
Circular Letter to All Locals of the Socialist Party of Ohio from Alfred Wagenknecht, State Secretary, April 21, 1917

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State Office,
The Socialist Party of Ohio,
1291 Cook Avenue,
Lakewood, Ohio.

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Dear Comrade Secretary:—

LET'S ALL ENLIST!!

Let's enlist in the army of WORKING Socialists — Socialists who know that Socialism will never come if we do no more than dream for it.

Let's enlist in the arm of WORKING Socialists — Socialists who know that if we are ever to have Socialism, we will have to GO AFTER IT.

Nobody is going to bring Socialism to us, all cooked up and spiced to taste. If we want Socialism we will have to GO and GET it.

The State Office has been doing some GOING AFTER IT lately. We have tried our best to install some enthusiasm into our "sleepers" so that they might get the "GO SPIRIT" and help in the big task before us. It's been hard work to awaken some of them, but we have not lost hope. We are NEVER going to lose hope. If you'd see the amount of hope and enthusiasm and determination we have store up in the State Office which we intend releasing every now and then in small packages for quick consumption, you'd know what we mean when we say WE ARE NEVER going to lose hope.

Tell us, what else is there worth living for? Why, take the joy of fighting for Socialism out of our lives, and there'd be crepe on many a door in a minute.

All of which is preliminary to 4 matters we desire to call to the attention of your local:

1. Note the ballots for the election of a National Committeeman which are enclosed.

2. Note the yellow blank enclosed. Let's surprise the members by having your local's monthly report appear in *The Ohio Socialist* just once.

3. Is your local one of the few whose members are not subscribers to *The Ohio Socialist*? If so, secure your members' subscription at this meeting. And if all your members already subscribe, then let the sub blank do business among sympathizers.

4. And this is MOST important: How are the \$1,000 Organization Fund Contribution lists getting on? Are they at work? Or are they in hiding? Comrades, if you but realized the immense number of sympathizers who are ready and anxious to give money to the party, you'd get busy at once. We know several comrades who within a very short time and with very little effort, secured contributions amounting to more than \$15.00, and they are still at work getting more. You can do likewise. May we count upon your local for returns upon the list we sent you?

That's all for this time. Thanks for your attention.

A. Wagenknecht,
State Secretary.

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