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OUR AMERICAN WAY

By Joseph E. Cohen

Post-war nationalism has left plenty of traces in our own enlightened country. The jingoes have ridden their hobbyhorses with their noses pointed in turn at England, Japan and France. True, no great excitement has been stirred up and no more elaborate hospital service has been demanded than a little arnica to soothe the sore spots.

Now comes the drift to the superior nationalistic attitude assumed by those who are out for social progress, which is almost as funny as the antics of K. K. K. Quite excusable, even laudable, were the sentiments uttered by Samuel Gompers on his deathbed, when the mind's eye swung clear around the panorama of the pioneer path of the American trades union movement. Somewhat pardonable, even if halting, is the joinder of his successor to continue along the marked road. But more funny than sad is the echo from those who are merely the camp-followers of the movement, for their own personal pocket.

Let it be admitted at once that the social movement here is not a part of the European movement. Those who see American labor adopting the uniform of Russia, Germany or England are wearing blinders. To put it extravagantly, one may assiduously study the methods pursued in each European country and be sure that America will do it rather differently.

America will work out its salvation in its own way.

But it will work out its salvation.

The smug profiteers of the movement, who publish circulationless journals alleged to represent union labor, are serious encumbrances along the way. Their holdup of advertisers is almost in the nature of bribery to stem the demand for better working conditions for the multitude. They have no place in the legitimate labor fold. Their pretense to stand for labor is comical. Their assumption to interpret Americanism is ridiculous. At most their peculiar characteristic extends no further than the native brand of grafting.

It was they especially who sought to give credence to the "red scares" manufactured by venal attorney generals. They did so because they belong appropriately to the shady doings of such gentry.

So much for them.

Next in rank come those who honestly assume that America is the best possible of worlds, not only as against the other side of the globe (which may be admitted without serious reservation), but that ever can be. They see capitalism with its status of employer and employe continuing interminably. Like *Oliver Twist* they ask for a little more. They expect ever to ask for a little more. But they likewise ever expect to be *Oliver Twist*, the charity waif. They make no pretense to elevate labor to the equality of industrial democracy.

And that is where they are dead wrong.

To put it explicitly, that is where they fail as Americans.

Americanism of the democratic stamp was not exhausted in the War of the Revolution. The Civil

War proved that. And Americanism was not exhausted in the Civil War. That is being proved right along, today without the melodrama of civil war.

One does not have to loiter long with the pre-tending sons, daughters, grandsons and grand-daughters of the Revolution to realize that they are far and away from the spirit of democracy which is the fibre of this republic. And one need waste only a little of time to be assured that those who parade the flag unnecessarily are about the worst patriots.

The surest thing about America in the present is that it is in process of social revolution.

Consider that this is the land of capitalism in fullest bloom, that the slice of wealth grabbed as private profit is the most enormous, that the consequent possibility for brute strength and political corruption is the most stupendous,—and then check up the instances on every side that the people are edging into their own.

There is not a financial gathering but what is directly in law, albeit very tardily in execution, answerable to the public, whose creature it is, of course. And the number of those holding office to see that justice is done can hardly be said to be decreasing. Our social conscience is quickening. Avenues of publicity are multiplying.

The new spirit is "in the air." Our radio-trained civilization is carrying it to innumerable receiving stations.

Far from perfected are the methods for the successful transmission of social information and the consequent deposit of social good for the masses in the community. It is comparatively easy for the possessors of tremendous unearned incomes to load up the medium with static to balk and frustrate the drive for democracy. But the contest is strong to strain and purify the current.

One must be dull indeed not to find that in a radio age the chances are still more remote for the revival of despotism through industry than they were when communication was primitive.

But more than the mechanical aspect of the churning of social forces for change is the innate feel of the people for democracy. The red blood of American democracy has scarcely been diluted by mixture with the royal flow of old world dynasties. In the present the remaining families over there are ever thinning out. And the influx of sturdy peasant and urban stock from the other side to swell our population has been accredited as a thickening of our militant home product.

So it comes that the nation accepts in fullest measure of devotion and reverence the memory of Abraham Lincoln, choicest gift of the common soil of that America which is acknowledged far above the content of vast riches and the glamor of supreme power.

So it is that America, in its own way, is pulling ahead to realize social democracy.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24th, 1912,

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State of Illinois
County of Cook
ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Bertha Hale White, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the Editor of *The Socialist World* and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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BERTHA HALE WHITE Editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March 26, 1925.

(SEAL)

SWAN JOHNSON

Notary Public.

(My commission expires April 27, 1927)

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

To The National Convention Socialist Party, Feb. 22, 1925

Fitchburg, Mass.
Feb. 13, 1925

I am dividing the report of the Young People's Department into three stages, so as to draw lines between the less familiar activities of the department under Weisbord, the period before the convention of the Y. P. S. L. during which I acted as temporary director, and the month following the convention when I had been nominated and subsequently elected in charge of this department.

I.

Following the C. P. P. A. convention in Cleveland and the party convention of the same time, all capable party workers were harnessed to one cause; to roll up votes for the candidates we had endorsed. Bound to this same task was our party director of the Young People's Department, then also organizer of the Socialist Party of the New England District. The attention of the director was thus distracted from the Young People's work, and contributed solely toward the campaign. This left the department in a neglected position. The Yipsel routine was successfully continued, but no efforts were made toward building the Young People's Socialist League, the principal object of the department. In fact toward the end of the summer the disinterest in the department effected the resulting decline in activities, and the loss of membership.

On the other hand, our own comrades, the Yipsels, were enthusiastically involved in the campaign struggle. The most able of the New York members gave up their time to manage local, state and congressional campaigns, while nearly all Yipsels were drafted for services in one way or other to boost the labor candidates. Yipsels, wherever the organization existed, watched the polls, and volunteered their aid for work which might never have been otherwise accomplished.

Perhaps toward the end of the summer the sudden slump in the activities of the department may be attributed to the director himself, for obviously his interest in the league and party work was gradually waning. Yet it was not noticed at the time, due probably to the general inactivity in the league toward organization duties, a condition always prevalent in the past during the summer months. When Weisbord's affiliation with the Workers Party became known, it was a surprise to all who had known him, and yet peculiarly enough, not an unnatural step when one recalls the manner in which he wrote and spoke just previous to his resignation.

On Nov. 25th, 1924, an emergency meeting of the District Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of New England was called, to which I was invited as the nearest member of the Y. P. S. L. National Executive Committee. With the instructions of Comrade Roewer I took temporary charge of the office, and on Nov. 28th the National Executive Committee of the Party elected me as acting director for the remainder of the year.

II.

Unlike one of his predecessors, Weisbord removed nothing from the office files, supplies or records. Everything was apparently as it had been for the last two years. One of my first observations was that the office system of filing and bookkeeping must be changed as soon as possible, for under the present method it was difficult to locate anything, and the work very inefficient. Being however only temporarily in charge, I concentrated my efforts toward making the National Convention of the league a success. As far as known, nothing had been done altho it was previously assumed that preparations had been started. A call had been issued but there was nothing in the files to indicate how many delegates had been allotted to the various circles.

This necessitated starting the job from the beginning and finishing it inside of exactly one month. The work was seriously handicapped due to the neglected monthly reports, and the discouraging looseness of the entire organization.

With the material that I could collect from the files, and what was received in answer to my urgent request for information regarding the standing of the league, a report was drafted and submitted to the national office of the party shortly after being appointed as acting director. A more general report was later submitted to the convention of the league.

Here it is worth noting that the previous reports of the department on the standing of the league were slightly exaggerated, being more optimistic than true to facts. A comparison of the old reports and the one of today will tend to discredit the league by giving an impression of a great drop in membership, unless we recognize the innaccuracy of the previous reports.

Despite the apprehension of the beginning of December as regards the national convention, the 1925 Y. P. S. L. convention goes down in Yipsel history as the greatest convention ever held. The response and enthusiasm of the circles were wonderful. A

report of the convention is being submitted to you separate from the Y. P. Dept. report.

III.

The following month after the convention was entirely devoted to reviving the circles that had fallen during the last six or eight months, and cleaning up the office.

Correspondence was beginning to pour in from all parts of the country. Many localities reported having independent circles which seemed to resent not having been noticed during the Convention. Several old circles which I had given up as entirely lost, having no response from them for my letters of inquiry, now began to wake up and wish to be recognized. We gained back into our ranks four circles during January, and organized one new one. The prospects for doing the same in the following month look good, as we have attractive communications from several places. All of the circles have been reported to date, and I have circularized those I know to have been in the movement at one time or other.

Several changes have been made in the system of reporting, as the old one was becoming ineffective. The report is now made out each month, submitted to the national office of the league the 10th of the following month, on a uniform card furnished by the office. Each card when filled gives completely yet without great effort, the detailed standing of the circle.

As the old stationery was entirely exhausted a new supply was ordered, a new form being used for the new letter head.

The headquarters of the department were changed from the old location in Boston, to 23 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass. A part of the residence of the new director was transformed into an office and without any noticeable expense to the department was equipped for real work. At the present time the files are being restored to enable better reference, and a thorough inventory is being prepared.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The work of the Young People's Department for the last three years has been entirely for the Young People's Socialist League, and no effort has been made to organize, or help and encourage the building of Junior Yipsel circles, and Socialist Sunday Schools. I consider it just as important, perhaps a great deal more important, that this neglected branch of the department's work be revived. Just as truly as the Socialist party of the future will have for its workers the Yipsels of today, the Young People's Socialist League must prepare to receive the most ardent builders of the organization from such sources where a primary training in organization

work and principles of socialism has been afforded the incomers. Many of the Yipsels of today have had the primary training in the old party schools before the splits, which wrecked the entire Young People's movement.

If the proper support is extended me in this phase of the work I intend to contribute part of my time to that work.

Present indications promise a renewed growth of the Young People's Socialist League. The reason the organization was stunted in its progress is obvious now. It demands a great deal of attention. A closer association between the party locals and the Yipsel circles must be accomplished. Unfortunately at present they are widely separated; in some localities antagonistic. The membership of the Y. P. S. L. can be, and must be increased. The office will conduct a far reaching membership drive this spring, for which extensive preparation shall be made.

Altho probably not so noticable to others, the office methods are an important factor in not only accomplishing new work, but in keeping the old together. Part of my time will be used to revise the system of filing, reporting and keeping accounts. The work should be so conducted as to permit another to immediately pick up the duties where you left off. The department, and the party national office should know at all times what is going on, and what belongs to the organization, and where it is.

During the current year the Free Youth Magazine will probably be published by the department. It is my intention to build of the publication one that will pay for itself, and perhaps turn a surplus into the department treasury. Investigations are being conducted at present to ascertain the best procedure for issuing the magazine. An audit is also being made of the books of the present publishers, prior to accepting it as an official organ of the Young People's Socialist League.

The above constitute the immediate plans for action by the department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. — That the national convention of the party pass a resolution urging the party branches thruout the country to establish Socialist Sunday Schools for the purpose of giving the young people under the Yipsel age a simple primary education in the principles of socialism.

2. — That the Socialist Party National Office, thru the Young People's Department, be authorized to prepare literature, text books, reference lists, and materials and supplies needed for properly conducting the Sunday school work, and have them distributed at a minimum charge.

3. — That the party locals cooperate with the Yipsels in forming active Junior Yipsel circles wherever possible. These circles to be entirely under the local supervision of the party, or where there is a Y. P. S. L. circle, under both the party and the Yipsel. They are not to be joined in a national organization, but the necessary supplies and literature are to be handled by the Young People's Dept. Suitable membership cards shall be prepared.

Fraternally submitted,

Aarne J. Parker.
National Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As an audit of the department's books is at present being accomplished, an exact standing of the office cannot be submitted at this time. Based on the old books, before the audit, I have prepared a report indicating the transactions for the months of October, November and December, 1924.

Balance cash on hand Sept. 30, 1924\$299.95
Cash Receipts, Oct., Nov., Dec. 182.59

482.54

Cash Disbursements, Oct. Nov. Dec., 1924, 158.17

Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31\$324.37

Cash Receipts Itemized

Dues Stamps\$106.50
Supplies 10.40
Vol. Assess. Stamps 17.36....
Contributions 46.00
Postage 2.33

\$182.59

Cash Disbursements Itemized

Stenographer's wages 9-28-24
to 12-27-24\$ 60.00
Postage 2.41
General Expense 1.02
Traveling Expenses 44.74
Convention Expenses 50.00

\$158.17

Statement continued to Feb. 13, 1925

Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1924\$324.37
Cash Receipts up to, & inc. Feb. 13, 1925.. 108.03

\$432.40

Cash Disbursements " " " " " .. 416.33

Balance Cash on Hand Feb. 13\$ 16.07

(Note: The heavy expenses of the latter period reported are due to the convention bills being paid)

CAMRADE DEBS AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Comrade Debs was at his desk in the National Office last week, still more firmly fixed in his determination that the mass conventions and demonstrations shall be national triumphs, a tremendous influence in the rapid upbuilding of the party and of the national Socialist weekly newspaper. He was early and often in earnest conference with the National Executive Secretary on every phase of the party's activities, and relative to the mass conventions and demonstrations.

Comrade Debs never entered into any other enterprise in all his life with more enthusiasm and determination than he now assumes his role and almost awful responsibility in this great enterprise for the upbuilding of the party and a national Socialist weekly newspaper. He is devotion itself in this matter, thinks it, dreams it, sleeps to get energy for it, and works for it faithfully. He is especially eager to have the first—the Cleveland—convention and demonstration inspiringly successful.

Debs is painstakingly preparing to deliver the greatest messages of his life, preparing to surpass himself as an orator, preparing to be more worthy of vast, earnest and expectant audiences than ever before, preparing to go higher and deeper than ever before, preparing to meet the definite hope and expectation of the movement that his messages will be immortally beautiful, instructive and inspiring.

Comrade Debs knows perfectly well how much depends upon his health and upon him at his best as leader, inspiration and guide in this great national enterprise. He is religiously caring for his health and is actually stronger each week. And in preparation he will leave not one thing neglected. An all-consuming thought with him is: Preparation.

In the history of human eloquence Debs' power and achievements at these mass conventions will be towering landmarks. It will be worth while to go far for these occasions of conference, guidance, inspiration and renewal of power and intention. Comrade Debs unhesitatingly says these meetings will be the most important of his life. He will be ready. Eugene V. Debs at the climax of his life—worthy, ready.

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REPORT OF THE FINNISH FEDERATION

To The National Convention of the Socialist Party, February 21-23, 1925

The intervening time between this and the last National Convention held July, 1924, is so short that it seems unnecessary to be called upon to report again. The part of a language federation is insignificant even at its best, and particularly so when one represents such a small and gradually diminishing foreign speaking element as the Finns are at the present time with the immigration barred almost to a complete exclusion.

However, we have not deserted the ranks, but are, on the contrary, just as determined as ever to stay till the last and fight till the battle is won.

This report which covers principally the campaign period, may appropriately be made to answer how we responded to the roll call during the National Campaign so enthusiastically and devotedly waged by the Socialist Party workers thruout the country. "Not as we should have answered" must this report say. And I might repeat my formerly made statement, that a foreign language member of a political party is a second hand tool in a political campaign. We made an effort to collect funds for the National Office but got only about nine hundred dollars. In addition to that local comrades in several communities assisted very materially in the local drives for campaign funds.

The question of affiliation with the Progressives was taken as something unavoidable. Generally our membership considered the step advisable, tho there were some who thought it premature and as venturing into rather doubtful and uncertain fields. But none served the Socialist Party reservedly on that account.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature in our campaign activities was the sending of a special organizer to Minnesota, principally to counteract the nefarious work carried on there by those who receive their orders from Moscow. Our man worked there over two months and was enthusiastically received by the Finnish population about Minneapolis and Duluth. The campaign echoes there are still reverberating, though we footed a thousand dollar bill for the pleasure. The communists there will not readily forget us, nor will they ever gain the prestige they thought they had among the people there. No branches of the Federation were formed, as it was considered that the campaign time was rather unfit for that purpose.

Educational work among our membership is being carried on regularly and systematically, but owing to the lack of new-comers, the response is not as en-

couraging as formerly and the audiences not as large and enthusiastic as during the heyday of our Federation. Sunday schools are doing well in larger localities and the Y.P.S.L. movement also exists, though not as it should. We have made several attempts locally and generally to revive interest in Socialism among the younger generation, but with varying success. It need not be denied, however, that as rule, the boys and girls among us admit the correctness of their parents' stand on social and sociological questions, but to get them to work for Socialism is another story. In fact, it should be admitted in all earnestness that they are facing a different situation that we see, and have a right to expect support and encouraging examples from the native born Americans. And the writer of these lines feels certain, that when they see that, they are ready to serve the same cause we have sponsored for the past twenty years, many of us.

Realizing the important fact that the press is the best weapon in our hands, our Executive Committee has given considerable attention to the question of increasing the circulation of our papers. Subscription hustlers have been sent out jointly by the federation and the publishing house. And while the results have not always been as good as expected, the readers' sphere is gradually enlarged. And the present plans propose to make this joint action a permanent feature in our propaganda activities.

In their periodical report, covering the two years since our last National Convention was held in February, 1923, the Executive Committee offers a revised plan for propaganda work for the coming two years. Instead of routing the organizers and other propagandists casually as heretofore, the plan calls for more concerted and better organized efforts in this respect, so that the entire system of propaganda works co-ordinately for the common objective.

Other agenda propositions are drafted with the same end in view, and one calls for funds for aggressive educational work among the Yipsels.

The figures for membership form a part of the National Secretary's report and, therefore, need not be given here. But the general financial and economic status might be of interest. The report above referred to gives the income for the first years of the period (1923) at \$16,918.69 and the expenses \$11,976.26 and for the second year (1924) \$18,769.50 and \$12,966.92 respectively. The net cash balance for this year is given as \$4,373.58 and the

estimated income from fixed sources \$10,000.00.

No internal friction of any nature has occurred among us since the communists left us. In fact we are too well agreed on all questions of general interest to have any discussion over them at all. Such a situation is apt to create disinterestedness, which is as dangerous as are irreconcilable differences of opinion.

The attitude of the party towards forming a third or a labor party, has been under discussion to some extent. And it seems to be the concensus of opinion, that the matter should not be pressed by the Socialist Party, but that we ought to go with the labor party in case the principal unions are ready to take the initiative in its formation. The Federation will, undoubtedly, abide by any conclusion arrived at in the Chicago convention.

Owing to the meager finances of the Party last December the Executive Committee of the Fed-

eration took it upon itself to relieve the National Office of its obligation to pay the arrearages and instructed the treasurer to cancel the unpaid balance. And the writer should like to suggest as his personal opinion, that the dues received by the National Office from the language federations might stand a little revision. The National Office does not get hardly anything for the stamps sold to the foreign speaking members. Perhaps if the Federations considered the matter carefully, they could work out plans to carry on their work without the monthly rebate now provided for in the Constitution. They do not benefit much by it, but abolishing it would mean much, perhaps, for the National Treasury and enable the National Secretary to plan the propaganda work with more certainty on fixed income.

Fraternally submitted,
W. N. Reivo
 Finnish Translator-Secretary.

REPORT OF THE JUGOSLAV FEDERATION

To The National Convention of the Socialist Party, February 21-23, 1925

Memberships The average membership for 1924 was 712, including unemployed members that were given exempt stamps. On account of bad industrial conditions prevailing in many localities where we have branches, many of our members were compelled to migrate from place to place, seeking the employment and naturally, under such circumstances, the numerical strength of the organization suffers, which under the prevailing capitalist system is unavoidable, but the end of 1924 showed marked improvement in that respect, which I have every reason to believe will be continuous.

During 1924 we added 8 branches to our federation, four new ones and four reorganized. The new branches were organized in Blanford, Ind.; Cliff Mine, Pa.; Stockett, Mont., and Storrs, Utah; while the reorganized were in the following places: Milwaukee, Wis.; Collinwood, O.; Mulberry and Arma, Kansas.

At present we have an organizer in western and middle western states. He is making very fine progress, especially so in getting the subscribers to our official organ "Proletarec" and in the way of selling the literature. Several hundred new readers were added to our paper, as well as about \$300.00 worth of literature was sold by him during his agitation tour. The new branches in Stockett, Mont., and Storrs, Utah, were the result of his work. Both branches prosper nicely. Our movement in the western states is slowly recovering and no

doubt, in due time it will again come to its former strength.

Our hardest struggle, however, is in keeping our paper alive. Owing to the shortage of financial resources, we were compelled to give up an office of the manager; thus the work of managing the paper fell into the hands of the secretary, which means that he is overburdened with work and can not devote as much time and attention to the organization work as would be necessary, but this can not be remedied at present.

General activities: During the last presidential campaign, our branches gave a good account of themselves. In line with the policies of the parent organization, our comrades worked earnestly and sincerely, and in a good many places, especially where there was no English speaking organization of our Party and much less of the Progressive, they were the guiding spirit in the progressive movement, and in other places, due to the fact that the members were too busy, the work within our own organization was somehow neglected, but after the fall elections our members again went to work in strengthening of our own organization.

As to the affiliation of our Party with the C.P. P.A., there seems to be no other way but to wait and see the result of the February Convention. It is my opinion that, if that gathering does not adopt a program and declare itself for a clear-cut independent political action on the part of the wealth pro-

ducers by launching a real Labor Party, we should discontinue our efforts to that end and go on with our work as heretofore and do all we possibly can to build up our own organization—the Socialist Party. We have proved our sincerity and good will during the last campaign and worked to the best of our abilities for the cause of the Progressives—yes, even to the detriment of our own Party. Now it should be a time for the Progressives to show if they really desire to have a party that will represent the interest of the workers and farmers of the country. If that can not be accomplished in February convention, it will show that they are not ready yet

to sever their connections with the old political parties of the capitalist class and come into its own. We want a Labor Party, yes, but it must be a genuine one, a party with program and principles that we, as Socialists, could support and work for, not merely a bourgeois-reformist combination striving to patch up the existing capitalist system. This, comrades, is my earnest and sincere opinion on the question.

Fraternally yours,

Charles Pogorelec,
Translator-Secretary.

Minutes of the Convention

(Continued from March issue)

Tuesday Morning, February 24.

Convention called to order at 10:30.

Roewer, Mass.: elected chairman for the day.
Van Essen, Penn.; elected Vice-Chairman.

Leo M. Harkins, N. J.; appointed secretary.

Reading of telegrams from Young People's Socialist League of New York; Circle 7, Y. P. S. L. of New York; Socialist Party 6th Assembly District, New York; English Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan; Lena Morrow Lewis, Los Angeles.

Communication from Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Montana. Committee on Party Policy.

Murray King of Minnesota granted the floor for fifteen minutes to explain a plan for starting a weekly paper; asked delegates to pledge moral and financial support and to send in names of Socialists and sympathizers to create a mailing list. *No action taken.*

General discussion.

King, Calif., Henry., Ind., Van Essen, Pa., Melms, Wis., opposed privately owned Socialist papers. Hillquit, New York, expressed opposition and stated that our movement is the only Socialist movement in the world having privately owned Socialist newspapers.

No action taken.

Comrade John Whitlock granted the floor to express regret at inability to attend banquet, and announce his personal pledge of \$1,000.

Comrade Debs reported for Committee on Party Policy.

Motion by Merrill, New York: That report of committee be adopted.

Motion by Hoan, Wis., to amend by inserting "subject to approval of National Executive Committee."

Report as amended adopted. (Printed in full on pages 5-6 of March issue).

Hutchins, Mass., reported for *Resolutions Committee.*

Resolution on Russia, with some slight revision, adopted. (Printed on page 9.)

Resolution on increased dues read. Motion not to concur carried.

By motion, the convention voted thanks to Local Cook County and the National Office staff for loyalty and success of the convention.

Motion to adjourn and reconvene for conference of state, federation and county executive secretaries in conjunction with National Executive Committee to consider questions of organization. *Carried.*

Hillquit, New York, read resolution on death of Comrade Hjalmar Branting of Sweden, and moved that the National Secretary send the following cable:

"The Socialist Party of the United States in national convention assembled learns with grief of the death of the leader of Swedish Socialist Democracy and the valiant champion of the international struggles of the working class, Hjalmar Branting." *Carried.*

King, California, invited to make closing address of convention.

Motion by Van Essen, Pennsylvania, that the Executive Committee consider a pilgrimage to Terre Haute on Eugene V. Debs' birthday. *Carried.*

Convention adjourned sine die.

Bertha Hale White, Sec'y.

Mabel H. Barnes

Leo M. Harkins

Assistant Secretaries.

HJALMAR BRANTING

The following message was cabled to Stockholm under instructions of the Convention:

"The Socialist Party of the United States in national convention assembled learns with grief of the death of the leader of Swedish Social Democracy and the valiant champion of the international struggles of the working class, Hjalmar Branting."

SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS OF RUSSIA

The Socialist Party in Convention assembled extends greetings to the Social Democrats of Russia.

No Socialist group of any country has suffered worse persecution than have the Socialists of Russia at the hands of the Communist dictatorship dominating the Soviet Government.

We call the attention of the working class of America and proclaim the fact that the Soviet Government has suppressed every vestige of free speech, free press and freedom of thought. Through the instrumentalities of economic pressure, jail sentences, and exile they prevent the working class from exercising even the elementary rights of free men and women. There are now suffering in either the prisons of Russia or in exile over five thousand Socialists, whose only crime is that they have been true to the program of international socialism. The dishonorable tactics of communists the world over in disrupting Socialist parties have taken the form in Russia of Czarlike oppression and persecution.

We protest against this inexcusable, unjustifiable and barbaric treatment whether it comes from a communist or a capitalistic dictatorship, and call upon the Socialists of America to give all financial and moral support possible to relieve the sufferings of these political prisoners of Russia.

DEATH CLAIMS PAUL HANNA

Death has reached into the ranks of the Socialist party again and taken a brilliantly efficient worker, comrade Paul Hanna, managing editor of the *New Leader* of New York. He died Tuesday, February 24, of acute indigestion. For several years his reportorial and editorial work in New York and Washington was a highly significant service for the Socialist movement. Finely sincere, pleasing in personality, abundantly informed, comrade Hanna made many friends and commanded great respect. The Socialist movement is a heavy loser in the death of Paul Hanna. In the new era just now opening for our party his work would have been invaluable.

".....From 1899 to 1904 the organization of capital in large units resulted in economies in production that seemed likely to make all classes richer. But is soon appeared that a relatively small number of promoters got the lion's share of the gain."—Hadley, Ex-President Yale University: *Economic Problems of Democracy*, pp. 98, 135... 142.

RESOLUTION ON RADIO-BROADCASTING

Offered by Herbert M. Merrill, New York

Whereas, radio-broadcasting has become the most effective means of propaganda ever known, reaching as it does millions of people as compared with the few thousands that may be induced to attend meetings in halls or other places of public assemblage, it being estimated that no less than 20,000,000 listened to the closing speech of President Calvin Coolidge in the political campaign of 1924; and

Whereas, this agency for propaganda is controlled almost exclusively by Big Business, and the matter sent out by existing broadcasting stations is subject to restriction and censorship in conformity with the interests of Wall Street; and

Whereas, the rapid increase of broadcasting stations, even though the use of shorter wave-lengths becomes general, will soon make it necessary for the United States Government to limit the number of such stations licensed and permitted to operate, with the inevitable result that this unequalled method of appealing to the minds of the people may be forever closed to liberal thought and advanced political and economic ideas; and

Whereas, the announcement has been made that such organizations as the Paulist Fathers have become alive to the situation and to the absolute necessity of establishing broadcasting stations of their own before it is too late to enter the field afforded by this latest gift of Science to mankind, be it therefore

Resolved, that it is the sense of this National Convention that it is imperative that one or more stations should be forthwith provided for the propaganda of liberal ideas, political and economic, and that ways and means should be found to provide a suitable plant or suitable plants for the radio-broadcasting of such ideas free from Wall Street control and censorship; and be it further

Resolved, that the National Committee be and is herewith empowered to secure data on the cost and expense of installing and maintaining a suitable radio-broadcasting station, and to enter into contracts for the necessary equipment; and be it further

Resolved, that the National Committee be authorized to raise the money for the cost of the installation and maintenance of such broadcasting station through a special fund constituted from voluntary contributions, or in such other manner as the Committee may deem likely to secure immediate and generous response.

Comment: Speakers have lately been utilizing the radio to talk against the Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Adopted.

The Mass Conventions and Demonstrations

The mass conventions and demonstrations have already been explained—in the March issue of the World.

The matter of first importance just now is: How much have you thought of them, hoped for them and planned for them? Have you meditated upon them to the extent that you realize their meaning, fully take in their significance to our national movement? Have you thought of things you will do to make them a great success? Are you, day and night, hoping that because of the great conventions and demonstrations our movement four months hence will have been roused and reconstructed, fired with the old time zeal and fighting spirit? Have you actually done anything—are you actually doing something, every day—to help guarantee the success of the conventions?

Comrade, it means much, very much indeed, to have the Socialists of this land, every one of them, thinking, hoping, planning, definitely doing something—all at the same time—to accomplish a certain task, all urging forward to put across one big thing. When tens of thousands of us hope the same thing, plan the same thing, help in preparation for the same thing—right then that enterprise *begins to be a success*. Thus it is important that every one of us get this enterprise into us, into our minds, our hearts, our plans; and also that every one of us get into this enterprise, actually into the stream, into the great drift of effort for the enterprise—immediately.

Why, if every Socialist in the land would each day, every day, devote ten minutes, even ten brief minutes, to advertising the enterprise, explaining the enterprise, collecting only a dime a day to finance the preparation for the great regional conventions and demonstrations; or would devote ten minutes daily to soliciting new memberships, or writing letters to friends about the enterprise, or planning his trip with others to the nearest convention; or would devote the ten minutes a day to making up his lists of names and addresses needed by the National Office and by the state secretaries, and organizers; or would send suggestions and offers of help to the national secretary and the state secretaries,—if each and all of us were thus in some way each day actually busy with this big business, the great enterprise could be insured right now as a guaranteed success.

Search out the old timers. Do it now. Advertise the conventions. Do it now. Make some plans. Do it now. Write your state secretary and state organizer. Do it now. Have five, ten, twenty or more comrades, new and old, meet at your house or

elsewhere and lay out the work. Do it now, comrade. The National Executive Secretary would like to hear from you. Do it now. Send in the news of what you are doing. Do this every week, and begin now. The National Office needs the names and addresses of all the Socialist and liberal newspaper editors and reporters in this entire country, and needs them now. Send them now.

If you want a revival, revive. If you want reconstruction, help reconstruct your part of the movement. Do it now. Reconstruct your intentions, plans and efforts—in such manner that we shall all feel that we are all on the march again, marching toward the same goal. Ten thousand Socialists with their hearts set on a great reconstruction victory can, beginning now and working all together for four months, can easily have a reconstructed party and a national weekly Socialist paper with one hundred thousand subscribers, by September 10th. Search yourself. Take your measure, the measure of your courage, your loyalty, your vision, the depth and strength of your soul in this hour when duty calls you as duty never before called you.

Are you a millionaire or a pauper in purpose, courage and spirit?

ATTENTION!!

Attend the Convention.

Let us all say altogether:

Eugene V. Debs will call the roll and I will answer: "Here!"

My yearly plans include a vacation; and *this* year on my vacation I shall attend the nearest interstate Socialist Mass Convention and Demonstration with Socialists and friends. Their hearts are strong with fraternalism. Their intentions are: A Greater Life for All of Us in a World Made Prosperous for All of Us.

We'll plan for victories.

We'll build for victories.

We'll win the victories.

I shall also be one of the 100,000 people at the Conventions to subscribe to the New National Socialist Weekly newspaper.

A Michigan Trainload to the Cleveland Mass Convention

Yes, that's right. Comrade William H. Henry writes from Detroit: "The Detroit comrades are already making arrangements to run an excursion train to Cleveland for the Convention. We are boosting that big doings and I am sure the comrades here will turn out in fine shape...."

There is no doubt about it, there will be a long train-load from Louisville and Newport, Kentucky;

from Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio. Of course. An another from Pittsburgh. From New Castle, Youngstown and Akron. From Buffalo, Dunkirk and Erie. Thus also it will be—Springfield, Columbus, Piqua, Delaware and Marion making up another trainload. Imagine Detroit furnishing the only trainload! No. That will not be the way of it.

Get this big thing into your soul.

Pittsburgh Again and Going Stronger

Comrade Van Essen writes a letter full of actual practical encouragement. Local Allegheny county has just had a membership meeting and officially urges that all speed be made with the founding of the new national Socialist weekly. The comrades make some helpful suggestions in connection with the newspaper enterprise and the Cleveland mass convention and demonstration; offer one thousand dollars to the National Office for one lecture by Ramsay Mac Donald; give assurance that they can get clear away with the proposition; and have no doubt whatever that several thousand subscriptions for the new national weekly can be secured in connection with a great Pittsburgh meeting. Pittsburgh comrades are co-operative to the limit that guarantees success.

Believe it, comrades: the revival is ours if we will believe it and 'go to it.'

From Indiana

Comrade Henry on his way to Michigan dropped off at several Indiana points and in each case found the unquestionable resources and readiness for the local revival of the party. The one lament is that we have no national weekly paper thru which to reach the movement in all parts of the country with the news from all parts of the country. Our party is an organism and there must be a circulation of news, suggestion, instruction: there must be a national newspaper that the comrades everywhere look upon as their own and gladly welcome every week as their own to be carried down the street to their neighbors with a proud feeling of proprietorship. Comrade Henry reports this as our chief need right now in heartening the inactive Socialists.

FROM OHIO

The State Committee of the Socialist party loyally assumes its important responsibility in promoting the Cleveland regional mass convention and demonstration, and is working early and late on the job. The Committee has elected August Panschar, 124½ S. Jefferson Street, Cleveland, as state organizer. Comrade Panschar is well known as a "live wire." Every Socialist in the State of Ohio should stand forth and answer, "Here!" to the new organizer's request for hearty co-operation. Western Pennsylvania and Western New York will have

much to do with the success of the Cleveland mass convention. Likewise Kentucky and Michigan.

FROM IDAHO

One of the cheeriest letters that ever came into the National Office has just come from comrade C. H. Camans, state secretary for Idaho. The Idaho comrades, tho sorely tried by gross unfairness in the recent national campaign, delivered the co-operative service with the C. P. P. A. precisely in accordance with the policy decided upon at our July Cleveland convention and carefully in accord with official instructions. In spirit and service they were 100 per cent.

Our February convention is now a delight to them. Their feeling of relief is very great. Comrade Camans writes that the comrades are full of the old-time zeal for the Socialist party as *the* labor party. They are holding out their hands in eagerness to line up with the Socialists of the nation for a great revival. The letter is a delightful mingling of unqualified approval of the work of the Socialist delegates in the C. P. P. A. convention and of rejoicing over the work of the Socialist national convention—of February. The Idaho Socialists are to be counted upon to the limit of their ability and resources for co-operation in the mass convention and demonstration enterprise and for the quick realization of a powerful national Socialist weekly newspaper.

Idaho will be combed from end to end for subscribers.

Believe it, comrades: four months of faith and service—and the party will be marching magnificently.

FROM WISCONSIN

One dollar in cash and a liberal remittance in comradely spirit came with a letter in which is the following:

"Never in the history of this (Wisconsin) community have so many farmers been compelled to buy so close; and more foreclosures have taken place this year than ever before. As farmers I and all the rest of the farmers surely belong to the proletariat... We are most positively exploited... Enclosed you will find the meager sum of one dollar to help in whatever way it can."

Another Wisconsin letter runs: "I have compiled a list of names and addresses as requested.... I recently rounded up seven comrades for a new local and would by this time have had a good local if I had not had to fly to a job to slave and save my farm from the clutches of the banker..... I'll have that local ere long. We are with you..... We simply must organize."

Note the extraordinary offering of literature on page 15.

SOCIALIST PARTY STATE AND LOCAL SECRETARIES

The 1925 issue of the Y. P. S. L. Voluntary assessment stamp is now out, and awaiting your disposal.

The last month of 1924 witnessed many changes and significant events in the work and progress of the Young People's Socialist League. During the previous year an apparent decrease in the league's membership made a marked impression upon the activities. The enthusiasm was gradually being allowed to die.

The early part of 1925 has brought about many encouraging changes. The smallest of the old circles, so long accustomed to a minimum existence, now look forward with eager anticipation. Groups that for many months had been inactive, now meet regularly and keep in constant touch with the national office. Unorganized youth throughout the country is interesting itself with what our organization offers to its members, and what it is doing for the good of the movement.

New circles are being organized. Our first duties to them are to send organizers and lecturers into their meetings to firmly build the circles, and to introduce in a comprehensive way the purpose of our movement. We should also continue to provide lecturers, magazines, and other instructive literature. These things we must not only promise.

With enthusiasm we can build an organization of many thousands, but we must first create the enthusiasm. A Youth organization of enormous proportions means nothing however unless it carries a constructive and educational program. We have the facilities, certain resources, but we find it difficult to avail ourselves of their potential power, chiefly due to the lack of necessary funds.

Unfortunately a good many comrades have for various reasons avoided placing the Y. P. S. L. Voluntary Assessment Stamp between the red covers. This neglect can result from no other causes than plain ignorance of the purpose. Other members of the party do not even know that the stamp has been issued. My appeal to the party secretaries is to have the purpose and value of the assessment explained to all. It should be remembered that every cent of the returns goes to the Y. P. S. L. Every stamp sold means one more possibility of placing some young comrade on our mailing list.

With your cooperation we can before the coming of summer read the membership of the Socialist party by the 1925 Y. P. S. L. Voluntary Assessment Stamps sold. Fraternally yours,

Arne J. Parker,

National Director

Young People's Dept. Socialist Party.

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A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

A former member of the Italian National Legislature will soon be in the United States to help us in every way he can—in every way we are sufficiently awake and wise to make use of him. Our comrade, the Honorable Vincenzo Vacirca was elected a Deputy at the beginning of the Fascisti fight in Italy. He was so bitterly persecuted that he was forced to flee to Switzerland. He was at one time editor of our paper, *La Parola* and organizer of the Italian Federation. He will arrive in this country May first. Comrade Vacirca is eager that all State Secretaries and Socialist editors make note of his availability for service for propoganda meetings. His experience and service should entitle Comrade Vacirca to prompt consideration.

The National Office needs the names and addresses of all the liberal and the Socialist editors and reporters in the United States, no matter with what papers they may be connected. Send them in, please, now.

A LINE FROM STILLE

The irrepressibly busy and inspiring comrade Stille, after reorganizing "dead and hopeless" Marietta with 36 members, writes:

"If Marietta is one of the hardest towns you have for reorganization I will take them by the dozen.

"Comrade White, don't let any one tell you we cannot reorganize our party. **FOR IT CAN BE DONE**..... I lie awake nights planning and working out ways to reach our comrades and get them into the work. The harvest is white. Thousands of old-timers are longing to 'come back.'..... All we need is good honest workers who will **WORK**."

A Sample from the South

A loyal comrade in the sunny South writes: "..... I am in the employ of the Government and therefore must do what I do secretly... Enclosed is my remittance—with all my heart. I wanted to see a Labor Party organized, but as that was not done it behoves us to work the harder to build up the Socialist party. I heartily agree with you, comrade White, we must right now build up our own party..."

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THE DOLLAR NOW FUND FUNDS, FUNDS, COMRADES!

The Dollar Now campaign must be rushed, comrades.

That is the most serious line you have ever read in this magazine. Here is the explanation:

A distinct part of the mass conventions and demonstrations will, of course, be the raising of funds for pushing the field organization work, for the new weekly, for publishing new books, and so on, following the conventions. But money to be raised *then* is not available for use *now*. The last of the conventions will not be held till September, and the earliest of them all, the Cleveland convention, is still more than two months away. The conventions will be tremendously profitable, *but not now*. You need scarcely be reminded, comrade, that funds raised *at* the conventions can not possibly be used in preparation *for* the conventions, long before the conventions.

But the preparations absolutely necessary now for these conventions are tremendously expensive—right now. These preparations will be—must be—pushed, pushed now and to the very limit. What limit? You are setting the limit, comrade. The limit to which you respond and have your neighbors respond to the Dollar Now Fund will be the limit for the preparations, and the preparations will set a limit for the conventions and demonstrations. Note how every thing rests right down on your willingness to go *your* limit.

We are pledged to play this great revival and reconstruction enterprise straight thru to the end—clear thru, comrade. We dare not sidestep. And we wouldn't if we could. Moreover, the eyes of thousands of comrades are upon us here in the National Office. We can't waver for an instant. But you can, comrade. You can do as you like. Your position is not an official position at the center of the national organization's activities. Thus no burning

lightning of harsh criticism will strike you even if you do sidestep.

You are wholly on your honor—to do or not do, just as your instincts and sense of loyalty bid you do—or not do.

At least ten new organizers should go immediately into the field for the special preparation work. Truly they must go in a hurry to guarantee success.

Our office force must be enlarged immediately, very much enlarged, if all is done that you want done and that must be done to make the conventions a tremendous success. Much must be done—now and swiftly.

Money, more money, must be had—and now.

The National Office mail is growing by leaps and bounds, and not a weak, "blue", "tired" letter has come since the February convention's work was finished and the delegates sent forth the great reconstruction plans including the mass conventions and demonstrations. The spirit of these letters is precisely right, a genuine inspiration, it clearly indicates that a very wonderful revival is possible; that thousands are yearning for the conventions, for the renewed brotherhood for the onward march of our hosts. The conventions will surely be a success.

If they are prepared for.

But not otherwise.

One dollar from every reader of this paper—*if sent promptly*—will instantly make all doubt vanish and absolutely guarantee the success of the conventions, simply because that amount of money will guarantee the absolutely necessary preparations to insure success.

On the day you read this send in your dollar, and have others do the same thing.

"There is no doubt that it is becoming harder and harder for a young man without capital to get a start for himself, and in this city (Pittsburgh) where large capital is essential, it is unusually difficult."— Carnegie: *Business Enterprise*, page 14.

"Labor is the primary foundation of all wealth." Supreme Court of Illinois; *Braceville Coal Company vs. the People*. 147 Ill. 66.