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Correspondence of the National Executive Committee During Month of July

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., July 2, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith transmit a motion proposed by Comrade Work, which takes the form of a substitute for Comrade Berger's motion relating to fixing a date for the meeting of the National Executive Committee:

MOTION.

"I move as a substitute for the Berger motion that the National Executive Committee hold a meeting in the month of September, the exact date and hour to be fixed by the National Secretary to suit the convenience of the members of the committee as nearly as possible."

COMMENT.

"My motion contemplates that we hold one meeting less during our term of office than we would if the Berger motion were adopted—unless an emergency meeting should be necessary, which is always possible. A meeting costs about two hundred and fifty dollars, and, as there does not seem to be any particular need of holding one now, I think the money can be better spent in other ways. That amount will keep an organizer in the field for several months. At our last meeting we decided to try the experiment of sending speakers to the trade unions. The matter is now being tested. By September we will have sufficient information upon which to base future action."

The report on both the motion and substitute will be published on July 12th.

Chicago, Ill., July 2, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith transmit copy of a letter from the Executive Committee of the International Socialist Bureau. Upon the several subjects treated you should render an opinion in order that a proper and official reply made be made.

First—Do you favor an extraordinary meeting?

Yes..... No.....

Second—Do you approve of the proposed meeting dates—November 6th, 7th and 8th?

Yes..... No.....

Third—Do you approve of the order—Agrarian question?

Yes..... No.....

Fourth—Do you approve of the order—Relations between the party and the co-operatives?

Yes..... No.....

In a letter published in the Weekly Bulletin of June 19th, Secretary Huysman of the Bureau also suggested the advisability of qualifying as a representative some member now in Europe in the event that the expense of the trip would prevent the attendance of the proper representative.

The course to be pursued in this matter should be determined by a motion.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU, PEOPLE'S PALACE, BRUSSELS.

Brussels, June 4, 1909.

To the Secretaries of the Affiliated Parties.

Dear Comrade—The Social-Democratic Party of Great Britain begs us to assemble in this moment an extraordinary meeting of the Bureau, before the annual meeting which takes place at the end of October or the beginning of November.

Our Executive Committee considers that this extraordinary meeting is not necessary now, but before we officially forward our reply to our English comrades we should be glad to know the opinion of the affiliated parties.

We provisionally propose the dates of November 6th for the annual conference of the Socialist Journalists, of November 7th for the meeting of the Bureau, of November 8th for the assembly of the Interparliamentary Commission.

As we are to discuss the agenda of the International Congress of Copenhagen at the next meeting of the Bureau, our committee is of opinion that in order to favor a good issue it would be useful to limit the debate to one or two important questions, which we could in this manner examine thoroughly.

We therefore suggest to put on the order of the day two questions, of which the former deserves certainly a new discussion, of which the latter has not been yet examined.

This first question is the agrarian question.

The second question concerns the relation between the Socialist parties and the co-operative movement.

We should be glad to hear, as soon as possible, your opinion on our proposals, and beg you to forward our best fraternal greetings to all comrades of your affiliated section.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chicago, Ill., July 9, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith transmit copy of letter by Comrade Hillquit, which in effect stands as a motion to defer action upon the subject matter submitted under date of July 2d, relating to the letter from the International Socialist Bureau, requesting a decision upon several points.

Please vote aye or nay on Comrade Hillquit's motion to defer action until the next meeting of the committee. The report upon the original subject matter and the motion will be published on July 19th.

LETTER OF COMRADE HILLQUIT, DATED JULY 7th.

"Referring to the letter of the Executive Committee of the International Socialist Bureau, a copy of which was submitted by you to the National Executive Committee under date of July 2d, 1909, I move that action upon the same be deferred until the next meeting of our Committee.

The order of business of the next International Socialist Congress is of too great importance to be passed by without intelligent discussion on our part, and it is not impossible that our party may want to submit one or more additional questions for discussion at the Congress. The next meeting of the International Socialist Bureau will not take place before the end of October or beginning of November, and our Committee will thus have ample time to act upon the questions submitted by the Bureau at its next session."

Chicago, Ill., July 12, 1909.

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades—I herewith report the action taken upon the motion by Comrade Berger for a committee meeting on July 23, 24 and 25, submitted under date of June 29th, and the substitute motion by Comrade Work to hold a meeting in September, submitted under date of July 2d:

Upon the first motion Comrades Berger, Floaten, Hillquit and Simons voted in the affirmative; Comrades Spargo and Work in the negative; Comrade Hunter not voting.

On the second motion Comrade Work voted in the affirmative; Comrade Hillquit in the negative; other members of the committee not voting.

In accordance with the above vote the National Executive Committee will meet in session at National Headquarters at 2 p. m. Friday, July 23d.

LETTER OF COMRADE HILLQUIT, DATED JULY 7th.

"Please record me as voting against Comrade Work's motion to delay the meeting of the National Executive Committee until September. The argument that our Committee should meet as rarely as possible on account of the expense does not impress me. I believe proper organization and administration is at times as important to our party as the work of propaganda, and that our Committee can and should accomplish as much good work for the party in a three day session as "an organizer in the field for several months." Our Committee has been elected to attend to the administrative work of the party, and we have no reason or justification to consider our work and meetings as an unnecessary and costly luxury to be avoided whenever possible."

Fraternally submitted.

J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED NATIONAL PARTY REFERENDUM.

Lookeba, Okla., July 8, 1909.

"We, the members of Local Lookeba, Okla., propose an amendment to the proposed constitutional amendment of Local Des Moines, as follows:

That the word 'ten' be changed to 'twenty' in the number of days allowed for acceptances and declinations.

COMMENT.

Our reason is that we consider ten days insufficient time as in many remote parts of the Union, where mail is carried by stage, it would be quite impossible for a candidate to receive notice and return a reply within ten days. Trusting that this will receive the consideration of the membership, so that this amendment of Local Des Moines, which otherwise seems quite perfect, may be complete, we recommend it for your indorsement."

(Signed) CARRIE C. BLOCK,
Secretary Local Lookeba.

Minutes of the National Executive Committee Socialist Party Sessions July 23 and 24, 1909

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 23.

Meeting was called to order by National Secretary Barnes at 2:30. Comrades Berger, Floaten, Hunter, Simons and Work present. Comrade A. H. Floaten elected chairman. Comrade Mabel H. Hudson elected secretary.

Upon the subject presented by correspondence under date of July 2, relating to information desired by the International Socialist Bureau, the National Secretary reported as follows: "Comrades Floaten, Hunter, Simons, Spargo and Work voted upon some or all of the questions. Upon the motion by Comrade Hillquit to postpone the consideration of this subject until the meeting of the committee, Comrades Hillquit, Hunter and Work voted in the affirmative; other members of the committee not heard from. The subject matter is at this time again brought to your attention."

It was decided to lay the matter over until Comrade Hillquit could be present.

The National Secretary submitted a report on conditions in organized and unorganized states, and each state was discussed in turn.

The National Secretary read correspondence to and from California state office and with California National Committee members relating to request for employ-

ment of Comrade de Lara (Spanish speaker) in border states.

At 4 o'clock Comrade Hillquit arrived. The report on the letters from the International Socialist Bureau and Comrade Hillquit's motion again taken up.

Comrade Hillquit read draft of letter addressed to the International Socialist Bureau reference seating additional secretary.

MOTION—That the letter be typewritten by the secretary and submitted tomorrow and passed upon then. Adopted.

MOTION—That the matter of the International Socialist Bureau be taken up. Adopted.

The questions were answered as follows:

First—Do you favor an extraordinary meeting? "No."

Second—Do you approve of the proposed meeting dates, Nov. 6, 7 and 8? "Yes."

Third—Do you approve of the order—Agrarian question? "Yes."

Fourth—Do you approve of the order—Relations between the party and the co-operatives? "Yes." Comrade Floaten voted in the negative on the fourth question.

MOTION—That we recommend the discussion of international effects on labor legislation. Adopted.

The National Secretary reported on finances, first submitting the following comparative table:

RECEIPTS FOR DUES FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1908 AND CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1909.

	1908.	1909.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	\$ 56.00	\$ 67.70	\$ 11.70	
Alaska	13.40	1.50		\$ 11.90
Arizona	69.25	89.85	20.60	
Arkansas	186.00	185.00		21.00
California	695.00	725.00	30.00	
Colorado	268.00	273.75	5.75	
Connecticut	128.50	185.00	56.50	
Delaware	10.00			10.00
Florida	53.00	53.00		
Georgia	16.00	25.90	9.90	
Hawaii	6.00	4.00		2.00
Idaho	199.25	158.25		41.00
Illinois	796.00	1,080.00	284.00	
Indiana	258.10	282.40	24.30	
Iowa	245.00	225.00		20.00
Kansas	420.00	368.00		52.00
Kentucky	55.00	55.00		
Louisiana	80.00	70.00		10.00
Maine	60.35	83.00	22.65	
Maryland	70.00	90.00	20.00	
Massachusetts	496.45	700.30	203.85	
Michigan	287.15	387.25	100.10	
Minnesota	429.70	529.25	99.55	
Mississippi	7.35	17.50	10.15	
Missouri	466.00	377.80		88.20
Montana	201.25	106.35		94.90
Nebraska	119.50	107.65		11.85
Nevada	120.30	60.00		60.30
New Hampshire	59.00	78.25	19.25	
New Jersey	350.00	450.00	100.00	
New Mexico	96.65	43.50		53.15
New York	950.00	1,300.00	350.00	
North Carolina	50.50	25.90		24.60
North Dakota	66.95	44.80		22.15
Ohio	517.50	728.35	210.85	
Oklahoma	656.20	430.00		226.20
Oregon	280.50	260.70		19.80
Pennsylvania	683.40	942.35	258.95	
Rhode Island	43.00	80.00	37.00	
South Carolina	1.20	11.70	10.50	
South Dakota	90.75	89.20		1.55
Tennessee	34.00	48.00	14.00	
Texas	410.25	399.65		10.60
Utah	107.00	104.30		2.70
Vermont	14.75	16.85	2.10	
Virginia	25.80	41.70	15.90	
Washington	389.90	232.50		157.40
West Virginia	57.50	48.00		9.50
Wisconsin	559.80	540.55		19.25
Wyoming	180.75	151.51		29.24
Members at large	39.80	36.15		3.65
	\$11,477.75	\$12,392.41	\$1,917.60	\$1,002.94

Nebraska shows nearly 100 per cent increase, the payments being at the rate of 5c per stamp this year as against 10c last year. The same rate applied to Nevada and New Mexico.

As per direction of your committee, a bond has been secured for the National Secretary in the sum of \$10,000, and Comrade Berger, by request, became custodian of the bond. The dues show a gratifying increase, amounting to \$914.66 in the six months, representing an increased membership of 3,040, which is about equal to the

total increase for any full year during the past six years, excepting last year.

The assets and liabilities make a good showing, as reported in the June Bulletin. The mileage reserve fund ties up a considerable sum, ten per cent of the dues being reserved each month, which amounted at the end of June to \$834.10, the total

fund yesterday, July 22, including mileage reserve, being \$948.00.

The mileage fund reserve and the expense for the Washington news service, which amounted to \$420, the necessity of maintaining a woman organizer upon such liberal terms, and the donation of \$300 to the Neues Leben, together with sundry appropriations to state organizations, have been a severe drain upon the finances.

It seems to me that we have probably overreached ourselves, considering resources, in the matter of employing national organizers and the liberal terms upon which they are assigned to state organizations. At the beginning of the year we owed to organizers about \$900. From February to the present time we have had from five to fifteen organizers afield, and have paid to organizers to the end of June, \$2,757.87. The reports of the organizers are not at hand for this month, but the amount owing them is not large, probably covered by \$300. A move for a reduction of expenses has been made in this direction.

The National Secretary reported on agitation and organization, giving past and prospective assignments of speakers. Comrade John C. Chase reported on special trade union propaganda. General discussion ensued on trade union agitation.

The National Secretary announced moving picture exhibit for the evening and two succeeding evenings on next floor, for the purpose of trying out the agitational value of such entertainments.

Adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet at 10 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, JULY 24.

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the National Secretary. Comrade Hunter elected chairman. Letter from Comrade Spargo stating that owing to illness he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Trade union discussion continued. Letters were read from various unions commending the work of Comrade Collins of the Machinists' Union and Comrade White of the Molders' Union. Comrade Hunter reported for sub-committee on trade union agitation, saying that owing to the illness of Comrade Spargo no written report had been made. Believes the present plan is a good one and should be continued. Suggests that all trade union agitators should give special attention to securing subscriptions for the Chicago Daily Socialist and the New York Call. The National Secretary suggests that a leaflet be issued for the trade union propaganda embodying the letter of Belmont of the Civic Federation.

MOTION—That we appoint a committee of three to draft a proclamation to the members of the party on the subject of trade union agitation, such proclamation to be drafted on the following lines:

- 1. Need of trade union support for Socialism.
2. Need of Socialism for trade unionists.
3. A. F. of L. political policy and results.
4. Civic Federation.
5. Result of experiment to date.
6. Plan of campaign. Support of locals and state organizations.
7. Challenge of Civic Federation. Our answer, \$50,000 war fund.

Comrades Barnes, Berger and Simons appointed as a committee to draft the proclamation, which is to be submitted to the entire committee for approval.

The same committee to draft instructions to special organizers.

MOTION—That Comrade Barnes write to certain trade union comrades regarding availability and terms. Adopted.

The committee discussed the question of remuneration and the fact that unions pay their organizers a higher rate, usually determined by or related to their wage scale.

MOTION—That we recommend to the National Committee that the compensation of organizers be fixed at \$4.00 a day and expenses. Adopted.

MOTION—That Comrade Hunter be instructed to draft a booklet on Socialism and Trade Unionism. Adopted.

The National Secretary reported on the Literature Department as follows:

We have not been buying any new stock of books except Hanford's "Fight for Your Life" and Spargo's "The Socialist," which we are mainly supplying to organizers.

The literature sales for the six months of 1908 were \$365.31, and for the six months ending with June last were \$726.25, an increase of \$360, or just about double last year's sales. Of this increase about \$180 is due to the sale of the naturalization booklets, of which 3,600 have been disposed of.

You will recall the question being raised of publishing "The Road to Power," by Kautsky. While you voted favorably on the proposition, after it was submitted it was found impracticable to retain the type used in the Daily Socialist and to republish from the same.

I addressed an inquiry to Comrade Fred D. Warren as to whether he or the Appeal intended to publish a booklet from his speech in the court at Fort Scott. We have the permission to publish that if it is so decided. Comrade Kerr would also like to publish it and has submitted a proposition regarding terms.

Comrade Simons reported for the sub-

committee on program for the next National Congress.

MOTION—That all reporters on the order of business in the congress be given one hour to present their reports, and all other debates be limited to twenty minutes. Adopted.

MOTION—That three reporters be appointed by the National Executive Committee to report on the following subjects, respectively: Organization, propaganda and campaigns, such reporters to submit and publish their respective reports at least sixty days before the date of the congress. Adopted.

Reporters and subjects assigned as follows: Comrade John M. Work, on organization; Comrade Morris Hillquit, on propaganda; Comrade Victor L. Berger, on campaigns.

MOTION—That the National Executive Committee construe Section 2 of Article 10 of the National Constitution of the party to mean that the "congress" of the party provided for in said section has the same rights and powers as an ordinary convention of the party, except that it has no power to nominate candidates for public offices. The National Executive Committee requests the National Committee to pass upon the correctness of this interpretation. Adopted.

Adjourned at 12:40 to meet at 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock. Comrade Berger elected chairman.

The committee decided to send the following letter drafted by Comrade Hillquit to the International Socialist Bureau:

Chicago, Ill., July 24, 1909.

To the International Socialist Bureau, Brussels, Belgium:

Dear Comrades—The National Committee of our party has recently elected Comrade Victor L. Berger as its additional representative in your bureau, and we respectfully request that he be seated as the second member for the United States, instead of the representative of the Socialist Labor Party.

In thus claiming both seats in the International Socialist Bureau for the Socialist party of the United States, we do not ask any special privileges.

The rule giving to each country two representatives in the bureau was established in order to do justice to the movement in such countries in which it is divided into two principal wings. It was eminently fair to give separate representation to each of the two main Socialist parties in France before they united, and it is just as proper to give separate representation today to each of the two principal divisions of the Socialist movement in Russia and to the Socialist and the trade union movement respectively of Great Britain.

When a division first occurred in the Socialist movement of the United States, the same procedure was adopted, and with a good deal of justice. At the time of the Paris congress of 1900, the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party were factors of more or less equal importance in the United States. But since that time the situation has changed very radically. The vast majority of the former members and voters of the Socialist Labor Party have transferred their allegiance and support to the Socialist Party. The latter today represents the entire organized Socialist movement in the United States, while the Socialist Labor Party has been reduced to a mere nominal existence, and has neither members nor support, nor influence in the labor movement of the country.

The Socialist Party has enrolled dues-paying membership of 44,791; the Socialist Labor Party hardly musters more than 1,000. In the recent national elections the Socialist Party polled a vote of 424,483, while the vote of the Socialist Labor Party was less than 14,000. In other words, if we accept the enrolled membership and electoral vote as a test of strength, and we know of no other test, then the Socialist Party represents about 97 per cent of the Socialist movement in the United States, while the Socialist Labor Party, at a generous estimate, constitutes about 3 per cent of it.

The Socialist Labor Party does not in any sense represent a division or wing of the Socialist movement of the United States, and there is no more logic or justice in admitting it to the bureau on an equal footing with the Socialist Party than there would be in dividing the two seats of Germany between the Social Democratic Party of that country and some Socialist study circle in Berlin. We recognize, of course, that the Socialist Labor Party, as a Socialist organization, is entitled to representation in the International Congress, where it will have a vote proportionate to its actual strength and importance; but admission to the bureau of an organization as small and insignificant as the Socialist Labor Party is an anomaly which is both ridiculous and embarrassing for the Socialist movement of the United States.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE U. S.

National Executive Committee.

Resolved, That Comrade Berger be delegated to the next regular session of the International Socialist Bureau to represent our party in that session and to present the claims of the Socialist Party to the additional seat to the bureau. Adopted.

Comrade Victor Watia, national Finnish

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Table listing members of the National Executive Committee with names and addresses.

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the National Committee by state with names and addresses.

translator, gave the following report on the Finnish organization:

"Comrades, no doubt you all know the attitude of the Finnish Socialist organization to the Socialist Party of the United States. During our existence, since Jan. 1, 1907, when the Finnish translator's office was established, in the National Headquarters, it has shown whether it has benefited both the national party and the Finnish organization. Our membership is more than doubled and the number of branches multiplied, as reported in the National Bulletin from time to time.

"About three years ago when the plans of organizing the translator's office were discussed, the subject of greatest concern was the financial question, but it has been proven that whenever the whole membership solidly stands for the advancement of their organization, the movement will not lack means for carrying on the great work. Within the period of thirty-one months the total receipts of the Finnish organization amounts to \$25,268.56, of which there is a cash balance in our treasury of \$2,122.69.

"I think thus far we have succeeded, and the amount of work we have done is beyond all expectations and should encourage other nationalities to follow the same course. Another thing I think worth mentioning is that the Finnish comrades have had a good chance to familiarize themselves with the party tactics in this country, because they have had the opportunity to read all party matters, national and state, constitutions, platforms, and so on, in their own language, and that has made it possible for them to take an active part in the movement through their respective organizations, as was shown in the election of delegates to the late national convention, which resulted in the election of six regular delegates. The financial calls of the national office have been fairly responded to, thus showing that the comrades understood correctly their duties as party members and do not hesitate to fulfill the same.

"We have three speakers working unceasingly, one in each of the districts, which are called Eastern, Western and Central Districts. The way we route our organizations differs somewhat from that practiced by the national office. We send our speakers to every locality of Finnish population. We do not require any agreement or terms by locals; but our organizer simply visits every place as he goes along,

whether wanted or not, and he must stay in the locality as long as he is wanted by the local comrades and there is some good work to do. We have made special effort to keep our Central District organizer in the upper peninsula (Michigan), which has been a most difficult field, in spite of the fact that one of our most effective papers, Tyomies, is published in that place. Every speaker we have ever had has gone through that part of the country making their best effort. Our district organizer, Comrade Korpi, who is one of the most effective speakers, has labored in that location, containing three or four counties, more than six months, and still he reports that he is not yet through. Lately a gratifying increase in the circulation of this paper and favorable public sentiment are the fruits. Special efforts are made in the distribution and sale of literature and soliciting subscriptions for papers. This has been done mostly by locals and our district organizers, particularly in such towns and places where they cannot succeed in arranging meetings.

"In 1903 an ecclesiastical institution was established in Minnesota. It did not seem to flourish as a trainer of preachers and secular studies were more and more introduced, and in 1906 the Socialists gained control and management over the affairs of the corporation when the majority of board members elected were Socialists. Socialist teachers were hired and young men and women who attended the classes were almost every one Socialists. The main subjects studied are the history of the United States, social economics, industrial evolution, English language, practicing speaking, etc. During the first year the school was crowded with twice as many scholars as were in this institution before, and many who applied for admission had to be turned back because of lack of space. The students numbered about seventy men and women between the ages of sixteen and forty. The second year was not so prosperous in the number of students, principally on account of industrial conditions, but the enthusiasm has not diminished and the merits of such an institution is everywhere recognized.

"The Work People's College (Tyovaen Opisto) at Smithville is an incorporated institution in which the party members and branches hold stocks valued at one dollar each. Financial support has been by voluntary contributions from locals and party

Names and Addresses of State Secretaries

Table listing names and addresses of state secretaries for various states including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Socialist Papers on the Exchange List of the National Office

Table listing socialist papers on an exchange list, including titles like 'Chicago Daily Socialist', 'New York Daily Worker', 'The Daily Tribune', 'The Daily Worker', 'The Socialist', 'The Communist', etc., along with their publishers and addresses.

NATURALIZATION.

Any day and every day in the year is a good time to make a start for citizenship. Every local foreign language group should canvass its membership and see to it that all qualified persons get their naturalization papers.

In point of fact, however, whether a man works three days of the week for himself on his own field and three days for nothing on the estate of his lord, or whether he works in the factory or the workshop six hours daily for himself and six for his employer, comes to the same, although in the latter case the paid and unpaid portions of labor are inseparably mixed up with each other, and the nature of the whole transaction is completely masked by the intervention of a contract and the pay received at the end of the week.

Warren's speech and proposition from Kerr & Company on same. Suggested that we let Kerr & Company publish the pamphlet. Question taken up regarding supply of "The Road to Power," by Kautsky. Telegrams and statements from Comrades Wayne and Krueger of the state secretary. Report of Everett state convention, held July 3, 4, 5, Wayne claiming all acts legal; Krueger claiming all acts of the convention illegal.

Open Letter to Socialists by the Woman's National Committee

"Dear Comrades!—It gives us great pleasure to write to you, for we women of the Socialist Party should become more closely allied, as we will need co-operation and mutual assistance in the battle to come. It is up to us to start a new and lasting suffrage movement in this country. By saying a suffrage movement we do not mean a pure and simple feminine affair to wrangle for the privilege of the ballot alone, but a clear, class-conscious movement, where the ballot will be demanded as one of the means to the goal.

If you follow the Party Bulletin you have probably noticed the decision of the Woman's National Committee to issue a suffrage pamphlet explaining the rights granted to women in the United States in general and in the different states in particular. This is to give the women throughout the country an opportunity to take advantage of the few rights granted to them, of which the majority is ignorant today.

You will realize at once the immensity of the task undertaken and will understand, of course, that the Woman's National Committee could not possibly carry out its decision unless it secures the help of the active Socialist women throughout the land. We appeal to you, therefore, to get to work and find out all about the rights granted to women in your respective state and county.

The Woman's National Committee intends to publish a Suffrage Almanac, and calls for assistance along the following lines: 1. We call for volunteers among Socialist women in each of the 24 states giving women some form of school suffrage.

That the information, when gathered, sifted and tabulated, be issued as a suffrage almanac by the W. N. C. That we urge upon all state organizations of the Socialist Party to send women speakers to such localities where women have the school vote at the time of local campaigns, in order to point out to working class women the importance of their school vote at the polls.

members until it was decided by referendum vote of the membership of the Finnish Socialist Organization to assess each and every member ten cents per quarter towards the maintenance of the said institution, this being about \$2,000 a year, for which the organization also becomes a stockholder in the said corporation.

MOTION—That Comrade Barnes be delegated to represent our party at the National Finnish Convention at Hancock on Aug. 22. Adopted. Communication from the Jewish Agitation Bureau requesting a delegate at the Philadelphia convention on Sept. 5, 6, 7. Comrades Kauffman and Siskind were granted the floor.

MOTION—That Comrade Meyer London and Joseph E. Cohen be delegated to represent our party at the convention of the Jewish comrades in Philadelphia. Adopted. Comrades Amielewski and Kohnowitz, representing the national Polish organization, were granted the floor. The National Secretary read correspondence between the national office and the Polish translator's office.

MOTION—That it is the sense of the comrades that we try to assist the Polish comrades the same as the Finnish comrades. Adopted. The Polish comrades be allowed \$2.00 a day for thirty-five days for their organizer, Victor Bolko. Adopted. Communication from the Socialist Polish Alliance relating to friction with the above named organization.

MOTION—That the National Secretary be instructed to reply to the National Socialist Alliance, showing declared attitude of the Polish section. Adopted. The National Secretary submitted miscellaneous subjects, which were acted upon in the order presented. Proposition from J. F. Hopson of McBrides, Mich., reference gathering a building fund for the respective locals of the party.

Letter from E. A. Overstedt of Beloit, Wis., reference securing systematized data for Socialist agitation. Suggestions from the State Committee of New Jersey that a speaking tour be arranged for Comrade Debs to raise funds for the defense of Comrade Warren.

MOTION—That we notify the State Committee of New Jersey that no such application having been made from the Appeal, therefore it is not thought advisable at this time. Adopted. Letters from State Secretary Bell of Texas, dated May 17, addressed to the National Executive Committee; also of July 17 and 19, all relating to the enforcement of the constitution on free lance speakers.

MOTION—That the National Executive Committee expresses its disapproval of all efforts of individuals to route speakers without the indorsement of the state organization, as any such action is a violation of Section 4 of Article 2, but the National Executive Committee is powerless to enforce this section and the proper course is for the aggrieved party to apply to the states having jurisdiction over the offending persons. Adopted. Resolution by Local Erie, Pa., reference an article published in the Christian Socialist.

National Secretary's Financial

Report for the Month of July, 1909

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS

Table listing receipts from various states and sources, including National Dues from State Committees, National Headquarters, and various individuals.

EXPENDITURES

Table listing expenditures for various categories such as Exchange, General expense, Postage, and Printing, literature and supplies.

Table listing reserve mileage fund and total expenditures, showing a balance on hand of \$206.51.

Table listing receipts for the month and expenditures for the month, showing a balance August 1 of \$131.56.

Balance August 1, 1909, \$131.56. Reserve mileage fund, \$1,023.10. Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

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"Dear Comrade—I enclose you here with an explanation and correction which will explain itself.

In it I have studiously endeavored to avoid any personal antagonism and desire you to print it in the next issue of the Official Bulletin. I know of no better way of informing the National Committee on such subjects than to follow them to a logical conclusion.

EXPLANATION AND CORRECTION. This explanation and correction is made for the purpose of correcting a wrong impression in the comment of National Committee-man Morrison of Arizona, given with his vote on Referendum 5, Motion 6, relative to take comradeship advertisements in Socialist papers.

Dismissing personalities, we insist that the notion and comment with second was for and to the purpose of advising and instructing the local membership and not to restrict Socialist papers from managing their publications according to their own pleasure. He writes his conclusions away from the point of instructing the lay membership of the party and would make it appear that the purpose of the motion was to restrict such practices by the publishers. Clearly a false premise.

With this line of logic the 'Tat' party has the correct idea of government and should give the people what they need instead of making their own demand for it.

His policy is in error of putting them on the back and saying 'Good boy' for capitalism most of the time, and what time you don't vote for capitalist principles vote for Socialism. You are—good, well-baked propagandists in trying to make votes instead of Socialists.

When the party gets away from this plan of propaganda it will not have so many of its so-called Socialists going off down the road after Bryanism. Moral: Quit performing parties and intelligently revolutionize the citizen.

Yours for intelligent party work. (Signed) C. W. BARZEE, N. C., Oregon.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., July 19, 1909.

To the State Committees of the Socialist Party.

Dear Comrades—On April 24th, as a result of the adoption of National Committee Motion Nos. 4 and 5, relating to the legal contest against the filing fee system in the primary election laws of Minnesota and the prosecution of the case, I wrote you in substance as follows:

The motions as adopted declare that the financing of such a contest is the duty of the party as a whole. The benefits of a successful issue would be advantageous alike to all states; that the state organizations, as such, should make contributions, and that a sum equal to one and one-half cent per member would be sufficient for the purpose.

To date the following contributions have been received: Connecticut, \$8.07; Florida, \$5; Hawaii, \$0.25; Indiana, \$10.00; Louisiana, \$3.75; Maryland, \$4.00; Michigan, \$5.00; Missouri, \$5.00; Ohio, \$10.00; Washington, \$15.00; total, \$86.07.

This is about one-fifth of the required sum. In the interim the California legislature decided that it will cost \$5,000 in fees for a complete state ticket, and on June 23 the supreme court held the law to be valid. This knockout decision cost the comrades of California \$250.00.

The Minnesota law, if necessary, should and will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. National Committee Motion Nos. 4 and 5 make the National Office and the respective state organizations responsible for one-third of the total expense, and a request is at hand for part payment on this account.

WARREN SENTENCED

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Comrade Fred D. Warren, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, at a hearing on July 1st, in Port Scott, Kan., before Judge John C. Pollock, was fined fifteen hundred dollars and sentenced to six months in jail. This is connected with the reward offered for the apprehension of ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky, at the time of the Haywood-Moyer-Pettibone kidnaping. Taylor at that time being a fugitive from justice on a charge of murder. Judge Pollock overruled motions for an arrest of judgment and a new trial, but granted the defendants seventy-five days to prepare papers for an appeal. The argument on a motion for a new trial will probably be held in the Federal Circuit Court in St. Paul in November.

National Notes

The International Socialist Bureau reports that the second conference of Socialist journeymen has decided that the bureau should secure from the affiliated national parties a list of persons being able to become correspondents for foreign Socialist papers.

Competent comrades should file their names with the National Office with the following information: 1st, name; 2d, occupation; 3d, address; 4th, subject preferred; 5th, language written; 6th, remuneration expected per line. The bureau will publish a list for free distribution to Socialist papers of such correspondents when secured.

The comrades of New York City managing the New York Evening Call decided to change that publication from an evening to a morning paper, beginning Monday, June 28th. The belief and hope was entertained that the change will give it a better field, while materially reducing the expense of distribution.

Nearly the entire editorial staff of the Chicago Daily Socialist was summoned before the grand jury of Cook County on July 1st, being called upon to give testimony concerning the graft expose as contained in the columns of the Daily Socialist and relating to the Chicago city officials.

The comparative figures for receipts of dues at the National Office for the first quarter are: For 1908, \$4,235.10; 1909, \$4,504.32, an increase of \$269.22. The comparative figures for the second quarter are: For 1908, \$5,242.65; 1909, \$5,887.48, an increase for the quarter of \$644.83.

As a result of the strike of the Japanese plantation laborers of Elwell, several of the strikers have been arrested, the usual charges of conspiracy and inclining to riot and murder. The plantation owners have announced confidence in the success of their immigration plans, and that their agent, A. J. Campbell, is visiting the shores and will also go to Madiera for the purpose of securing laborers.

In response to frequent inquiries as to plays bearing on Socialist topics suitable to be used by locals in amateur theatrical productions, the following address is given: Julius Hopp, Organizer Socialist Dramatic Movement, 44 West Twentieth street, New York city.

Comrade James O'Neal, National Organizer, who has for some time been speaking in Texas, has been obliged to cancel all dates on account of sickness and return to his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

J. V. Webber of Sparks, Nev., will act as temporary State Secretary until an election by referendum can be held. The vacancy occurred by the death of Comrade Lora Harris.

By a referendum just concluded in Colorado, Comrade A. H. Spooten, 238 West Fourth street, Denver, Colo., was elected State Secretary-Treasurer, and Lewis E. Floaten, same address, was elected as National Committeeman from Colorado.

The Socialists of Virginia held a very successful state convention on July 4th at Richmond. Alonzo H. Demmett of Ware Neck being chosen as a candidate for governor.

Secretary of Navy Myers has been for some time prosecuting an inquiry as to the spread of Socialism among the navy force and gathering facts as to the amount of Socialist literature being circulated in that quarter. Here is an item that should engage his attention: The Socialists of Maine held a state field day at Oakland Park, Rockland, on July 5th. The Board of Trade of Rockland had requested and secured from the Navy Department the visit of three battleships for a counter attraction. The battleships having shore leave to attend the Board of Trade celebration virtually boycotted it and swarmed to the Socialist picnic, took part in the games and dances and lunched with interest to the oratory by Comrades John W. Brown, National Organizer; Grace V. Silver and Robt. V. Hunter, member of the National Committee for Maine. They took back to their ships great quantities of literature, some of which was given to them free and some of which they purchased. Altogether the middles were responsible for the financial success of the Socialist picnic and the state treasury has been increased by a tidy sum.

The new Social-Democratic members of the Milwaukee School Board, Meta L. Berger (wife of Victor L. Berger) and Frederic Heath, editor of the Social-Democratic Herald, took their seats last Wednesday. With aid, took their seats last Wednesday. With one Social-Democratic holding over and one re-elected, this makes four Socialist school directors in Milwaukee. Mrs. Berger has the high honor of being the first Socialist woman official in America.

Correction.—In some of the copies of the Official Monthly Bulletin for June in the financial report James Connolly is charged with receiving \$100 for organizers' expenses. This is an error. The amount is not carried into the totals, consequently the report in other respects and the balance is correct.

Individual membership ballots for National Party Referendum "B," 1909, were shipped from the National Office to state Secretaries in bulk, and directly to locals in unorganized states, and to members at large

on Monday, July 19th. Officials not receiving them within a reasonable time should notify the National Office.

The State Committee of Louisiana has appropriated \$2.75 to assist in the legal contest relating to the Minnesota primary law. The State Committee of New Hampshire has appropriated \$150 for the same purpose, and a comrade of Knoxville, Tenn., has donated \$100.

At a mass convention of Rhode Island comrades held at Providence on July 11th, Fred Hurst, 1228 Westminster St., Providence, was re-elected State Secretary, and James P. Reid, 554 Atwell's avenue, Providence, was elected National Committee member. Another mass convention will be held on August 5th, when a state ticket will be nominated and platform adopted.

The Belmont letter, addressed to capitalists of the Civic Federation soliciting contributions, is reprinted in the July issue of the Civic Federation Review. The single purpose of the organization and publication seems to be an assault on Socialism. The State Committees of Idaho and Iowa have appropriated the respective amounts of \$10.19 and \$5.00 for the Minnesota primary law contest.

It is reported that the Bethlehem Steel Company will only permit Republicans and Democrats to work for them and that they have discharged several scores of persons upon the suspicion that they are Socialists. The works of the company are located at South Bethlehem, and it is reported that the more of the company is supported by the Rev. A. Vahlsky, who expelled thirty-two members of his congregation upon the same suspicion—that is, that they were Socialists.

The locals and members at large in Nebraska are now voting upon a referendum conducted by the National Office for the election of state officers and for the choice of a date and city for holding their state convention.

The Croatian Socialist organization of Chicago has been granted a charter by Local Cook County. These comrades are trying to induce all independent Croatian organizations to follow their course. They report that a branch of fifty members in Milwaukee, Wis., and one of eighty members in Allegheny, Pa., have also affiliated with the Socialist Party. The Croatian paper, entitled "Radnica Brzka," is published at 606 South Center avenue, Chicago.

The New Hampshire legislature has adopted a filing fee law, which provides fees for candidates as follows: For governor, \$100; any other state officer, \$50; representatives in congress, \$50 each; for counsellor, \$25; for state senators, \$10 each; for county officers, \$5 each; for representatives, \$3 each; all minor officers, \$1 each.

The comrades of Local Philadelphia wish to warn others against the business methods of George Williams, formerly of Denver, Colo., and Herman Sanders, formerly of New York City. These men started a laundry in Philadelphia and secured the patronage of the comrades. Upon a profit sharing proposition they also secured the recommendation of the local. Without settling their accounts both disappeared recently, to the serious inconvenience of their patrons.

The Political Refugee Defense League acknowledges the receipt of \$38 from Local Wallace Idaho, of the Socialist Party, for the political prisoners' defense fund, being a sum collected by Comrades A. J. Martin and Thomas J. Mooney.

The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, with 453 delegates in attendance, unanimously adopted the following resolution. Strong speeches were made in its support by W. Carrall of the Plumbers' Union of Superior and Delegate Opley of the Bricklayers' Union of Racine, both stating, however, that they were not Socialists, but wanting to give just and proper credit to a working class political organization which stands true to its policies and gets results.

RESOLUTION

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor has in several conventions emphasized that organized labor of this country is bound in political elections to 'reward its friends and to punish its enemies'; and 'Whereas, Organized labor in Wisconsin has no more loyal and true champions than the members of legislature in Wisconsin elected by the Social-Democratic party, who have introduced all the bills submitted to them by the state executive board of Wisconsin; State Federation and many other bills of a similar character that originated with their party, and who have labored early and late for the cause of the working class; and 'Whereas, These representatives of labor have usually encountered the solid opposition of both of the capitalist parties and in the last session of the legislature the opposition of the speaker of the assembly, W. H. Bancroft; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep appreciation and our heartfelt thanks to the members of the legislature above mentioned and to the Social-Democratic Party that sent them, and we hereby authorize and instruct the incoming executive board to have a report of the activity of the Social-Democratic members in the legislature and in other legislative bodies of this state printed and distributed among the union men of this state."