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ORGANIZATION

How to Form a Local of The Socialist Party.

Valuable Information Issued in Pamphlet Form by National Secretary.

1. Five or more persons may organize a local, provided they subscribe to the platform and constitution of the Socialist party and sever their relations with all other political parties. Applications for charters in organized states must be made to the state committees. Applications for charters in unorganized states must be made direct to the National Secretary. When branches are organized in cities where central committees have jurisdiction, applications for charters should be made to the central committee.

2. A full report of the meeting in which organization was decided on, the names of persons participating, together with fifteen cents for each member, should be sent with application for charter to the State Secretary, or with ten cents for each member if sent to National Secretary from an unorganized state.

3. The officers to be elected are: A Chairman at each meeting, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Organizer, Literature Agent.

4. Order of business: Reading of the minutes, Admission of new members, Communications and Bills, Report of Organizer, Reports of Committees, Unfinished business, New business.

5. A monthly payment, computed on a basis of fifteen cents for each member, for the maintenance of the State and National organizations, shall be paid to the State Secretary. In states other than Iowa ten cents for each member shall be paid to the State Secretary or where no state organization exists, to the National Secretary.

SELF-EQUIPMENT.

In localities where no local exists, any Socialist may assume the work of organization until the local organizes and elects an official organizer. An organizer should properly equip himself with a small supply of materials, such as platforms, constitutions, applications for membership and charter, directions on organization, etc., all of which may be obtained from the State or National Secretary. By carefully reading the above at intervals during leisure moments, he will very quickly familiarize himself with essential information, which will enable him to answer the usual questions. Valuable ideas about organizing will be obtained by subscribing to one or more party papers, which give weekly accounts of what is being accomplished by national, state and local organizers in their respective fields.

CHARTER APPLICATION.

Assuming that the organizer has thus equipped himself, the next step is to obtain signers to the application for charter. Upon reference to charter application it will be seen that the qualifications for membership are recognition of the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, renunciation of all other political parties, and endorsement of the Socialist party. Do not waste much time on men with incongruous political beliefs, who claim to have Socialist leanings, and beware of the capitalist politician who is a Socialist "at heart." Men who claim to have been Socialists "before you were born," but who "haven't got time" to read a Socialist book or paper, do not make good material for a Socialist local.

The organizer would do well to remember that the local, properly organized, is a powerful engine. It should be built of a membership that will neither rust, rot, jar or wear out. The best material for starting a local, are men who are more or less known in the com-

munity to be Socialists, and have stood the "disgrace" without shrinking.

Other men who have heretofore supported the capitalist parties, but who are now reading Socialist books and papers and avow their readiness to assist in the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, and in addition, sign the application for membership, should be gladly welcomed to comradeship. Do not forget that women are eligible to membership and office in the local, and their participation accomplishes political results that cannot be achieved by men alone.

A meeting should be held by the intended signers to application for charter and any others whom they admit to membership. The organizer should take the floor, state the object of the meeting and call for nominations and election of temporary chairman. After the election of temporary chairman, the latter will proceed in the same manner to bring about nomination and election of the balance of the officers temporarily. Each member should then deposit at least fifteen cents to pay the first month's State and National dues, which should be forwarded by the temporary Recording Secretary, together with application for charter to the state secretary, or if no state organization exists, to the National Secretary.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

After the charter has been received, another meeting should be held for the purpose of effecting permanent organization. The first set of permanent officers should not occupy office for a longer period than three months. This will give the local an early opportunity to replace officers who show poor abilities with men who have the required degree of fitness for the work.

A committee should be appointed on Constitution and By-Laws and a place for permanent meeting and headquarters secured. Every member of the local should be urged to subscribe to at least one party paper, and every attempt made to induce Socialist sympathizers to subscribe to party papers, purchase Socialist literature, become Socialists and then join the local.

When supplies are received, the Financial Secretary should issue a membership card to each member and attach to each card a due stamp showing that the holder of the card has paid dues for the current month. The Financial Secretary keeps (1) a record of all members admitted and receiving cards, (2) the account of due stamps bought and received from the state or national secretary, and the number sold to members. The charge for due stamps to members is the amount of monthly dues, which is determined by the local itself. The Financial Secretary also receives all money received for dues, by collections, donations, etc., forwards money for due stamps to the State or National Secretary, and pays all bills incurred by the local.

The Recording Secretary keeps the records of all meetings, conducts correspondence, etc. The Literature Agent has charge of all literature, attends to its distribution, takes and forwards subscriptions for Socialist papers, etc.

It has been found that the best results are accomplished with weekly meetings. Provision should be made for the discussion of political and economic questions. Open air agitation meetings should be held during the summer and at other times an indoor meeting, with some able speaker, at least once a month. A systematic distribution of literature should be established.

Finally, it is more important that every member should know what Socialism is, and for what purpose the Socialist party is organized, than that a large vote representing a doubtful quality of Socialist thought and knowledge be secured. The best way to get votes that will stick is to have party members who will stick, and who fully realize the emancipating mission of the Socialist Party.

GET BUSY NOW

Great Opportunity for Socialists this Year.

E. J. Rohrer, State Committeeman, Urges Redoubled Efforts.

"I want my Liberty."
The above was uttered by a grey-haired miner. He said he did not expect to live to receive much material benefit from Socialism, "but," said he, "I want my liberty before I die." The words have been ringing in my ears and sinking into my consciousness ever since. We want our Liberty. We demand our Freedom. Freedom for the workers from wage slavery. Freedom for the child-slaves, their life blood drained by the leech of capitalism.

You feel the sting of oppression. You know the oppressor. You have the remedy.

Very well. But what are you going to do about it? It isn't a metaphysical conception to be ruminated over. It is a material fact to be met. To be met in a material way. "What can I do to help?" say you. Let the following from a private letter of Secretary Jacobsen give answer:

"I regret to say that I have had to stop Comrade West going out, owing to a lack of finances. The orders for sub cards are not coming in as they should, and I am almost broke. I could use a couple of thousand to good advantage—to reach the miners, and the farmers, and lots of small towns and a few big ones. There are thousands of democrats wandering in the wilderness over the state,—they could be made to see the proper path to follow, if we had the means, or some means, at least. It is a shame to let the opportunities this year presents go to waste. I have numerous letters from lone comrades unable to do anything financially telling me of hundreds of democrats in their community without a party and urging me to send speakers, which I am unable to do, and it is very discouraging. We shall no doubt get lots of votes, simply as a protest, but we should reach them—they are looking for something—and make Socialists out of them, so that they will never be Bryanized again."

Thousands seek a new political home—seek a party which harmonizes industrial development with a program for social freedom. The Socialist has the program. YOU are the sacred bearer of the torch of liberty. Some one lighted YOUR torch—do you light another's. Everywhere the cry arises "Send us speakers." But speakers must live and railways have their profits. This takes money. Wall street doesn't furnish it—for THIS purpose YOU must. Out of your scant wage you must bring bounteous freedom. With the "iron law of wages" cut a chunk out of your standard of living and send it to the state secretary. And then another and another. Give until you feel it and keep on giving until you don't feel it. It isn't a sacrifice—it's an investment—for you and your children and all humanity. It isn't charity—it is simple justice—doing for another what one other has done for you. It's your insurance dues against poverty and want and ceaseless toil and care.

If you are really my COMRADE you will be with me on the firing line. You will cease dreaming of the commissary and line up for the battle and enlist for the war. You are in the melting-pot, tried by fire. If you stand the test—if you are a fighter—then the Socialist party will be the vanguard of the Co-operative Commonwealth. If you fail—but you will not; you know no If nor Fail.

And your paper. Capitalists won't solicit subscribers. (The leech doesn't bite off its own bill.) You declared you would take 200 Iowa Socialist sub. cards per month. Yet the state secretary is

hampered in his work by having the funds tied up in them. Unhamper him.

Truly, comrade, "a dollar now is as good as ten next year." We must assimilate the rising tide of discontent or be overwhelmed by it. If we can't do it this year how can we next year—with its ever-increasing volume? We can and will direct the revolting spirits into intelligent action. We are equal to the task. We creatures will be henceforth creators. We will move the boundary of heaven within the sight of men again.

A word in closing. The missionary work must be done quickly. Let no man think his efforts are bounded by the city limits. Judging from experience a local can do its home work cheaper and better through house to house distribution of literature. Do this. And push campaign subscription lists under every working man's (and sympathizer's) nose. That's an education in itself. Send a generous contribution to the state treasury for opening new fields. It won't do you any good to carry your town unless others are carried. We want votes all along the line. We are carrying some towns while others have never heard our message. Prove yourself bigger than your burg. Be boundless.

And the paper. Give it your hearty financial support. You can get subscribers. You agreed to. Maybe it does not fulfill your expectations. Sure, and it doesn't the editor's either. He can't divide his time between the landlord and the press-room and turn out an illustrated cracker-jack paper in four colors. He is mortal. Furnish him the materialistic basis. Do your part and then and then only is he answerable.

You say we are being robbed by this system. You have no right to complain unless you are doing ALL that you can to choke off the robbery. EDWARD J. ROHRER, State Committeeman 6th District.

Discussion Wholesome.

The lecture of Eugene V. Debs, presidential nominee of the Socialist party, last week was an event of interest to many of our citizens. He is the leading exponent of the socialistic propaganda, and as such it was interesting to learn his ideas. Some of the phases of the present industrial system seem wrong. Mr. Debs presents a remedy, but whether or not the beautiful picture could be reduced to reality is an open question. The number of people who believe his teachings is gradually increasing, not only in the United States, but also in other countries. However it is well to have questions of industrial life discussed. No reform has ever been accomplished except through discussion. If the present system is right, it will not be injured by discussion. If it is wrong, it should be corrected. — Oelwein Register.

A \$200 Item.

Several comrades have offered to pay \$10 apiece to the Iowa campaign fund, provided twenty in all will agree to do the same. Some of these pledges have been paid in, but the collection of the balance depends on the condition named above. \$200 will buy and distribute 200,000 pieces of literature. It is possible to get into every county in the state with reading matter, if not with speakers. Literature is eagerly read this year, neither of the old parties offering the working class anything in either their platforms or candidates. This year counts. Will you not be one of twenty, and save to the party what has already been pledged.

J. J. JACOBSEN, Sec'y.

The striking packinghouse employes voted on Wednesday to reject the peace proposal and to continue the strike. At a meeting of the packers it was decided to give no opportunity to the labor leaders to present a proposition embracing arbitration, as planned by the strikers.

A BIG MONTH

Evidence of Increased Socialist Activity.

State Secretary Jacobsen's Report An Index of the Movement.

August 1 to August 30. RECEIPTS.

*Balance on hand July 31	\$ 95 50
Aug. 1 Davenport, donation	10 00
" 2 Logan, dues 75c, donation \$1	1 75
" 2 Waterloo, dues	3 00
" 2 Mason City, dues	2 70
" 3 Dubuque, donation	14 00
" 5 Ottumwa, dues	1 35
" 5 Ottumwa, donation	2 00
" 5 Correctionville, dues	1 35
" 6 Clinton, dues	3 00
" 7 Missouri Valley, dues	3 00
" 7 Sigourney, sub cards	5 00
" 8 North McGregor, dues	45
" 9 Hilton, dues	1 20
" 9 Avery, donations	3 15
" 9 Waterloo, dues \$3, donations \$4.40	7 40
" 10 Eddyville, dues	15
" 10 Des Moines, dues	3 00
" 10 Shambaugh, dues \$1.35, supplies 10c	1 45
" 10 Council Bluffs, dues	1 35
" 10 Boone, sub cards	2 00
" 10 Sioux City, donation	1 00
" 11 Dubuque, sub cards \$4, dues \$3.60, donations \$7.55	15 15
" 12 Hamilton, donations	3 00
" 12 Gardner, Va., dues	60
" 13 Feb, sub cards 3.00, dues 1.05, supplies 24c	4 29
" 14 Sioux City, sub cards 2.50, dues 6.75	9 25
" 14 Des Moines, sub cards 4.00, dues 3.00, donations 8.00	15 00
" 15 Davenport, dues	10 35
" 15 Hiteman, dues	2 10
" 16 Bellevue, sub cards	1 00
" 16 Muscatine, sub cards	1 25
" 16 Polk City, dues 2.45, donations 5c	2 50
" 16 Persia, dues	1 35
" 17 Sigourney, supplies 2.00, donation 9.00	11 00
" 18 Hocking, dues 3.00, supplies 50c	3 50
" 21 Hiteman, dues	3 00
" 23 Davenport, donations	20 00
" 23 Orange City, dues	75
" 23 New Hampton, dues	90
" 23 Burlington, donations	1 55
" 24 Cresco, dues	75
" 25 Davenport, dues	9 00
" 25 Grinnell, donations	1 55
" 26 Des Moines, typewriter	1 00
" 26 Sigourney, donations	50 00
" 26 Ryan, dues 6.30, donations 1.25	7 55
" 27 Deloit, dues	2 70
" 27 Waterloo, sub cards	1 00
" 27 Dubuque, dues 3.90, donations 10c	4 00
" 28 Marshalltown, dues	3 00
" 28 Des Moines, sub cards 4.00, dues 3.00, supplies 1.00, donations 2.84	8 84
Total	\$359 79

EXPENDITURES.

Aug. 1 L. B. Patterson, printing	\$ 5 75
" 2 A. E. Foreman, agitation	5 00
" 2 Wm. Maily, half day fund	43 00
" 5 U. S. and American Express, express	1 40
" 6 Iowa Socialist, printing	4 60
" 6 Kenyon Printing Co., printing	10 05
" 8 Iowa Socialist, 2500 three-weeks subscriptions	50 00
" 9 Wm. Maily, stamps 15.00, half day fund, 9.20	24 20
" 9 J. J. Jacobsen, postage	2 30
" 9 U. S. Express Co.	60
" 9 Wm. Maily, stamps	60
" 13 I. S. McCrillis, agitation	2 00
" 13 The Comrade Pub. Co., literature	1 00
" 15 Wm. Maily, buttons	4 00
" 15 Ethel Saylor, typewriting	3 50
" 16 J. J. Jacobsen, postage	2 00
" 16 Remington Typewriter Co., on contract	16 00
" 17 Wm. Maily, stamps 10.00, supplies 2.00, half day fund 9.77	21 77
" 17 J. E. Nash, supplies	1 25
" 17 Iowa Socialist, sub cards	25 00
" 19 Iowa Socialist, printing	3 00
" 20 Ethel Saylor, typewriting	1 25
" 20 Lillie R. Larson, typewriting	50
" 20 J. J. Jacobsen, postage	2 00
" 24 F. J. West, agitation	10 00
" 24 Remington Typewriter Co., stand	5 00
" 24 Edna L. Paine, typewriting	1 25
" 27 J. J. Jacobsen, postage	1 80
" 29 Wm. Maily, stamps 20.00, supplies 1.55, half day fund 12.20	33 75
" 30 J. J. Jacobsen, salary and time	18 00
Total	\$300 57

Balance on hand Sept. 1 \$ 59 22

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.	
Due stamps	\$ 93 20
Iowa Socialist subscription cards	25 75
Supplies	3 84
Donations and contributions	131 44
Miscellaneous	10 00
Total	264 23

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.	
Due stamps	\$ 45 60
Printing and supplies	40 70
Postage	8 10
Express	2 00
Agitation and organization (including half day fund sent to national office)	91 17
Literature	1 00
2,500 three-weeks subscriptions	50 00
Iowa Socialist, subscription cards	25 00
Office expenses	33 00
Campaign buttons	4 00
Total	\$300 57

The balance last month was erroneously reported to \$2.35 less than it was. Keb local should have been credited with \$2.25 and 10 cents was lost in footing up the column.

J. J. JACOBSEN, State Secretary.

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For President,
EUGENE V. DEBS,
 Of Indiana.

For Vice President,
BENJAMIN HANFORD,
 Of New York.

IOWA SOCIALIST STATEMENT.

For the month of August.

EXPENDITURES.	
Supplies—paper, etc.	\$ 15 74
Salaries—To Aug. 27	120 00
Expense—Rent, postage, fixtures, etc.	18 00
Literature	2 30
Outstanding accounts	103 05
Total	\$259 75
RECEIPTS.	
Subscriptions—Including bundles and samples	\$123 65
Job printing	41 00
Advertising	59 75
Cash deficit	35 35
Total	\$259 75

LABOR DAY SOP.

All over our broad land, last Monday, were picnics and various gatherings of the PEOPLE while Labor Day oratory abounded.

Now there are two kinds of Labor Day oratory—one spoken in the interest of the workers, the other, covertly perhaps, but nevertheless plainly to those who are not blinded by a profuse rhetoric, in the interest of some political party or some party politician.

This second class of orator deals out sop to the workingman who is expected to soak it up, sponge-like; very often he does; then again he does not; it depends entirely on whether he does his own thinking or hires it out to be done for him.

According to the daily paper the sop flowed freely in the vicinity of Dubuque last Monday.

In this instance the oratory was delivered by T. J. Fitzpatrick, who hopes to succeed himself in the office of county attorney over the democratic route.

If the information received from our daily press is correct, he is now making the office pay him \$2,500 per year.

When you recall the fact that according to the report of the U. S. Commissioner of Labor \$437 is the average yearly wage of workingmen, you can readily see that the county attorney is the proper person to preach contentment and the "dignity of labor" to the union man.

Let us review some of his mush: I congratulate you upon this day because it is a tribute to that great mass of the people of our country who are its brain and brawn and the source of its ever increasing greatness and strength.

If he had classed himself with the workers he would have said: "Let us congratulate ourselves, etc." Is it not strange that work-

ing people always go outside their own ranks for someone to provide their oratory, laws, etc., for them?

That country only is truly great which has within its boundaries people, as a whole, who are content with their lot in life, who earnestly strive for their own betterment, their own advancement, and the advancement of their fellowmen.

Now what do you think of that? If you are content with your lot, Mr. Union Man, why, in the name of all that is logical, do you "earnestly strive for your own betterment and advancement?" Why??

The wage earner is indeed to be congratulated because through his efforts he provides the necessities of life for himself and others.

"For himself and others" is good. That is, he provides calicoes for his own wife and children and silks for his employer's wife and children. Yet, "you should not decry your lot nor be envious of others."

"You, who love your avocation, are rich, not poor." Nothing truer than this, but how many working men and women love their avocation? The garbage man goes by our door every day. No doubt he loves his avocation. Foundry men look so delightfully black and greasy that they must be deeply in love with their avocation, and there are others.

Here is a rich bit of sop:

We must remember that every field of labor must have persons to carry on its work and those who occupy that field meritoriously occupy as high a position in the esteem and love of all good citizens as does the millionaire.

But they are not driven around in carriages and banquetted at \$3 per plate.

The solution of the labor problem is the most important question confronting the American people.

This is a sentence in which he struck the true key-note of the present situation. This is the only "issue" up for the consideration of the people in the approaching campaign.

It is true, it is impossible to banish want and poverty from the world.

Is it? Professors Starr and Bartlett, who are authorities on the American Indian, assure us that before he was "civilized" a hungry Indian could not be found, unless a famine made hunger general among them.

Just so long as men are born unequal in body, mind and ambition, just so long as genius and industry exists upon the earth, the "palace will proudly rear its fluted columns while hunger shivers in the lowly cot." The capable and the provident will succeed, while the improvident and the wasteful go to the wall.

In other words, Mr. Union Man, if you had any genius or industry, your "palace would proudly rear, etc.," as it is, you usually "shiver in the lowly cot." How do you like it?

No thinking man of our day will condemn the formation of labor organizations when these labor organizations are used for the honest betterment of their members with due regard for the interests of capital invested, because without capital labor cannot succeed and without capital labor is unproductive and helpless.

There, Mr. Union Man, you may help yourself, if you forget not to have "due regard" for capital. Capital is a holy thing and must not be profaned, and if it were not for the philanthropic capitalist who kindly gives you a job, you couldn't do anything. Here the question arises, What is Capital, and How is it Produced? Did the workingman produce it or did the capitalist produce it?

The orator informs us that the strike "is the workman's only weapon with which to enforce his rights." This is a glaring falsehood. The workman has the ballot and when he learns to use it in the interest of his class and for the

election to office of fellow workers who will see to it that their class interests are looked after, he will have no further use for the strike as a means to enforce his rights.

When has a strike ever been really successful? Please give us the names and dates of a few successful strikes.

No labor organization or laboring man or set of men should resort to violence, to the destruction of property, either of the public or of their employers in order to gain their ends.

These whines about "violence," "destruction of property," etc., on the part of the workers are rather over-done. In every strike the "violence," etc., is always proven to be done by the employers or their imported scabs and military thugs in order to discredit the strikers before the public. Yet Gov. Cummins in his Labor Day proclamation "improves the opportunity to admonish labor against violence."

Is it not time, Mr. Workingman, that you show by your votes that you resent these constant insinuations that you and your class are a set of violent law-breakers? When will you ever have had enough of this mixture of sop and slander? Verily, you have sold your birthright for a mess of pottage, but you will yet come to your own and assert the dignity of your labor by having it proclaimed at the polls as well as in meaningless oratorical gush.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Well, what have you done during the last few weeks for the cause. Have you done anything? We mean you with the martyr-like gaze, the sad funereal smile, and the lower lip that you are continually treading upon because, forsooth, you can't do anything for the "cause" because you can't speak or write like Debs. Better read Comrade Rohrer's article on the first page and then if you don't feel so small that you're afraid of falling through a knot-hole in the floor, go out in the barn or woodshed and kick yourself till you're black and blue in the face and the surrounding landscape is crimsoned with your worthless gore. Then if God Almighty will let you, crawl back to the house on your hands and knees and write a letter to Comrade Jacobsen at Des Moines. Enclose a donation for campaign purposes, and if the secretary of your local has't ordered a bunch of those sub cards from Comrade Jacobsen get after him with a Gatling gun. If you're not in the local, get in. If there is no local in your town, organize one. Do something. Do everything. You may curl up like a toad and hibernate for the next four years, but in the name of humanity, do something NOW. If you're a Socialist don't disgrace the whole tribe by being a lobster.

A thinking peasant makes—a Socialist.

A vote for Debs and Hanford is a vote for yourself.

The capitalists are bound to get light through the skull of the workingman even if it takes bullets to do it.

There is no equivocation or evasion by the Socialist party as to its stand on any public question. What other party can say as much? Don't all speak at once.

Does anybody know what the issue is this year between the republicans and democrats? The non-Socialist sending in the first correct answer to this question will be rewarded with a plugged dime.

Labor Day is past and in many places the festive labor skate has

again proven the identity of interest of capital and labor to his own satisfaction. But in other places his erstwhile dupe was again given food for thought.

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Why

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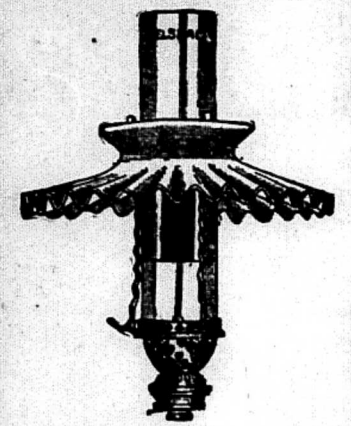
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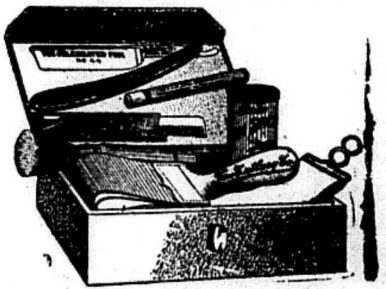


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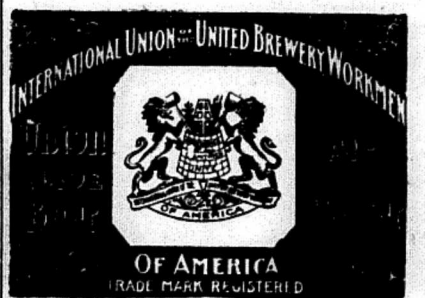
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Impressions

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An Economic Question One meets with all kinds of ideas concerning Socialism, and one of the hardest truths to get into peoples' heads is that Socialism is an economic problem, pure and simple.

Because of this confusion of ideas, or ignorance, we frequently hear men say "there are some things about Socialism I am in harmony with and not others. I am a Christian Socialist, or I believe in Christian Socialism, etc."

This raises the question as to what a Christian Socialist may claim to be as distinguished from other Socialists.

The Christian Socialist must accept one or the other of the following positions: He must recognize the economic situation and desirability of a remedy, but refuse to accept the remedy which society must, in the nature of things, always ultimately adopt in bringing about substantial advancement—namely, political action (this being society's way of doing things). In other words, a Christian Socialist is a bee without a stinger, or recognizing the situation and accepting the remedy (in which case there is no material difference between a Christian Socialist and any other kind of a Socialist) he seeks to appeal to a class who, through a narrowness or misconception of the relation of things has a religious scruple against "politics," by attaching a sectarian tail to his political kite in order to give it a sanctimonious twang.

The first species I believe it is unnecessary to discuss at length because of the natural limitation of the variety from any view point.

As to the second class there can, I say, be but one motive in calling himself a Christian Socialist, and that one of expedient—to catch the clergy and ultra sanctimonious, who would not contaminate themselves by "filthy politics."

We might as well learn first as last that the problems with which Socialism deals are not religious in any sense more than the tariff or money question—they are purely economic. He who espouses a cause, whether tariff or the money question, with an honest purpose to help better the conditions of humanity is prompted by a religious motive in the finest and best sense, and so with the Socialist who is prompted by such a motive, but I feel sure our Christian Socialist friend would at once see the folly and ridiculousness of calling himself a Christian protectionist or a Christian free trader, or of speaking of a Christian gold standard, Christian free silver or Christian bimetalism and yet it would be as sensible as to talk about Christian Socialism.

There are certain principles of justice as immutable as God, as universal as the principles of mathematics, older than, and so far as it is in harmony with them, the basis of Christianity. It is a misnomer to call them Christian principles and yet they are the motive of every right act whether in the field of politics, agriculture, church relationship or pedagogy—they are the basis of all the truth in any or every religion. We sometimes call them Christian, but this is because the system of teaching of Jesus, we suppose, or it was in fact in harmony with them.

But laying aside this line of argument, is it expedient to run the risk of confusing the public mind by a confusion of terms? Can we hope to gain more than we lose? In the first place "Christian So-

cialism" has a churchy flavor. Socialism in the nature of the case is calculated to appeal to the toilers and as a matter of fact the church does not, so by setting this tempting morsel you cannot expect to catch that particular fly. Again, do you expect to attract the clergy? Don't be fooled. The clergy, as a class, has always acted in the capacity of a "trailer," never a leader, which proves it to be made up of men neither better or worse than others.

I don't say this in criticism. We couldn't expect it to be otherwise. There has never been a movement on the part of humanity for advancement that the clergy has not opposed it till it became popular and then appeared on the scene in time to claim the credit. There have been notable and noble exceptions, but all goes to prove them of the same clay as other people. What is true of the clergy is equally true of the church membership and of all other classes and for the same reason. That being true they will all come when Socialism becomes popular and neither clergy or laymen, that is the majority, are going to jeopardize their revenues simply for a name, even if it be a religious one.

Let us come out flat-footed—say what we mean, mean what we say and not attach a sanctimonious tail to our political movement that cannot in the nature of things strengthen us, must of necessity cause confusion and hamper our freedom in future.

Let us remember we are a political party dealing with economic problems.—I. S. McCrillis.

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A common aim and a common hope is animating the workers of the world; a community of suffering drives them on.

Economic interests determine the development of every idea not less than the conduct of every enterprise.

Many men parade their mummified ideas who would be ashamed to wear ready-made clothes—a queer sort of pride.

If the unions would win the approval of Citizens' Alliances they must confine their activities to paying sick benefits and burying their dead.

Confiscation is applauded as business sagacity when committed in the interest of the few. It is condemned as robbery when proposed in the interest of the many. It all depends on the point of view.

There is only one country in the world where the Catholic church has taken the part of the oppressed, and that is Ireland. The reason is patent to all: the government is against it there. The same is true of other churches; as soon as they win the support of the rich they preach obedience to the poor.

The workers are taught the beauty and nobility of self-sacrifice by the classes who have never had any experience in its practice.

The workers throughout the country are getting some needed

lessons in the meaning of the class struggle. The abstract part of it is pretty heavy. They often complain that the pages of Marx and Kautsky are dull and uninteresting. That complaint is never lodged against the concrete part of it. The subject is lively enough when it comes from the injunction of the court, the policeman's club or the bullet of the militia. Perhaps in some one of its multitudinous forms it will yet penetrate the skull of the worker. He has been a long time at the school of experience; as yet his precocity has never alarmed his warmest friends. But he is learning, and as weapon after weapon breaks in his hands, as institution after institution deserts and betrays him, the hope arises that his brain may yet come to the aid of his hand, that he will find the strength that lies in unity and learn to change governments as he has felled forests and subjugated deserts—and all in his own interest.—Guy E. Miller.

Literary Note The International Socialist Review for September opens with Comrade Debs' great Indianapolis speech, destined to become one of the historical documents of the American Socialist movement, and which every Socialist will wish to preserve.

In an article, "The Rise of the American Laborer," A. M. Simons gives a summary of the main facts in the evolution of the American labor movement. In the form of a review of Charles Kendall Franklin's book, "The Socialization of Humanity," Ernest Untermann gives what is probably the best exposition of monistic materialism, from the Socialist point of view, ever published. A wide circulation and study of this article will do much to give an understanding of Socialism. A translation of the statement issued by the "Russian Revolutionary Socialist Society" on the assassination of Von Plehve fully explains the reasons for a terrorist movement in Russia. An interesting revision of the total Socialist vote of the world is given with a compilation showing the total vote throughout the world by years, gives the best view of the continuous rapid growth of international Socialism ever published. The Letters of a Pork-Packer's Stenographer continue their amazing and amusing revelations of the inside workings of the great meat trust. A report of the International Congress gives all the resolutions introduced by the various national parties. The departments are as full of valuable and interesting material as usual. We note that the Review has undertaken an extensive inquiry into the probable vote of the Socialist party this fall, the results of which are to be published in the October number. The International Socialist Review is published by Charles H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, at one dollar a year.

LOCAL MEETINGS

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Dubuque Local meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at Socialist Headquarters, 6th and Iowa streets.

Sioux City Local meets every Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at the old Socialist Hall, 414 Douglas St. Everybody invited to attend.

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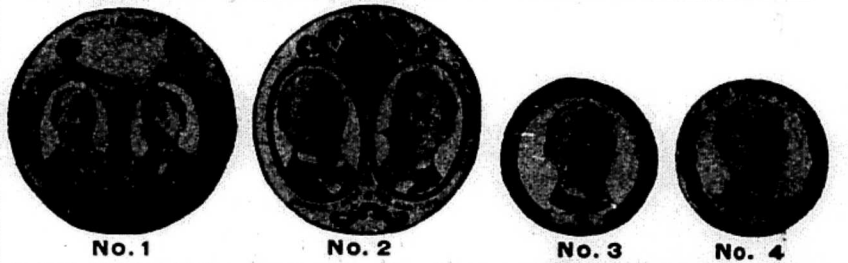
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THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

The first meeting of the Socialist national campaign addressed by Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist party candidate for president, at Indianapolis on Sept. 1 was a great success. Masonic Temple was packed to the doors, despite the intense heat, and the enthusiasm was spontaneous and unstinted. Comrade Debs was at his best and covered the Socialist position thoroughly. It was an auspicious opening of what is evidently going to be a great campaign.

The demands upon Comrade Debs for special articles on the Socialist party being made by leading magazines indicate the importance being placed upon the Socialist campaign this year. The Daily News, of Chicago, having the largest circulation of any evening paper in the city, last week published a two column article by Debs. The Era Magazine has offered him space to answer an article by David M. Parry appearing in its September number, and the Independent of New York has already accepted an article which will shortly appear. In addition to these are the many calls made upon Comrade Debs by the Socialist and labor press, all of which shows that being a presidential candidate involves lots of work.

The national secretary has sent a letter of advice regarding the treatment of Comrade Debs to the locals where he is engaged to speak during the campaign. It is hoped the committees having the meetings in charge will give heed to the suggestions made as it is highly important that the best kind of care be taken of Comrade Debs so that he can pull through the long and trying campaign successfully.

Comrade Hanford's dates for the months of September and October are being rapidly made. Passing through Chicago on his way east he reported enthusiastically upon the campaign prospects and he predicts a greater vote than even the comrades themselves expect. He urges diligent distribution of literature everywhere so that new recruits can be posted upon the party principles.

Reporting upon Hanford's meeting in Kansas City on Aug. 24, Comrade Palmer writes: "Hanford's meeting was in every particular a success. House was crowded to discomfort. Union men were highly pleased. Tickets for the Debs meeting at Convention Hall, Sept. 10, were on sale and went like hot cakes. Some of the unions are voting assistance for this demonstration. Besides individual members buying reserved seats to help us raise the money, the Brewers and Maltsters' Union donated \$5 and there are others willing."

The same reports are coming into the national office from all parts of the country. It is up to the comrades to keep things moving until election day.

Another new leaflet is now ready at the national headquarters, entitled "Do You Know What Socialism Is?" It is a short, plain and concise statement of the Socialist position and addressed to working class voters. It will be sent anywhere at 500 for 75c, 1,000 for \$1.25, prepaid. Address William Mailly, National Secretary, 209 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

The catalogue of campaign supplies issued by the national headquarters is being sent to comrades throughout the country, and orders should be placed at once, so as not to crowd matters at the last moment.

The first monthly official bulletin authorized by the new national constitution will be issued Sept. 15. There are many official matters concerning the party which the pressure of the campaign prevents the party papers from publishing at this time. The bulletin will contain a complete list of campaign speakers, organizers and financial reports, last quorum meeting, and all secretaries should have one.

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

Contribution lists for the national campaign fund have been sent to locals in all states where consent was given by state committees and to all active workers whose names could be had. It is hoped that the comrades will fill these lists and return them rapidly to the national secretary. The campaign fund is far from what it ought to be, considering the work to be done and the short time there is left to do it in. Instead of \$3,000 there ought to be \$30,000 collected by this time, and every day the demands upon the national headquarters are increasing. How to meet these demands will remain a mystery so long as the money is not forthcoming which should be. This is the year in which Socialists must "loosen up" as never before. If you have a subscription list, fill it. If you haven't

one, send for one. If you can't or won't circulate a subscription list, perhaps you'll use one of the new coin cards gotten out by the national office. Can be filled quickly and is very handy for mailing purposes. Send to the national secretary for one.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SPEAKERS.

Dates for national campaign speakers travelling under the direction of the national headquarters for the week ending Sept. 17, are arranged as follows:

Eugene V. Debs—Sept. 11, St. Louis, Mo.; 12, Memphis, Tenn.; 13, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 14, Atlanta, Ga.; 15, Birmingham, Ala.; 16, Little Rock, Ark.; 17, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Ben Hanford—Sept. 12, Adams, Mass.; 13, Springfield, Mass.; 14, Meriden, Conn.; 15, Rockville, Conn.; 16, New Britain, Conn.; 17, Bridgeport, Conn.

Franklin H. Wentworth fills the following concluding dates in New York, under the direction of the state secretary: Sept. 11, Buffalo; 12, Rochester; 13, Utica; 14, Johnstown; 15, Gloversville. Comrade Wentworth will then travel under the direction of the national office, speaking the remainder of the week as follows: Sept. 16, Bradford, Pa.; 17, Franklin, Pa.

James F. Carey will speak in Massachusetts under the direction of the state secretary until Oct. 1, when he will be under the direction of the national office. Dates in Massachusetts for the week ending Sept. 17 are as follows: Sept. 11, Springfield; 12, Ware; 13, Worcester; 14, Clinton; 15, Fall River; 16, Brockton; 17, Rockland.

John Spargo's tour will not extend as far west as California as previously announced as he will return from Butte, Mont., speaking enroute to New York where he will speak the last two weeks of the campaign. Dates are as follows: Sept. 11, Omaha, Neb.; 13, Denver, Colo.; 15, Aspen, Colo.; 16, Grand Junction, Colo.; 18, Salt Lake City, Utah.

John W. Brown will fill a number of dates in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and possibly Ohio during September. Dates thus far arranged are as follows: Sept. 11, Richmond, Va.; 12, Lynchburg, Va.; 13, Rocky Mount, Va.; 14, Pulaski City, Va.; 16 and 17, Washington, D. C.

John M. Work, of Iowa, began his tour in Missouri on Sept. 7 and his work will take him through Kansas and Nebraska until October, when he speaks in Iowa until the election. Dates arranged are as follows: Sept. 12, Jefferson City, Mo.; 14, Greenfield, Mo.; 15, Aurora, Mo.; 16, Arkansas City, Kas.; 17, Anthony, Kas.

M. W. Wilkins' route has been completed up until October when he enters Connecticut and Massachusetts in the order named. His last dates in Pennsylvania and Delaware are as follows: Sept. 11, Pottsville, Pa.; 12, Reading, Pa.; 13, Stonersville, Pa.; 14, Allentown, Pa.; 15, Sellersville, Pa.; 16 and 17, Wilmington, Del.

Dates have been arranged for Chas. G. Towner in Indiana up to Oct. 21 where he closes his work at Butler. Dates for the coming week are as follows: Sept. 11, Vincennes; 12 to 15, Evansville; 16 to 20, Chandler.

John M. Ray begins his work in Tennessee on Sept. 13 and will fill dates in Alabama while enroute to Louisiana to fill engagements contracted for Comrade McKee who is wanted in October in California. Comrade Ray will proceed north through Louisiana to Arkansas and Tennessee, closing the campaign in the latter state. Dates arranged are as follows: Sept. 13, Nashville, Tenn.; 14, Centerville, Tenn.; 16, Tracy City, Tenn.; 17, Soddy, Tenn.

Harry M. McKee will return to California by way of southern Texas and Arizona, filling a few dates enroute during the latter part of September. Dates in the south for the coming week are as follows: Sept. 11, Birmingham, Ala.; 12 and 13, Randolph, Ala.; 14, Montgomery, Ala.; 16, Waynesboro, Miss.; 17, Laurel, Miss.

Gaylord Wilshire announces that he is open to fill engagements in the New England states during the campaign.

After filling a week's engagements in northern Nebraska, George E. Bigelow entered South Dakota under the direction of the state secretary on Sept. 1.

Dan A. White, of Massachusetts, who had been secured to work in Wisconsin, will, at the request of the state committee, devote his time to Milwaukee while Thomas Lucas, of Minnesota, has been engaged by the national office to work in that state.

George H. Goebel entered Idaho on Sept. 9 and will fill a series of twenty-five dates under the direction of the state secretary.

Chas. Pergler, national Bohemian organizer, will soon make a tour extending through Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York and will return to close his work in Wisconsin before the election.

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izer, will soon make a tour which will include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan during September and October.

WILLIAM MAILLY,
National Secretary.

STATE NOTES

Distribute literature.

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Forward state and congressional nomination papers.

Locals have been organized during the past week at Bussey and Seymour. Bussey was organized by West, of Avery, and Seymour by Prof. Kirkpatrick. John E. Shank, of Sioux City, reorganized Local Sheldon.

Prof. Kirkpatrick reports enthusiastic meetings at Keokuk, Centerville and Seymour, the attendance being something over two hundred at each place. Centerville engaged him for a return date, the only open date on his tour.

All available good speakers have been engaged by the national and various state organizations. There are still a few dates to be secured by locals in Iowa, but delay in making applications for either Work or O'Hare is dangerous.

J. J. JACOBSEN, State Secretary.

LOCAL NOTES

All comrades who have not yet supplied themselves with tickets for the Debs lecture, should do so at once. The sale of tickets should be pushed rapidly from now on.

Comrade Lena Milan has returned to the fold after an absence of nearly three months. She gave a very good talk on her summer vacation and her efforts to spread the gospel of Socialism in new territory. If there were only a few more like her, something might be done toward rousing the women of this locality to an interest in our movement.

Comrade Bates, of Vancouver, B. C., was a welcome visitor of Dubuque Local at its last meeting night. He was on his way home from the International Socialist Congress held in Amsterdam Aug. 14-20 to which he was a delegate. Comrade Bates gave a very interesting report of the Congress, and also of the local Socialist work in Amsterdam and other places visited by him while abroad. It was an unexpected treat to hear these things at first hand, and the local comrades may congratulate themselves on the detention of Comrade Bates in the city on that particular night.

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E. D. HAMMOND,
Secretary Waterloo Local.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sheldon, Iowa, Sept. 3.

Editor Iowa Socialist: You asked me several months since to send you the news from this local. I was slack about answering, as I would have to tell you that our local was not very prosperous, and as there were only two or three of us who had to hold up the short end, we were getting tired of it, and did not know whether we would keep the new ship afloat or not. I am very busy most of the time, as I am a railroad telegraph operator. We have had Comrade Work, J. W. Wilson, of Sioux City, Harry McKee and W. A. Jacobs as speakers at various times and yesterday Comrade Shank, of Sioux City, dropped in on us unexpectedly and gave us a good talk on the street in the evening, and this last straw, coupled with the fact that we are steadily gaining the support of the workers of the town, encouraged us to renew our "vows" and revive our local and start over again. Comrade Shank sends in our new application today with six names and more to follow. There are plenty of people in this city who are in sympathy with us but will not come up to the rack and show their colors and work for us and with us. But we have great hopes of a speedy revival, and I will try and send you more frequently notes of the work, and see if we cannot arouse ourselves as well as others. We are taking all the papers that we think that we can stand or we would send for several copies of The Iowa Socialist now, but we took a collection and take one copy for the general use of the local. Will do better some time. Our vote last fall was about sixty. City's population is about 2,500.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, Secretary.

Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 6.

Editor Iowa Socialist: We expect a big crowd on the 8th. We succeeded in getting rates on the electric road connecting us with about fifty miles of territory and we have advertised Mills' lecture well. I was in Oelwein yesterday but arrived too late to hear Rev. O'Conner deliver his masterly sledge hammer blows at Socialism. There is one thing he failed to consider, that is the echo. Every time you strike anything solid there is an echo. If his reverence had happened by a certain tree about fifty feet from where he spoke, he would have heard the echo—six ordinary people signing away their right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness by endorsing the constitution and platform of the Socialist party. Every one of them is alive. The echo will vibrate again on Nov. 8.

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