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# Report of the Missouri Delegates on the National Emergency Convention to the Membership

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Comrades:

We, your delegates to the National Emergency Convention of the Socialist Party, called to meet in Chicago, August 30, 1919, make the following report:

We find that the action of the National Executive Committee in holding up the referendum on the election of a new National Executive Committee last May was not only fully justified, but extremely proper.

It saved the party from total destruction. We examined the returns and heard the report of the special committee elected to investigate the charge of fraud, which report was adopted by unanimous vote of the delegates, and find beyond doubt that the most shameful frauds were perpetrated, mostly by some of the foreign language federations, and largely under the direction of American citizens.

The suspended language secretaries took their salaries for 3 weeks in May, this year, which amounted to nearly \$1,000, and then refused to turn over to the National Office the dues collected from the membership by them for that month.

This, together with other things growing out of the controversy in the party, has almost wrecked it.

However, aside from the financial condition of the party, we feel that it is in better condition than ever before.

The financial needs of the party were so pressing that we, your delegates, issued a check to the National Secretary for the sum of \$177.30, to help pay the deficit of the convention, and now call upon you, the membership, to reimburse us through the State Executive Committee of the party.

In this connection we wish to say that we commend the National Executive Committee in securing such an exceptional bargain in the new national headquarters home, located at 220 South Ashland Boulevard, in an ideal part of Chicago for our purposes, for the sum of \$25,000, upon which \$10,000 has been paid, leaving the balance to come due next spring and bearing interest at the rate of 5-1/2 percent. We have only a verbal promise that an extension of time will be granted if needed, so we ask the membership of Missouri to stand prepared to pay its part when the note is due.

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