What Have I Done?

1. What have I done during the past six months that has been of any benefit to the Local?
2. What would become of the Local if every member had done exactly as I have done?
3. How many times have I been absent when I could have been present if I had made an effort to do so?
4. If I had been negligent, is it because I am at fault, or because the rest of the Comrades don't do their duty?
5. Am I going to continue in the same old way, or am I going to start something?
6. Am I in partnership with the rest of the members in running the business of the Local?
7. Is it right for some one else to do all the work, and me to expect an equal share in the benefits?
8. How would you like some one to say that to you after the social revolution?
9. You are talking socialism, you believe in its principles. You would like to see the Co-operative Commonwealth actualized. Of course you would.
10. But are you doing anything to bring success to the efforts of those who are trying to bring about public ownership of the means of life? Are you giving merely verbal support?
11. Are you going to your friends and neighbors and working?
12. Let it not be said after the great change that the battle was fought and you were not there.

Herb Hostetler, secretary of local Wayne Tp., reports the death of Comrade S. R. Booher. "He had been ill for nearly a year," writes Comrade Hostetler, "and now that he is gone, we feel his loss very keenly. Comrade Bougher was a veteran Socialist and school teacher, was a very able debater and was always ready to meet the opposition at any time and any place.

Are you a leaner or a lifter? Yes, we appreciate your sympathy, your commendations, your kind words, but right now ACTION is needed. How are you acting? Are you acting in an "I don't care" manner? Or are you up and doing ever alert to the needs of the hour; ever giving time and labor to strengthen the organization?

State Organizer Baker made a speaking tour the fore part of this month, holding meetings in Lorain, Elyria, Ravenna, Cuyahoga Falls, Marion, Mansfield, Alliance, Dayton, Hamilton, Middletown, Springfield, Columbus, Uhrichsville, Dover and Canton.

Go to your next local or branch meeting and take part in the election of a state secretary and a state executive committee of seven members. Ballots have been sent to your secretary. Do your part in helping to vote so as to elect those comrades to office who, according to your best knowledge, will give the best service.

You Are Invited!

STATE PICNIC
SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO
Puritas Springs Park,
Cleveland
SUNDAY, JULY 22d

GEO. R. KIRKPATRICK
late candidate for Vice President and author of "Think or Surrender" and "War—What For", will be the principle speaker.

BRING YOUR FAMILY—BRING YOUR FRIENDS—BRING YOUR LUNCH

Come and spend a day of social and intellectual intercourse with Socialists from all parts of the state. This picnic occurs at the close of the three day's session of state convention of the Socialist Party, and all delegates will be in attendance. Many short speeches by the delegates will help make up the program.

HELP MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST SOCIALIST PICNIC EVER HELD IN THIS STATE

To reach the picnic grounds, take Lorain avenue car at the Public Square, Cleveland. Ride to the Lorain car barns and there transfer to a Puritas Springs car which will take you direct to the picnic.

You Are Invited!

CIRCULATE LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND CONTRIBUTION LISTS
EVERY MEASURE MUST BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE Socialists and the Socialists are looking to you for your help.

You are needed to save our comrades from the clutches of the law.

Our comrades are being prosecuted under the Dyer Act, which is a direct attack on our freedom of speech and association. They are being thrown into jail without trial, and many are facing the possibility of long prison terms.

Your support is crucial to their defense. Please consider making a donation to the Liberty Defense Fund to help support our comrades.

Thank you for your support.

Comrade Secretary

RUTHENBERG IN CINCINNATI

Two meetings were held in Cincinnati by C. E. Ruthenberg, following the arrest of fifteen Socialists in the Local Cincinnati posts, who were charged with conspiracy.

Both meetings were well attended, many new members were admitted into the party, and the morale of the local organization helped materially.

All arrested comrades are now on trial, except Lotta Burke. The local has already raised a defense fund of considerable size and the members are facing forward, determined to strengthen their local and carry on their propaganda work despite all difficulties.

The cases of A. A. Hennacy and H. E. Townsley, convicted of conspiracy in Columbus, will be appealed. They are under $8,000 bonds and are still in jail awaiting bondsmen.

ON DISTURBING MEETINGS

STATE CODE, SECTION 12814: Whenever wilfully interrupts or disturbs the lawful assembly of a withal, or persons assembling as a convention or as a part of a person, while he is at or about the place where such assemblage is to be held or is or has been held, shall be fined not more than Fifty Dollars ($50.00), or imprisonment not more than Ten (10) days, or both. (R.S. 6286.)


A former statute punishing similar offenses by the fine only, upon summary conviction, although for a term of imprisonment as a means of enforcing the payment of the fine was authorized, was held not to conflict with Article 1, Par. 5 and 10 of the constitution, because no provision was made for a trial by jury. 42 O. S. 158.

GET A LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND LIST FROM YOUR SECRETARY

AND NOW READ THIS. PLEASE: Attorney Jos. W. Sharts writes the state office of the Socialist Party that the following incident occurred in Cincinnati and which he said we might want to encourage to blood one of us in our work of securing contributions for the defense fund:

I want to tell you of an incident which ought to be made known to our comrades in every state. The following statement was made to me by a friend of a progressive business man who was a member of our leading group.

He said: "I will give you every bit of information I have concerning the trial of my brother who is being tried for anti-war activities. I do not believe in the law, and I am against it, but I do believe in the right of every man to express his views. I am therefore giving you this information as a matter of information.

My brother is accused of being a member of the American Labor Union, which is an organization that advocates the overthrow of the government by force. He is also accused of having given a speech in which he advocated the use of violence to achieve his political ends.

I understand that my brother is being tried in a court of law. I do not believe in the court of law, and I do not believe in the right of any man to be tried by a court of law. I do believe in the right of every man to be tried by the people, and I do believe in the right of every man to be tried by a jury of his peers.

I want to tell you that my brother is a member of the American Labor Union, and that he is being tried for advocating the overthrow of the government by force. I do not believe in the government, and I do not believe in the right of any man to be tried by a court of law. I do believe in the right of every man to be tried by a court of law, and I do believe in the right of every man to be tried by a jury of his peers.

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YOU GUESS WHY

There's something happening to us. We're "What is it but just to create little interest we are going to ask every comrade one guess as to the reason.

Only one guess, remember—and every comrade who can not guess right will be recommended to an asylum for feeble minded. Here is what has happened to us in the month of June, 1917.

1. The Treasury of the Party contains a surplus of $1,447.13.
2. 1,000 initiation stamps were sold, which means about that many new members admitted in one month.
3. 6,339 dues stamps were sold. A greater number than has been sold in any one month for years past.

Locals that used to buy twenty dues stamps at a time have surprised the state office with orders for one hundred at a time. Locals that thought themselves fortunate in admitting four or five applicants to membership in a month are now admitting all the way from 15 to 50.

Although there has been a little difference with our meetings here and there by the state militia and the Chambers of Commerce, locals in all parts of the state report a wonderful growth in the interest in Socialism and the party's position upon the war.

We predict that the municipal elections this fall will have many surprises in store for all of us and for the capitalist class in particular. Many locals expect the increase in the Socialist vote in their cities to be so overwhelmingly large, as to capture the city governments.

To work then! Let's all labor diligently in the distribution of educational literature and in securing still more members for our party.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

By a vote of four to none, the State Executive Committee decided to postpone its meeting of Saturday, June 30th, to Thursday, July 19th at noon. The motion was made by Tom Clifford, E. L. Hitchens, Scott Wilkins, Wm. Peterson, Geo. Bundy voted yes. Other committee members did not vote.

The Du Pont Powder Company declared a special dividend of 1 percent, to help the Red Cross War Council's $100,000,00 fund. The action of the Du Pont Company follows the lead of the United States Steel Corporation.

THE ROLL CALL.

Less locals than usual answer the roll call this month. Are the local secretaries being overworked, registering the many new members that are being admitted into the party, so that no time remains to write out the monthly report? We wonder!

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Municipal Elections Very Important

We hope that there will not be even one local in the state, that fails to enter the municipal elections. No elections were ever so important to our party and to the country as a whole, as the coming municipal elections will be. These elections will offer the first opportunity for voters to register their favor or disfavor of the present war and all the steps leading to it; all the acts of congress and the president; all the utterances of the keep press.

Nor has there ever been a time when the Socialist Party was enabled to carry on its work of education upon such a large scale as with the help of the coming municipal campaigns. Support and offers of assistance will pour in, and locals entering municipal campaigns will find themselves surrounded by thousands of sympathizers, who are beginning to recognize the claims of the Socialists as true, namely that world peace can come only thru Socialism.

Lay plans for your municipal campaign now. Nominate your candidates as soon. The State Office will supply you with whatever information you need relative to placing your candidates upon the official ballot.

YOU ARE APPOINTED

Supply yourself with application cards and go to work at once. You are appointed an organizer for the Socialist Party. And by you we mean YOU—you who are reading this.

This is no time for comradely rest upon their past accomplishments. These are the times when every comrade is called upon to do more than ever before for the organization.

So never mind how little or how much others are doing. Do YOUR share. And begin work TODAY. Explain to those whom you ask to join that Socialism is the only cure for war just as capitalism is the only cause of war. We want no one's membership just because he or she is opposed to war. On the other hand, we want every one who believes that capitalism should be overthrown and democracy in industry substituted to become a dues paying member of our party.

You're appointed organizer. GET BUSY!

THE TRIALS OF CHAS. BAKER, C. E. RUTENBERG AND A. WAGENKNECHT

The trials of Chas. Baker, C. E. Ruthenberg and A. Wagenknecht will take place in Cleveland this week.

COMRADE ETHEL BALMAT WRITES: "Just a few lines to let you know that Comrade Baker's meeting in Alliance was most successful. He held an audience of five hundred until 10:30 P. M. The largest collection we've had for a long time was taken."

MAJORITY REPORT CARRIES OVERWHELMINGLY

The anti-war proclamation of the delegates attending the recent national convention was carried in this state by a vote of 1307 to 184. The national vote upon this referendum was about 20,000 for the majority report and about 3,000 for the minority report.

"If a man refuses to buy a Liberty Bond from you, I say knock "him down," is the advice given by Charles G. Davies, president of the Central Trust Co., of Illinois. Liberty bonds totalling three billion dollars were bought by four million people. Only three hundred million dollars of the five billion bonds were bought by people subscribing for $10,000 worth or less.
JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT.

More money flowed into the state organization coffers in the month of June than for any month in the last five years. In fact, June receipts were twice as large as the receipts for any one month in the years 1914, 1915, and 1916. The receipts for June, 1917, totalled $1,027.53. Exactly $250 worth of initiation stamps were sold during the month, which means 1,000 new members added to our party. And $333.31 were contributed to our organization fund. Read for yourself.

Receipts.
Dues stamps, regular........ $ 294.40
Dues stamps, double......... 7.00
Dues stamps, M-A-L......... 16.00
Dues stamps, foreign branches........ 105.55
Initiation stamps........ 250.00
Organization fund......... 233.91
Ohio convention........ 6.00
Supplies................ 22.97
Literature................ 2.70
Assessments............... 74.50
Defense fund................ 10.00

Total receipts........ $1,027.53
Balance May 31........ 1,084.69

Grand total........ $2,112.62

Expenses.
Dues stamps................ 200.00
Postal charges........ 41.62
Organization........ 23.50
Ohio convention........ 25.00
Supplies................ 27.00
Literature................ 21.60
Printing................ 58.62
Wages................ 125.00
Postage................ 1.95
Office................ 15.70
Assessments................ 75.90
Miscellaneous........ 19.90

Total expenses........ $ 665.44

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1917........ $1,447.18

In the Main Funds.
General fund........ $ 405.02
Organization fund........ 857.07
Mileage fund........ 220.00

$1,447.18

ORGANIZATION FUND STILL GROWING.

There is now a total of $878.07 in the State Organization Fund. The sum contributed in June amounted to $333.91. Surprise at our ability to gather so much money has been expressed not only by many comrades in this state, but also by comrades of other states. That the Ohio Socialist movement is based upon a loyalty to the cause of Socialism which can not be questioned, is now a foregone conclusion.

Lists sent in since last month's report are as follows: list 246, John Santos; list 248, John Le Panor, 75c; list 409, Polish branch, Neffs, $1.00; list 1198, A. A. Clark, $6.00; list 91, Chas. Podewells, $4.75; list 92, J. De Haven, $2.00; list 808, E. Skinner and M. Fark, $8.50; list 412; Aug. Benson, $3.00; list 249, E. Schilling, $7.00; list 250, W. Bayer, $5.25; list 839, M. Muzinich, $3.50; list 1553, M. Kanrich, $2.00; list 1551, J. Vidivich, $2.25; list 830, Jack Koejan, 50c; list 827, Jos. Jauch, 75c; list 826, Andrew Robich, $1.45; list 828, Louis Zupac, $8.25; list 829, Jos. Franestoff, $1.20; list 908, Comrade Hacker, $3.20; list 1558, Otto Krivhan, $5.50; list 1564, Otto Krivhan, $1.00.

Other contributions were: J. Freudenthal, German branch, Toledo, $10.00; W. N. Patterson, Zanesville, $1.00.

Comrades who have organization funds want to keep them in their possession, are asked to send them in as soon as possible, together with a money order for the contributions secured. Local secretaries are asked to call for a return of these lists by the members they gave them to.

EACH LOCAL SHOULD ENTER THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.