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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Henry Kuhn, Secretary, 2-6 New Reade street, New York.

CALL FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

To the Members, Friends and Sympathizers of the Socialist Labor Party.

Greeting:—The National Convention of the Socialist Labor Party has been held, its National Ticket has been placed in the field and the National Campaign, with all its possibilities for constructive work in behalf of our cause, is now before us.

To successfully conduct war, the agencies of war are required; and to successfully conduct a campaign, with the political arena of the nation for a battle field, also requires means—and large means at that—in order to reach the many thousands of working class voters that must be made acquainted with what the Socialist Labor Party has to say to them.

The field of this campaign looks to be singularly free from confusing issues. Due to a combination of circumstances known to us all, the currency question which in the past led astray so many workmen with but a partial understanding of their interests, has been practically eliminated from the field and now the capitalist identity of what may fittingly be called the Democratic-Republican party—always obvious to the Socialist—now stands out so glaringly that even the most superficial eye, even the most thoughtless of the working class, are bound to almost fall over it.

The Democratic party, purged of the labor-misleading, middle-class demagoguery of Bryanism, now stands in a position where the "most solid interests of the country" flock to the Parker standard; so deceptive is the duplication that the late Marcus A. Hanna, were he still with us, might be puzzled to know on which side to line up.

There is work ahead for the S. L. P., work that must be done sooner or later, and now is the time and opportunity to do a goodly portion of it. All of you who are one with us in aim and purpose, whether in the party organization or out of it, had to now and contribute your share in keeping with your means.

Send all contributions (all of which will be acknowledged in this paper) to the National Secretary of the Socialist Labor Party, and address same to HENRY KUHN, 2-6 New Reade street, Box 1576, New York City.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Regular meeting held on August 12 at 2-6 New Reade street, with A. Gilhaus in the chair. Present, J. Hammer and T. Walsh, the latter with excuse.

Communications:—From several St. Louis and from St. Louis every letter,

explaining that Bilbarrow and Dieckman, who had been delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, to the national convention, representing the State of Missouri, at a State convention, had endeavored to swing the organization in the State out of the party by alleging that at the recent convention the party had fallen under the domination of the middle class, had taken a wrongful position on the question of trades unions, and interspersing their report with attacks upon the N. E. C. and the national secretary, alleging secrecy, mismanagement, etc., and winding up with the introduction of a resolution the purpose of which was to separate the Missouri organization from the party.

The secretary reported on estimate for poster platform suggested by Yonkers, N. Y. The figure obtained being rather high, the matter was laid over. Election of officers were reported from St. Louis, Mo., and Milwaukee, Wis.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND. Peter Friesema, Jr., Detroit, Mich. \$30.00. List 643, per J. Brouet, Hartford, Conn. Jos. Lita, \$1; Jos. Eichinger, fifty cents; Aug. Hart, fifty cents; Fred Traut, fifty cents; Herm. Quilitzsch, fifty cents; Max Neukirch, \$1; Fred Schwartz, \$1; Tim Murphy, fifty cents.

Grand total \$67.00. Henry Kuhn, National Secretary.

YONKERS OPEN AIR MEETINGS. Open air meetings will be held in Getty Square, Yonkers, N. Y., at 8 p. m., on the following dates: Saturday, August 29.—Chairman, Ed. McCormick. Speakers: Owen Carraber of Yonkers, and E. T. Weger of Brooklyn.

NEW YORK OPEN AIR MEETINGS: SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th, 8 P. M. 7th Assembly District—N. W. corner of 17th street and 8th avenue. Chairman, P. Cody. Speakers: H. A. Santee, Frank Campbell.

HARTFORD ATTENTION! Inasmuch as our delegate to the National Convention was prevented by illness from staying to the end of it, a proper report of the proceedings could not be rendered. But as said convention transacted very important business, a full report is very desirable.

HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST FESTIVAL The Hungarian Socialist Federation of Passaic County, N. J., is organized for the purpose of spreading the principles of the Socialist Labor Party among the Hungarian workmen and workingwomen of this country.

OPEN AIR MEETINGS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LOCAL ALLIANCE OF THE SOCIALIST TRADE AND LABOR ALLIANCE will be held at the following places: Friday, August 19, 8 p. m. Bronx, New York city—190th street and St. Ann's avenue.

STATE TICKETS CONNECTICUT For Governor: TIMOTHY SULLIVAN, of New Haven. ILLINOIS For Governor: PHILIP VEAL, of Collinsville. INDIANA For Governor: E. J. DILLON, of Marion. KENTUCKY. Presidential Electors-at-large: THOMAS SCOPES, Of Paducah. LORENZ KLEINHENZ, Of Louisville. MICHIGAN For Governor: MEIKO MEYER, Of Detroit. NEW JERSEY For Governor: GEORGE HERRSCHAF, of Jersey City. NEW YORK For Governor: DANIEL DE LEON, of New York. OHIO For Secretary of State: JOHN H. T. JUERGENSEN, of Canton. WASHINGTON For Governor: WILLIAM McCORMICK, Of Seattle. WISCONSIN For Governor: CHARLES M. MINKLEY, Of Milwaukee. CALIFORNIA (Copy these names in the blank column on the ballot, November 8.) For Presidential Electors: F. N. TUTTLE, San Diego, San Diego County. H. NORMAN, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. SIDNEY ARMER, Berkeley, Alameda County. J. E. FERGUSON, Tuolumne, Tuolumne County. L. C. HALER, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. LARS JOHNSON, Falk, Humboldt County. J. A. ANTHONY, San Diego, San Diego County. H. J. SHADE, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County. E. B. MERCADIER, San Jose, Santa Clara County. GEORGE ANDERSON, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONFERENCE. Call for the State Conference of the Massachusetts S. L. P., 1904. To the sections of the S. L. P. of Mass. Comrades: The State conference of the party will be held in Boston, on Labor Day, (2) September 5, next. The conference will be called to order at 10 a. m. sharp. Delegates will be notified of the location and name of hall where the conference will be held later. The legal convention will be held the next day, September 6. The General Committee desires that each section be represented at this conference. The sections in Western Massachusetts will take notice, and see to it that they elect delegates to this conference, and not do as in former years, leave the work to the end of the State. The conference of 1904 will nominate the State ticket, presidential electors, etc., without the intervention of the referendum of previous years. For this, if for no other reason, every section should be represented. The basis of representation is set forth in the State constitution, Article 4, Section 1, and sections will elect accordingly, and report the names of their delegates to the secretary of the General Committee as soon as elected. There is much to be done at this conference, and it is to be hoped that each section in Massachusetts will send delegates.

For General Committee, Massachusetts S. L. P. Michael T. Berry, Secretary, 99 1/2 Chestnut Street, Lynn, Mass. Lynn, August 3, 1904. BROOKLYN OPEN AIR MEETINGS. Friday, August 19, 8 P. M. Seventh Assembly District—Third avenue and Forty-ninth street. Speakers: E. Archer and E. F. Wegener.

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ILLINOIS DELEGATES Continued from page 1. upon these I feel in duty bound to make my position clear, as no doubt my fellow delegate will make his. First, as to whether the middle class should be excluded from party membership, either wholly, or be allowed only in a certain minor proportion. An amendment proposed to the Constitution would make it necessary for three-quarters of the members of each Section to be wage workers. Comrade Cox favored this and even the extreme measure that non-wage workers shall be excluded altogether. At first I certainly favored the three-quarter measure, for it seemed wise that we should not allow ourselves to be overrun with middle class men. But, upon finding that the convention got itself into a fearful tangle in the discussion I realized what an endless tangle it would inveigle the party at large into, and opposed it for the following reasons: First, the party's platform, tactics and Constitution sufficiently repel non-wage workers and make the majority of them hate us rather than love us; and therefore, there is no danger whatsoever that they will come into any Section to outnumber, or be even a third or quarter the number of wage workers, except perhaps, as an extreme exception in some isolated locality where no wage workers exist, as for example, the lone farmer section at Henning, Minn. Such a section, no matter how wicked it might become could, from its isolation, never do the least harm, and, if venturing to, would soon be eliminated by the working class dominating the S. E. C. Therefore, when no necessity exists for legislation such legislation is superfluous and even foolish. Second, it would involve the party into endless statistical difficulties to keep track of the class of its members, admission and death rate of each class and the fluctuations from wage workers into petite bourgeois, and vice versa. Third, the amendment would defeat its own purpose as under it, three low-lived skinning business men might belong to a section if nine wage workers were there to offset them, but if a fourth one, a real valuable man should then apply for membership he could not be admitted until one of the good-for-nothings died or otherwise got out of harm's way, or three wage workers could be induced to join to offset him. Fourth, under our constitution a section can expel a member, an S. E. C. a Section, and the N. E. C. a whole State; if that is not enough to guarantee party purity, I have no hope that a three-quarter wage worker clause in our Constitution would ever effect it. Fifth, as to excluding non-wage workers altogether, I hold that human history takes from the Socialist movement all right to do so. While it is undeniable that this is the struggle of the modern proletariat for its emancipation, and, therefore, the class features is and should be the dominant one; yet, in the history of civilization this is also the movement for the triumph of the highest science, the highest learning, the highest art, and we must not be blind to the fact that these have but small chance to develop from the ranks of the workers. We must, moreover, not forget that our own honored scientists and philosophers, those to whom we owe more than words can ever express, Marx and Engels, belonged not to, and could never have developed out of, our downtrodden class. Again our own noble champion, Daniel De Leon, has come to us from the class we are so apt to slur at. What these have done others may do, and be able to repeat the grand words uttered by De Leon on the floor of the convention, in answer to Connelly's reference to his birth: "I thank my stars that I was not born of the working class, for my birth and education have given me opportunities to do for this movement what I never would have had power to do without them." So I add, that of the help of such men we have no right to deprive the Socialist movement in our bitter feeling against some petty rascal who may have betrayed us. To sharpen our wits and increase our watchfulness, alone is our duty! The second point on which your delegation differed was as to the resolution introduced by Delegate Richards of Indiana, on the Materialist Conception of History. I, being a member of the Committee on Resolutions, was partly responsible for the recommendation not to adopt it, first, because I hold that, contrary to what the resolution implied, the party has always carried out the Materialist Conception of History; second, because the Materialist Conception of History does not, as that resolution would imply, consist in an attack on religion, but, on the other hand, is in itself the only scientific recognition of religions, their outgrowth at the various economic stages, and the part they have played, for the better or for the worse, in each and every status of human history. So only can we deal with the question

of religion, and so I claim, and such was the sentiment of the convention, has the party dealt with it all along the line. This, I think, touches the important points of the work of the convention. I may add a few words on things in general. I found in New York a fine set of comrades, enthusiastic and ready for work, and with the burden of the Daily People once lifted from their shoulders, we would soon see a remarkable revival in that quarter. In the educational clubs, I found a number of fine young men and women, enthusiastic for the party and well grounded in its work. The Daily People picnic was a social and financial success. The Cooper Union meeting drew a large and very enthusiastic crowd, in spite of the very bad weather, a crowd that demonstrated what persistent agitational work can do, a lesson that we all ought to take home with us. The Arbetaren excursion was a grand social success and was not a financial failure in spite of the fact that it came off barely a week after the fearful disaster to the General Bloom. While East, I delivered three lectures one in New York, one in Brooklyn and one in Newark; all were well attended and I have reason to believe were successful from every point of view. I visited Comrade De Leon's home at Milford, Connecticut, and certainly found no sign there of all the benefits which he, according to the Kangaroos, had drawn from the party. But with him I am thoroughly pleased, both as a man and comrade, as I always have been with him as the party's editor. For the future success of the S. L. P., I am Yours fraternally, Olive M. Johnson, 157 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Collinsville, Ill., August 7.—I have carefully read the above and fully endorse it as a truthful report of the work of the Illinois delegates to the Eleventh National Convention. W. W. Cox.

CHICAGO OPEN AIR MEETINGS. Saturday, August 20. Milwaukee and Paulina. Speakers: Sale and Koch. Ninety-second and Commercial. Speakers: Lingenfelter and Nielsen. Monday, August 22. Madison and Jefferson. Speakers: Lingenfelter and Nielsen. Tuesday, August 23. Madison and Green. Speakers: Sale and Koch. Halstead and Congress. Speakers: Lingenfelter and Nielsen. Thursday, August 25. Forty-seventh and State. Speakers: Lingenfelter and Nielsen. Twelfth and Ashland. Speakers: Sale and Koch. Saturday, August 27. Ninety-second and Commercial. Speakers: Sale and Koch. Milwaukee and Armitage. Speakers: Lingenfelter and Nielsen.

SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC AND SUMMERNIGHTS FESTIVAL ARRANGED BY KINGS COUNTY SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY AT MORNINGSIDE PARK HOTEL Hoffman Boulevard, Jamaica, L. I. Sunday, August 21st. Music By Our Favorite Tickets 25 cents Admitting Gentleman and Lady Extra Lady, 15c. Prize Games for all including prize bowling for Ladies and Gentlemen, Sack Race, Running Matches, Three Legged Race, Base Ball, Vogel Stechen, etc.

A FAIR PRIEST (Continued from page 2.) class in their wisdom, with their collective might, demanding at the ballot-box the transformation of the land and the machinery of production; the land the gift of Nature; the instruments by which Nature itself is moulded into useful form under the directing force of labor, the machine, which is a socially-created, a collectively built, means for producing human requirements, such being the result of the combined effort of not only this but of preceding generations, of countless numbers of persons; owning as a community, controlling, as a community, operating as a community, the whole life-sustaining factors on a use basis instead of a profit basis, and in the interest of and for the benefit, not of a section of the community, but for the whole. FRENCH MEETING IN WOODHAVEN F. Isler and A. Francis will address a French open air campaign meeting to be held on Saturday, August 20, 8 p. m., at the corner of Bigelow Place and University Place, Woodhaven, Borough of Queens. Sympathizers of the Socialist Labor Party are especially invited to attend. Section Calendar (Under this head we shall publish standing advertisements of Section headquarters, or other permanent announcements, at a nominal rate. The charge will be one dollar per line per year.) New York County Committee—Second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p. m., at 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan. Kings County Committee—Second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p. m., at headquarters, 813 Park Avenue, Brooklyn. General Committee—First Saturday in the month, at Daily People building, 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan. Office of Section New York, at Daily People building, 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan. Los Angeles, California. Section headquarters and public reading room at 905 1/2 South Main street. Public educational meetings every Sunday evening. People readers are invited to our rooms and meetings. San Francisco, Calif., S. L. P. headquarters and free reading room 610 Montgomery street (between Clay and Washington streets), 3d floor, rooms 22-23. Open day and evening. All wage workers cordially invited. Chicago, Ill., S. L. P.—Section Headquarters, 48 West Randolph street. Business meetings 2d and 4th Friday of each month. Section Toronto, Can., S. L. P.—Meets every Wednesday evening at Section Headquarters, 986 Queen street West. Workingmen cordially invited. If you receive a sample copy of this paper it is an invitation to subscribe.

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