

# Left Wing Notes

**T**HE Left Wing organization has decided to support the following nominee and asks all revolutionary Socialists to do likewise:

For Executive Secretary of Local New York: Maximilian Cohen.

The entire Michigan State organization has been expelled from the Party by the National Executive Committee, without a hearing, because of the action taken by the last State Convention in repudiating immediate demands in the Party platform.

The Cook County Socialist Party Convention of May 17-18 resulted in a clean sweep for the Left Wing. More than 400 votes out of about 650 secured the adoption of a statement of principles and a program definitely ensuring the revolutionary character of the new Chicago Socialist Party organization. Led by Seymour Stedman, the politicians and Right Wingers bolted the Convention, but carried with them less than 5% of the delegates. This victory is the most important won by the Left Wing so far. Details later.

According to reliable information from Chicago, Left Wing candidates for the National Executive Committee and International Delegates, and national referendums "B" and "D" are winning by an overwhelming majority of votes.

Following is the official count of Local Buffalo on the referendum vote for national officers:

For National Executive Committee:

Louis C. Fraina.....	259
Nicholas Hourwich.....	205
Franklin P. Brill.....	159
Edward I. Lindgren.....	150
Morris Hillquit.....	83

For International Delegate:

Johr Reed.....	307
Louis C. Fraina.....	285
C. E. Ruthenberg.....	271
Louis B. Boudin.....	153
I. E. Ferguson.....	67
Victor L. Berger.....	61

For International Secretary:

Kate Richards O'Hare.....	145
Morris Hillquit.....	80

## Notice to All Branches of Locals New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Astoria, Bronx

At a meeting of the City Committee held on the 5th day of May it was decided to call a City Convention, and that the basis of representation shall be:

"One delegate for every 50 members in good standing or major fraction thereof; that branches shall elect delegates directly."

You are therefore requested to send out a call for the branches instructing them to elect delegates to the convention on the basis decided by the City committee.

The convention will be held on June 14th and 15th. Place of meeting to be announced later. (See editorial page). The order of business will be as follows:

- Consolidation of Locals into a Greater City Local.
- Taking action on Party Ownership of Press.
- Taking action on the Left Wing.
- Taking up the question of the re-organization of branches in Local New York.
- Send the names of the delegates elected and the branches they represent to the secretary at the Queens Labor Lyceum, Myrtle and Cypress Avenues, Ridgewood, L. I.

At the last meeting of the Left Wing caucus of the Central Committee, Local Bronx, Benj. Gitlow, H. Bourgin, A. Winick, Dr. Glouberman and Roman Bluegrass were endorsed as the candidates for the City Committee from Local Bronx.

The Yorkville German Branch bought three hundred tickets to the 17th A. D. Branch Left Wing ball; one hundred they put away for mementos, one hundred they tore up, and the remaining hundred they distributed to those who were to go to the ball.

At the meeting of the Central Committee of Local Bronx on Saturday evening, a Right Winger moved to recall all Left Wing delegates to the Executive Committee. Immediately afterward another Right Winger moved the previous question. In the debate, Braunstein and Dr. Friedman stated that the Rights wanted to split the Party immediately. Although the Rights were in a majority at this time, the previous question was defeated. An hour later another previous question motion was defeated. At eleven-thirty a roll-call vote on the motion was taken, which was defeated by 43 Left Wing votes against 34 Right Wing votes.

## Help Your Comrades!

At least one hundred workers who participated in the Cleveland May Day Demonstration have been railroaded to prison. So far as the ten, fifteen or thirty days that comrades must serve in the workhouse, those who are outside cannot help them. But we can see to it that not a single man or woman remains in the workhouse to work out the fine and costs which are part of all the sentences.

Under the unjust laws now existing, a man or woman who is poor and cannot pay fine and costs must remain in the workhouse to work out the fine and costs at the rate of fifty cents per day. In other words every sentence which includes a fine of \$25.00 and costs means that the prisoner will have to serve fifty or sixty additional days to work out that part of his or her sentence.

This must not be. The fines must be paid. In addition, the families of some of those who are in prison will be in need before their sentences expire. We must help them. They must not suffer. Send donations to C. E. Ruthenberg, 1222 Prospect Ave., Cleveland.

17th A. D. Notes, 1538 Madison Avenue.

Thursday, May 29. Discussion meeting on the Left Wing Manifesto. Topic, "Dictatorship of the Proletariat".

Friday, May 30. Lecture, "The American Kaiser Socialists". Prominent Left Wing speaker. Admission free.

Saturday, May 31. Concert and dance. A professional singer has offered to give her services gratis for the occasion. A violinist and pianist of high standing will help make the affair a success.

In addition to its scheduled activities the 17th A. D. is arranging a class in public speaking under Harry Engles. There will be no charge. Applicants may register with Irving Dolgin at headquarters.

A chorus is being organized. Singers wanted! The Hiking Club is to have its first outing Sunday, June 1st. Watch for announcement.

The Estonian Branch, Local New York, has received the following letter from the Executive Committee:

Dear Comrade:  
I am instructed to inform you that your branch, the Estonian Branch, was at the last meeting of the Executive Committee suspended from the Party, and is therefore no longer an integral part of Local New York.

The reason for the suspension is that your branch is officially affiliated with the "Left Wing."

I have notified the National office of the Party of the suspension of your branch, so that they can notify the Federation of the fact that you are no longer a branch of the Party, and not entitled to any rights and privileges in the Party.

Hoping that your branch will see the error, and repudiate the "Left Wing" organization and return to the Party, we are

Yours for the Cause,  
LOCAL NEW YORK, SOCIALIST PARTY,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
JULIUS GERBER,  
Executive Secretary

The following Branches have joined the Left Wing:

4th A. D., Kings; Branch 2, 18th A. D., Kings; German Language Group, Kings; Lithuanian Branch 19, Kings; Lithuanian Branch 82, New York.

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 25th 1919, Manhattan Lyceum.

Present about 800 members  
Executive Secretary called meeting to order and called for nominations for chairman.  
Comrade Karl Brodsky elected chairman.  
Comrade Ed. Lindgren elected vice-chairman.  
Minutes of previous membership meeting adopted with corrections.  
Minutes City Committee read for action.  
Moved to take up the last City Committee's minutes seriatim; carried.

Pamphlets submitted by Russian Federation accepted.  
Book offered by Martens "Year of Proletarian Dictatorship," accepted.

Matter of meeting group in Brooklyn for conference; concurred with.  
City Committee not to meet them.

Russian interpreter Askunezic.  
Motion made to accept members who filed application cards which Ex. Comm. hadn't acted on as yet; defeated.

Matter of Preliminary Conference at Buffalo.  
Comrade Cohen reported that Brahtin of Cleveland, Fraina of Boston and Hourwich and Cohen of New York participated.

Decided that conference be held in New York on June 21st.

That representation be one delegate for every 500 members or part thereof, and no local shall have more than four.

Twenty-five dollars per capita tax for each delegate to go to central fund to defray expenses of delegation.

That language federations shall be entitled to one fraternal delegate from Central Executive Committee of that body provided such central body has also accepted Left Wing Manifesto and Program; carried.

Order of business read and accepted with one amendment to wit: That a Committee on Economic Organizations be elected; carried.

On motion it was decided that representation be one delegate for every five hundred or part thereof with no maximum limitation.

In case credentials committee decided otherwise those delegates receiving highest vote are to be seated.

Each language federation shall have one delegate with vote.

Comrade Larkin addressed the meeting and made an appeal for funds.

Total collected in cash \$234.56, besides pledges for several hundred dollars.

An appeal for Zucker Defense Fund, and a collection of \$22.83 was made.

Motion carried that THE COMMUNIST issue an appeal for funds for the striking shoe workers of Brooklyn.

Motion to refer nominations of delegates to National Left Wing Conference back to Locals; defeated.

The following candidates were elected as delegates to the National Left Wing Conference:

Larkin, Wolfe, Reed, Cohen, Lindgren, MacAlpine, Hourwich, Gitlow, Paul, Zucker, Karl Brodsky, Watson. Alternates: Lovestone Hiltzik and Fannie Horowitz.

Delegate to Chicago, Larkin.

Meeting adjourned.

## The Telescope

We understand that on account of the expulsion of numerous Branches from Local New York, receipts from due stamps are coming in very slowly. Simultaneously, *The Socialist* seems to have suspended publication.

The National Executive Committee's Americanization campaign is proceeding side by side with the National Security League's. Every time the Immigration authorities deport a bunch of "alien agitators", the National Executive Committee expels a foreign Branch.

We are waiting with ill-concealed impatience for the Centrists to reply to Comrade Hillquit's hull of excommunication.

It is reported that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of Local New York, there were so many Branches to expel that the Executive Committee inadvertently expelled itself, and was forced to appeal to the N. E. C. for reinstatement.

At the special meeting of the Call Association the other night it was decided to take a "strong position" against the Left Wing. We suppose that means we will be denounced along with Zapata and Burleson.

An incident of the Cleveland May Day brutalities deserves to be recorded. When the police and gangsters raided Socialist headquarters, they tore down all the pictures from the walls except a portrait of Karl Marx. Asked why they spared that particular picture, one of the thugs replied: "Well, he looked like a respectable old bird. How did we know he wasn't Abraham Lincoln's father, or somebody like that?"

## Appeal for Funds for The N. Y. Communist

COMRADES: The Left Wing is in need of funds for the issuance of its paper; we have no dues paying membership and are solely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of comrades for our support. If you think our movement is necessary, if you feel that we must have public expression, you must come to our support. In the present crisis, more than ever before, we must keep in the field, our paper must be published. WE NEED FUNDS.

Tear off and mail to MAXIMILIAN COHEN, 43 WEST 29th STREET, N. Y. C.

I hereby subscribed the sum of.....each week for the support of THE N. Y. COMMUNIST.

Name -----Address -----

Branch -----Local -----