

Nominations by National Committee for an Additional Secretary to the International Socialist Bureau. National Committee Motion No. 6 Submitted.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 21, 1909.

To the National Committee. Comrades—Herewith is report of the nominations by your committee of an additional secretary to the International Socialist Bureau. The call was issued April 23d.

Nominees. Nominated by J. Mahlon Barnes... Murray... New Hampshire Victor L. Berger... Thompson... Wisconsin Eugene V. Debs... Lee... New York McAllister... Kansas A. H. Floaten... Hibner... Kansas Ben Hanford... Block... Oklahoma Hubert Langerock... Jensen... Washington Herman... Washington Austin Lewis... McDevitt... California T. J. Morgan... Voss... Tennessee A. M. Simons... Haynes... Texas John Spargo... Maurer... Pennsylvania Morrison... Arizona Carl D. Thompson... Pope... Missouri Comrades Berger, Floaten and Spargo accepted the nomination. Ballots are herewith provided.

Vote will close June 14th. Fraternal submitted. J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

PREFERENTIAL BALLOT.

Rules of the National Committee. RULE NO. 10.—"Each National Committeeman voting shall write the figure '1' opposite the name of his first choice, the figure '2' opposite the name of his second choice, the figure '3' opposite the name of his third choice, and so on, indicating his relative preference for each and every candidate on the ballot. IF HE FAILS TO VOTE ON ALL CANDIDATES HIS BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED. The candidates receiving the lowest sum total of numbers opposite their names shall be elected. In case of a tie the same shall be decided by lot between the tied candidates, under direction of the National Secretary."

CANDIDATES FOR AN ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU. (Vote will close June 14, 1909.) Victor L. Berger, Wisconsin... A. H. Floaten, Colorado... John Spargo, New York... National Committeeman for...

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1909. To the National Committee.

Comrades—Herewith is submitted National Committee Referendum No. 5, Motion No. 6, by George F. Hibner, National Committee member for Kansas, and supported by the following members of the committee: Berlyn, Ill.; Burton, Nev.; Barzee, Ore.; Block, Okla.; Voss, Tenn.; Herman, Wash.; Jensen, Wash.; Berger, Wis.

MOTION NO. 6. "That the National Committee places its emphatic stamp of disapproval upon any and all enterprises of a commercial or speculative character where Socialists are primarily appealed to and the Socialist movement made the means for the exploitation and graft, and upon the indiscriminate use of the word COMRADE in making appeals for commercial, speculative and stock-jobbing enterprises."

COMMENT. "The need for this is evident. In this time of severe contest for place and life there may easily be those who would use the word COMRADE for private profit and advantage. The last few years have seen the party membership and subscribers to Socialist papers circularized many times by commercial and speculative companies, addressing with the word comrade. Whether such companies are successes or failures there is injury to the Socialist movement. We should at least stamp their using the movement with our disapproval."

COMMENT BY C. W. BARZEE, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF OREGON.

"I support the motion of National Committeeman G. F. Hibner of Girard, Kan., which relates to the practice of some Socialist party members using the comradeship confidence of the party to farther any business scheme. We are not prepared to say all of these propositions made under fraternal greetings are grafts or frauds, but we do assert that business matters and the social fraternity of the party have no relation to each other and should be kept as separate as capitalism and Socialism. It may be suggested that members should be possessed of the scientific principles of Socialism to the extent of understanding that Socialism is not brotherly communism, but pure, simple, straight individualism, and that the fraternity thereof is only for the need of helping each individual to fully mature their individuality. There are, however, within the party many half-baked, undeveloped members that should have all the foreknowledge obtainable presented by those more advanced in social science. Let us get away from the co-operative commonwealth idea into the practical collective ownership plan and encourage individual thinking."

COMMENT BY ARTHUR JENSEN, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WASHINGTON.

"The circularizing of party members and subscribers to Socialist papers for speculative purposes has become a most damnable traffic in Socialist sentiment. Many a loyal soldier in the 'Appeal Army' has undoubtedly been 'stung' by the Girard alrship schemers. It is a well known fact that many devoted, and perhaps blind, supporters of 'Wilshire' have become victims of the Bishop Creek gold mining schemes. Let us not lose sight of the class character of the Socialist movement by diverting it into a conglomeration of 'fake' commercial enterprises. Vote will close June 15th. Fraternal submitted. J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN SUPPORTED BY THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

Duluth, Minn., May 9, 1909. WHEREAS, The Chicago Daily Socialist and The New York Evening Call appear to be, and from their frequent pleas are, financially crippled; and WHEREAS, The liquidation and discontinuation of both or either of these dailies at this time would be construed by many friends and foes—as an evidence of the retrogression of Socialist thought among the people;

WHEREAS, Sufficient time has elapsed to demonstrate to many Socialists that private ownership, or mere locality ownership, does not and will not bring with it a full and earnest support of the membership outside of such locality, the one thing which is absolutely essential to further the circulation of a daily paper that will honestly and earnestly advocate uncompromising Socialist ideals; and WHEREAS, It has been evidenced by the recent vote in the city of Chicago that the local movement is hampered by the burden of carrying the Daily Socialist—so much so as to use up much of the spirit and energy necessary for the propagandizing of Socialist thought in the endeavor to put the Daily on a paying basis, something impossible to be realized without questionable matter being accepted for advertising purposes; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the National Committee take steps looking toward national ownership or control of both these organs—the Daily Call and the Daily Socialist—and that as a preliminary means to attain that object a committee of twelve men be appointed, comrades who are conversant with the details of newspaper work and also business matters; that this committee meet together one week after appointment and proceed to investigate thoroughly the actual condition of affairs, financial and otherwise, under which these newspapers are now operating, and then report their findings to the National Secretary, who in turn is to notify the National Committee, the National Executive Committee and the various state secretaries. Be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Executive Committee work out a plan in detail for presentation to the general party membership as to how best to take control, etc., etc. (Signed) MORRIS KAPLAN, National Committeeman for Minnesota.

In consideration of the provisions of the National Constitution relating to the party press, Section 2 of Article V, and Section 2 of Article IX, supports to the above motion are required as per rules of the National Committee—Rule No. 7: "No motion declaratory of the principles or policy of the party shall be submitted unless seconded by one-sixth of the members of the National Committee."

Resolution Adopted by the Woman's National Committee.

Whereas, It has been moved that the National Constitution of the Socialist Party be amended, Sec. VII, Art. II, as follows: "Women members of the Socialist Party who are not engaged in gainful occupation and who are not in receipt of an independent income from any other source shall, at their option, pay as dues one-third of the regular amount charged for that purpose by the National body and the local and state organizations. Special quarterly dues stamps shall be issued for such members which shall be equal in cost to the regular monthly dues stamps of the other members, and the rights and privileges of such women members of the party shall be equal to those of other members." And Whereas, The Socialist Party has ever been true to its principle of equal political rights for all and special privileges for none, admitting women to membership upon the same basis as men; and Whereas, This proposed amendment to the National Constitution provides for a special privilege, with its implied inferiority and subservience, and smacks of that old chivalry which has ever granted to women these

Socialist Party Vote in the United States 1900-1908

Table with columns for State, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908. Lists vote counts for various states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Territories, Arizona, New Mexico.

Socialist Papers on the Exchange List of the National Office

Table listing socialist papers and their exchange rates. Includes categories: DAILY—(ENGLISH), WEEKLY—(ENGLISH), MONTHLY—(ENGLISH), FOREIGN PAPERS (SOCIALIST), DAILY AND WEEKLY. Lists papers like Chicago Daily Socialist, New York Evening Call, The Daily Register, The Daily Tribune, etc.

petty privileges and withheld from them equal responsibility with men in civic and political affairs; and Whereas, This proposed amendment is foreign to the ideal of equality and comradeship and not in harmony with the spirit of the Socialist Party; therefore be it Resolved, By the Woman's National Committee of the Socialist Party, That we urge all members of the party to use their vote and influence to defeat this proposed amendment; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the party press. (Signed) WINNIE BRANSTETTER, Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUMS

Milwaukee, Wis., May 8, 1909.

Amend Article VI, Section 1, of the National Constitution by substituting the following:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members from the membership of the party, and they shall hold office for two years. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the 1st day of October in years with uneven numbers. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations and fifty for the referendum. Nominations from five locals shall entitle a candidate to be placed on the ballot. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote shall be elected. Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner. Members of the Executive Committee may be recalled by a referendum vote in the manner provided for referendums in Article XI hereof, except that in such cases the initiative shall not be held open for thirty days, but shall be sent out immediately.

Amendment proposed to Article VII, Section 1, of National Constitution:

Amend Section 1 to read "biennially" instead of "annually."

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) CARL P. DIETZ, Secretary of Local Milwaukee.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Des Moines, Ia., May 3, 1909.

1. Amend Article VI, Section 1, of the National Constitution by substituting the following:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members, elected in each odd numbered year by preferential referendum. The call for nominations shall be issued on the first day of October. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations, and fifty for the referendum. Nominations by five locals shall entitle a candidate to be placed on the ballot. The names of the candidates shall be prepared for printing in alphabetical order. The ballots shall be printed in as many equal portions as there are candidates. On each successive portion after the first the top name shall be transferred to the bottom. Each member voting shall place the figure "1" opposite the name of his first choice, the figure "2" opposite the name of his second choice, and so on, voting on each and every candidate. If he fails to vote on all candidates his ballot shall not be counted. The seven candidates receiving the highest vote, preferentially computed—that is, receiving the lowest sum total opposite their names—shall be elected. Vacancies shall be filled by the next highest.

2. Amend Article VII, Section 1, of the National Constitution by striking out the word "annually" from the first sentence and substituting the word "biennially."

3. Amend the National Platform by striking out the words "and all land" from No. 2 of the General Demands.

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4. Amend the National Platform by inserting the following paragraph in the Principles, immediately following the words "and have fitted them for collective use and operation":

"There can be no absolute private title to land. All private titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist Party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective possession, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those using it in a useful and bona fide manner without exploitation."

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) J. J. JACOBSON, JOHN M. WORK, W. C. HILLS, Committee of Local Des Moines.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 15, 1909.

Amend Article VI, Section 1, of the National Constitution by substituting the following:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members elected annually by referendum of the membership. Call for nominations shall issue October 1st, thirty days shall be allowed for nominations, fifteen for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. Each local may nominate seven candidates, but candidates must be nominated by five locals in two states to have their names appear on the ballot; names shall be printed in alphabetical order. In voting each member shall place the figure "7" before his first choice, "6" before his second choice, then "5," "4," "3," "2" and "1," respectively. In counting ballots these figures shall be counted as that many votes and the seven candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected, except that in case of two or more members being elected from one state, only the one having the most votes shall serve and such vacancies, and any others, shall be filled by the next highest from states not represented on this committee.

Fraternally,

(Signed) E. FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 21, 1909.

Amend Article III, Section 2, of the National Constitution by substituting the following:

"Each candidate for national official position must have been a party member for three consecutive years and not have been an officeholder or a nominee of any other political party for five years next preceding. These provisions shall also apply to delegates to national conventions or congresses, except that length of membership shall be ignored for representatives of a state organized less than three years previously. Each candidate and delegate shall sign a statement, testifying to his eligibility as here required, with two witnesses knowing the facts;

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the National Committee by state, including names and addresses. States listed include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

failure to do so to be considered as a declination."

To Article XII, Section 8, add: "Each candidate for state official position must have been a party member in the state nominating him for two consecutive years and not have been an officeholder or nominee of any other political party for three years next preceding; these provisions shall also apply to delegates to state conventions, but shall in no case apply as to organizations, local or state, less than two years old. Each candidate and delegate shall sign a statement certifying to his eligibility as here required, with two witnesses knowing the facts; failure to do so shall be considered as a declination."

Fraternally, (Signed) E. FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM

Relating to the constitutional amendment proposed by Local St. Clair County, Ill., first published April 10th, which provided for a new section, Section 7 of Article II, the following amendment is submitted:

Aberdeen, S. D., May 15, 1909. "Strike out the word 'women' and add: 'In case husband and wife both belong to the same organization and so desire, one card may be issued for both, and each shall have all the rights of other members of the party.'"

Fraternally, (Signed) E. FRANCIS ATWOOD, County Secretary.

TO SOCIALIST WOMEN

THE SOCIALIST PARTY NEEDS WOMEN. The Socialist Party needs women members. It recognizes this and at its last national convention appointed the National Socialist Women's Committee.

The work of that committee has been recently defined by the National Executive Committee. "In our opinion the Woman's National Committee and National Organizer was created as a committee of the Socialist Party, and their efforts should be directed toward increasing the membership of the women within the party organization and not to the formation of separate organizations."

The function of this committee is to advise and outline methods by which women may best be interested in Socialism and brought into the Socialist party, and to keep the need of agitation for suffrage for women before the locals.

HOW TO INTEREST WOMEN IN SOCIALISM.

The work of interesting and educating women should be taken up systematically by every local of the party. Let every local appoint a committee consisting of women who are already members of the local. If no women are at present members let the secretary of the local act as a committee. Arrange a lecture or entertainment which it is believed would interest women and make an effort to get as many women as possible to be present, wives of Socialist members, teachers, clerks, trade union women, etc.

Secure the address of all the women present. Then make it a point to see them within a few days and invite them to attend the Socialist meetings. Have some literature to give them.

Follow this work up and finally urge the women to become members of the local. This method works. It will bring women into the

party. It has been tried and when carried on systematically shows results.

WHEN YOU HAVE SECURED A WOMAN MEMBER PLAN TO KEEP HER. Make her feel she is necessary to the local. Give her work to do. Make her a member of the committee. Set her to work to educate and secure more members. If she makes errors in the business meeting help her to correct them.

The National Office now maintains a National Organizer. As soon as possible every state should put a woman organizer to work. The working women of the country are ready to learn of Socialism. If they are not brought in now it is because the locals have not done valuable work that should be done.

Leaflets suited for distributing at meetings have been printed by the National Women's Committee.

Special meetings should be held in every local for women and to agitate for the ballot for women. Will you not begin this work at once?

WINNIE BRANSTETTER, Secretary, Estancia, New Mexico. MAY WOOD-SIMONS, Chairman, 180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Resolutions Adopted by Local New York, Socialist Party

That it is the opinion of Local New York that the National Executive Committee take in consideration the condition of the franchisees as far as it affects the male population of the working class, and the tendency of the ruling class to restrict and nullify the political power of the workers. This tendency manifests itself particularly in our naturalization laws under the provisions of which it is made practically impossible for hundreds of thousands of working men to become citizens.

While we realize that the right to confer the franchise is reserved to the states, and in some states, earlier legislation enabled the residents who were not yet citizens to cast their votes at the polls, there has been of late a marked and concerted effort to amend the election laws in the interest of the propertied class, and to the detriment of the workers. This has mostly been done under the pretext of reform. Thus educational tests have been introduced, the time of residence has been lengthened, poll taxes and fees for the registration of candidates have been imposed, and the methods of registering voters have been made to work against the shifting working population. All these so-called checks in the name of reform and of preserving the purity of the ballot are actually designed to extend the power of the property holding classes and to curtail the political action of the working people.

In the south prominent representatives of the propertied classes boast openly of their success in nullifying, by indirection, the franchise conferred upon the colored people. The infamous laws passed for that purpose in many of the southern states rob not only the negroes, but also the poorer element of the white race, of their political rights, and create an oligarchy of property owners.

We urge the National Executive Committee to bring this matter, in all its consequences, to the attention of the party, and have it taken up as part of our agitation.

The present requirements, and the trend also is all toward organization and in this connection your local needs the several documents here named, and you need them for party members as well as the non-Socialists.

Platforms: Party platforms, in English, per 1,000, postpaid, \$1.50. Platforms in foreign languages—Bohemian, Croatian, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Jewish, Lettish, Norwegian, Danish, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Spanish and Swedish, per 1,000, postpaid, \$2.00.

The Socialist Perpetual Campaign Book: Compiled by Joseph Medill Patterson. Articles by Debs and a dozen other star writers. Accurate information on the subject of injunctions. Statistics on the concentration of wealth. A clear explanation of what the Socialist party stands for and many other valuable features. Full of good propaganda matter. Price, single copy, 15 cents; per dozen, \$1.50.

Proceedings of the National Convention of the Socialist Party, 1908: Contains a complete stenographic report of the proceedings of the entire session. It presents the entire argument upon every question that was discussed. It is handsomely and durably bound and contains a complete alphabetical index. Fifty cents per copy.

"The Socialist Program": A pamphlet, 32 pages, contains the party platform and program, the latter divided under several heads, as follows: "General Demands," "Industrial Demands" and "Political Demands." Each separate subject or demand has been taken up and elucidated. Any comrade who desires to be able to meet opposition from whatever quarter it may come, needs this pamphlet. Single copy, 5 cents; 100 copies \$2.50.

New Constitution, Adopted by National Convention and Party Referendum, CONTAINING LATEST AMENDMENT. Prices prepaid, 10 for 20 cents; 50 for 50 cents; 500 for \$2.50; 1,000 for \$4.00.

