treasury.

MANY MEMBERSHIPS AT LARGE AND CHARTERS GRANTED.
The following applications for mem-
bership at large in the party were read 
and granted: Roy Nichols, William 
Riley, Fred Pitch, John Davia, Harley 
Locke, Ray Beliersderfer, Roy Cole, 
Charles Grummett, William Beliersderfer, 
Clyff Hiller, John Shlaghettet, Hom- 
er L. Henson, Thomas Burress, John 
Peck, Secretary, and Arvid Shipman, 
proposed by Julius Soos, and Robert 
Grafton of Celina.
Tom Clifford requested to be re-
considered, but that this amendment 
granted so many memberships at large in 
one city, and suggest that these comrades 
ought to organize a local.

Communications, as follows, were 
received, with Calvin Johnston as Secretary, 
Frank Valentine, Charles Schwab, Secretary, 
Willisill, F. D. 
Crain, Secretary. Chevalot, Earl Pick-
ner, Secretary, Loring Shep-


A series of letters from local, Sandusky, and members thereof read, regarding the consequences of the acceptance of a political office by a Socialist member of the executive persons in control of the city government. Request by local, Sandusky, that all of the members of the political office be required to resign state office.

Motion carried that action be de-
ferred awaiting arrival of representa-
tives from local, Sandusky, and members thereof, to witness the committee's actions.

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

Motion carried that E. L. Hitchens, Chairman of the committee there, was an auditing committee and that this 
committee audit the books of the State office every quarter, but not before the State Executive Committee convenes.

Communication from local, Conneaut, regarding their coming up party mo-
tion. Motion carried that State Sec-
retary should be appointed to witness the motion at the next State Executive Committee.

From Ohio Socialist Review offering state organization a Ford car and $500 to favor the proposition and that State Secretary communicate to the members and speak on the subject of the motor car, asking their support in the sale of 600 copies of the Socialist Review. From local, Conneaut, inquiring as to action of party in regard to circulating of lists for signatures on the state-wide referendum upon the question of old age pensions. Motion carried that any member of the party may circulate or sign such list as individual without violating any party law or resolution.

Application from H. M. Wicks for position of State Organizer. Application from Ross D. Brown, F. E. 
G. Elkins, and Thomas B. Chas. Baker read for speaking tours of the state.

Motion carried that State Organizers for the party be selected at this ses-


SESSION OF APRIL 1.

From local, Cincinnati, submitting constitution for approval. Approval 

From locals regarding election of 
Advisory Committee and purchase of anti war funds.
From State Secretaries regarding circularization of state locals by the National office.
From the establishment of a State Secretaries' Exchange.
From the National office give the Ohio State office preliminary motion regarding bundling its local circular and that all National office circulars shall be printed before the Ohio State office for approval.
From U. C. Engel of Oberlin suggesting a form of letter writing to D. C., and placing before committee manuscript for a book with the request to publish the book that although great credit is due Comrade D. C., we do not recognize its value, the State Executive Committee is in no position at this time to consider the proposal of publishing the book.

From local, Sandusky, regarding efforts to obtain a state law to establish a municipal court. Motion that as this was a request that covered the last legislature, no further action be taken at this time.

From the Socialist Party of Idaho, protesting against the holding of the National convention.
From Fred Walch, Secretary of local, Belmont County, stating that the passing of a law permitting the State Executive Committee to use the machinery of the State election fund for anti-war purposes and promising double the locale's former contribution for the same purpose in the next state.
Motion carried that local Com- 
mittee (Belmont) be made the respon- 
sible for it.

From I. Barkey of Conneaut, suggest- 
ging that the loss in votes at the 
elections, it was the fault of the Socialists did not watch at the polls. Motion carried to remind locals in this state of the need of watching the 
total count of votes at election time.

From R. S. Callender of Steubenville, asking for assistance in organizing the local. Motion that a date be set upon which Jas. White could visit Steubenville and give assistance in again placing a good local in that city.

From locals regarding bills introduced at session of State Legislature inimical to the interests of the working class. Motion carried to refer these bills to the State Secretary.

From National office regarding follow-up letter system for sympathizers.

From National office regarding the $50,000 Victory Fund and State Secre-
tary's letters in objection to circular-
ization in the state.

From National office requesting a date for the annual anti-war meetings. Request complied with.

From National office announcing holding of an Emergency National Convention to be held during Deliberative Assemblies' to supply each local with at least one

SESSION OF APRIL 1.

Scott Wilkins elected Chairman for the session.
Reading of communications continued.

A. WAGENNEKETH,
State Secretary.
ATTENTION

Foreign Speaking Branches

Some financial secretaries of foreign speaking branches labor under the misunderstanding that new members admitted to foreign speaking branches do not need 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 a new member has an initiation stamp in his dues book he is not a LEGAL member of our party.

OBITUARY: Local Steubenville announces its regrets in the loss by death of Comrade Michael Achaemmer, 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?

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 that 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?
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

State Executive Committee.

"Motion E," by Wm. Patterson. That all committee members be notified of this recommendation and sent out with ballots be hereafter published in The Ohio Socialist. Voting yes: Geo. Bundy, Wm. Patterson, Chas. Baker, Jas. J. White, Voting no: E. L. Hitchens, Scott Wilkins. COMMENT: By Patterson—"Please submit my motion with whatever comment you think necessary." By Hitchens—"I have not heard the motion but I would not want to see The Ohio Socialist, with its limited space, carry in every issue a list of the votes that the committee left the Ohio state would command. There might be some that would be enlightening and other that would be of no consequence in that connection. The committee decided both on what to print and what not at its sessions." By Wilkins—"I vote no as it would be waste of space and useless expense; besides that State Secretary's comment accompany ballot reaches all the active members when read before the local with a state wide referendum those who would read it in The Ohio Socialist."

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

COMMENT: By Clifford—"I vote yes on this motion, providing the next meeting of the State Executive Committee is held at a time conveniently near the date on which the motion of Comrade Clifford to hold the meeting April 7 has carried and since we do not know yet whether the question of changing the date of the convention by the Secretary 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 indians, whether the said law or legislation shall be on Behalf of or for the benefit of a majority of all the people, state, county or municipal, or the people of any age or race."

Resolved, that all officials elected or appointed to office shall enter office for the sole purpose only to carry out the laws and decrees of the state; shall be subject to recall by referendum ballot at the preceding spring or fall elections; be it also

Resolved, that all officials elected to office shall be subject to recall by referendum ballot at any time by a majority of all the people of any age or race, provided the people of such office shall be present or in their possession. Any time by a majority of all the people of any age or race, provided the people of such office shall be present or in their possession. Each family of the state shall be supplied with a copy giving provisions of this amendment one month before election.

Motion No. 2.

"Be it resolved, 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 moneys received and loan out all such moneys at 4½ per cent, all moneys accruing from the ½ per cent above the cost of operation and maintenance of said bank shall be turned over to the state for the benefit of the said banks. The nature and character of the said banks shall be determined by the state legislature, and each family of the state shall be supplied with a copy giving provisions of this amendment one month before election."

Motion No. 3.

"Be it resolved, 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 the state's waterways, so as to provide for the state and furnish heat, light, fuel, and power to the people of the state of Ohio at ½ cent per kilowatt hour above the cost of maintenance and operation of such plants. The ½ cent 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, household goods factories, power factories, cotton factories, woolen factories, iron ore factories, farm implement factories, and all such establishments as may be necessary to furnish the necessaries 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 each pair of shoes, all such as may be necessary, and on each 100 pounds of fertilizer and on each dollar's worth of clothing, furniture or implements, such .05 cents or amount taken above the cost of production and operation of such goods and maintenance of plants in production to be placed in a state fund to establish warehouses and to store and ship free of cost in such warehouses, and sell such and such farm products as are not perishable over and above the cost of farming and their family use and the state shall sell to its people such goods stored at a price fixed by a commission composed of twenty-four individuals. The price of each article to be fixed by the state shall be fixed by 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 manufactories for producing such necessaries.

Those four methods named in the amendment shall be submitted to the people of the state for referendum.

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 the state acquire those establishments or manufactories at the cost of producing such goods and industries 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 tax of the state at any sale and in a distribution of such article and guarantee to every individual his share of the social product of the state. State agriculture, arts, and manufactures through this amendment, direct states the establishment of grazing ranges on the rough, spawny and inalienable lands of the state, the power of supplying any deficiency of pork, beef or mutton at a minimum cost that the farmers of the state may be unable to supply.

All calves produced shall be reported to the commission, charged of 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 and to the people of the state. The state shall also direct and control the milk supply in its present form to the people of the state, and all goods produced and goods in stock, and 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 telephone and telegraph companies owning and governing any state of communication, also all railroads, 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, one copy each to the local Mt. Vernon by Comrades P. B. Strobel and T. Shields, and the resolutions were sent to the state office and determined by the local Mt. Vernon for the resolution of the whole state. Local Mt. Vernon has seven members in good standing.

State Office Price List

SUPPLIES.

Dues Stamps, each... 11c
Dual Dues Stamps... 11c
Initiation Stamps, each... 25c
Dues Book and State Constitution... 2c
National Constitutions, each 5c, 25c for... 50c
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Dues Stamps, Arm and Torch, each... 10c
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Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for... 25c
Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for... 25c
Shipping Pouch, each... 5c
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Socialism for Students, by Cohen... 50c
As To Short Cuts

Together with other state secretaries we desire to warn the comrades against so-called short cuts in 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 our 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 our 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 workers of Germany 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 entirely the kind that will “take,” the kind that will bring in the most shekels. 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’d rather have you than not. But the membership of the Socialist Party decide our Socialism for us.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAN.

March 4, 1917
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. Rutheenberg,
National Committee Man.

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 comrades received the highest number of votes: DELEGATES: C. E. Rutheenberg, Cleveland, 876; A. Wagenknecht, Lakewood, 757; Tom Clifford, Cleveland, 717; Marguerite Prevey, Akron, 525; Chas. Baker, Hamilton, 521; Wm. F. Barnard, Cleveland, 481; G. F. Strickland, Dayton, 445; Wm. Patterson, Toledo, 399; Jos. Jodluber, Cleveland, 341; Scott Wilkins, Wapakoneta, 229.

ALTERNATES: Jos. Robb, Cleveland, 391; Frank Midny, Youngstown, 252; Allen Cook, Canton, 229; J. G. Willott, Cleveland, 225; George Bundy, Columbus, 210; John Brahtin, Cleveland, 207; M. J. Beery, Mansfield, 184; Lotta Burke, Cincinnati, 179; O. G. Van Schoyck, 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.

You’re Elected—

to see some bad standing 
comrade today 
to collect his 
arrears.

Do you accept 
or decline 
the honors?

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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.

ENLIST

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Socialism will only come if workers work for it.

Will YOU Join the Workers?

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