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Every Local Should Enter Municipal Campaign

Comrades—get ready for the battle of the ballots. Get ready to launch the biggest and most telling protest against capitalism and its wars, militarism, as well as its abrogation of freedom of speech and press that has ever been launched at any time and any place.

No better opportunity to propagate Socialism ever presented itself than is now at hand. That man or woman is indeed a rare specimen who today does not want to know how to end wars forever.

And we Socialists KNOW how to end wars forever. We know that only by putting an end to capitalism, the cause of wars, will peace, both industrial and international, at last be permanently established.

WE'VE GOT TO TELL EVERYBODY HOW TO END WAR.

The very best way to tell is to enter municipal elections; hold campaign meetings; explain our position upon war; make thousands of Socialists and sympathizers by so doing, and as a result receive the largest vote ever cast for our party in municipal elections.

Fact is comrades, that at this time it will be almost a crime not to place a municipal ticket in the field. A crime against our party; against the better judgment of the majority of comrades in the party. Locals which have made a determined stand in this crisis; locals that have held mass demonstrations and educational meetings are ready to attest that the mass of people are hungry for the Socialist message. And the best time to give this message is in campaign time.

SO DON'T FALTER. No matter how small your local, begin today and prepare the field. Begin today, nominate your candidates, plan your campaign.

The State Office stands ready to give all the help within its power. Elsewhere we give rules to be followed by locals who must nominate by petition. Read these rules, roll up your sleeves, and to work in the GREATEST municipal campaigns this state has ever witnessed.

HOW TO NOMINATE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES.

1. Nominations of candidates in municipalities of LESS than 2,000 population should be made by petition, signed in the aggregate by not less than 25 electors for EACH candidate. The same number of signatures are required for candidates for the school board.

2. Nominations of candidates in municipalities with a population of MORE than 2,000 must be made by petition, signed by at least 1 percent of the electors who voted at the last preceding election.

3. Nominations for candidates for School Boards in municipalities with a population of MORE than 2,000 must be made by petition, and signatures of not less than 2 percent of the electors voting at the next preceding SCHOOL ELECTION must be secured.

4. Petitions must be filed with the Deputy Board of State Supervisors of Elections NOT LESS than 60 days previous to the day of election.

5. A committee of five to fill vacancies shall be named in the petitions.

6. Petitions must contain a provision that the signer will support and vote for the candidates thereon.

7. Signatures must be written upon petition in ink or indelible pencil.

8. One of the signers of a petition must make oath before a notary public that statements contained therein are true.

9. Petitions can be secured from the Election Board in your city.

10. Petitions should ALWAYS be filed ahead of time, that is, more than 60 days before the date of election, in order to avoid delay in case objections are made to signatures and so that you have enough time to secure additional signatures.

11. Petitions should always contain MORE NAMES than required in order that you may be sure that you have enough genuine signatures.

12. For further information of any kind about nomination of candidates by petition, see your Board of Elections.

There are a few locals in the state located in municipalities in which the Socialist Party cast 10 percent or more of the total vote for governor last fall. These locals will have to enter the primaries.

HELD UP: As we go to press, The Socialist News, the weekly paper of Local Cleveland is still held up by the postal authorities. The Cleveland postmaster claims he can not give a reason. This is the latest proof that we enjoy freedom of the press. He has instructions from Washington to hold it up, it's being held up, And that seems to settle it.

Organization Preparations Continue

State Organizer Chas. Baker is still at the state office, outlining his tour, assisting in the voluminous amount of state office work by day, and filling speaking engagements by night. The first party owned automobile has been ordered, but has not arrived as yet. In the meantime excellent work is being done by the state organizer in and near Cleveland.

Comrade Baker has spoken lately in Akron, Portsmouth, Conneaut, Hamilton, Youngstown and Ravenna. At the latter place he organized a local of 60 members. Besides this, Local Cleveland has employed him in various parts of the city.

Socialist newspaper subscribers in the state have now been alphabetically filed by him; a new map has been prepared, upon which red pins show the alive and doing locals and white pins show the dead locals. Charter applications of defunct locals dating as far back as 1910 have been gone over, and all this will help as basis for the thoro organization work we are to undertake.

It will not be many days now, until the organizer leaves Cleveland, seated in a new Ford roadster,

speeding towards the first city that needs his good services. Watch for announcement of the routing. Lend your valuable assistance when he reaches your town.

SELL THOSE PINK STAMPS

It's the national office Party Building — Anti-Militarism assessment stamp we refer to. Sell them quick. Sell them to all local members. Induce each local member to buy at least two. And then send the money received from their sale to the state office right away.

Many locals have ordered more of these stamps. Local secretaries write the state office saying that members are anxious to buy more than just one of them. Members-at-large have not stopped at purchasing but two of these stamps. Many of them have purchased three and four.

The state office has sent locals 4,000 of these stamps. Let's sell every one of them.

A "Henry" asked me if I was ready to go to war. My answer was this—"If anyone would ask you to go to hell, wouldn't it make you mad?"—O. O. Alspach, Bluffton.

Who Will Be Exempt?

WASHINGTON—What will the administration do about the "conscientious objector?"

"This is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling?"

Are these words of President Wilson sincere? Does the administration mean what it says? Or is this merely a pious expression, susceptible of being explained away when it comes to the pinch?

These are the questions asked everywhere in Washington and to the solution of which the American Union Against Militarism is devoting its energies.

The organization is working to establish in the regulations, which are shortly to be sent out to exemption boards, definite provisions protecting the conscientious objectors. Under rulings by Provost Marshal H. E. Crowder, it doesn't matter whether the conscientious objectors so recorded themselves on registration day or not. If their names are drawn in the draft, they will be summoned before the registration boards to show cause why they should not serve. At that time and place they can state their conscientious objection to bearing arms and the board will be bound to pass upon it. The American Union is attempting to convince the war department that regulations can and should be broadened so as to exempt the man who has conscientious scruples against war, even though he does not belong to a "well-recognized religious sect whose creed forbids participation in war."

Comrades wishing to place themselves in direct communication with the American Union Against Militarism are asked to address the New York office at 70 Fifth avenue.

WARNING!!

There is now before the locals the referendum pertaining to amendments to the national constitution. There is no doubt but that all the Ohio delegates to the recent national convention at which changes in the constitution were considered, join with the state office in warning the locals to pay particular attention to those amendments, which have been placed upon the ballot by a small minority of the delegates who failed in their efforts at the convention to change our party laws to permit fusion and compromise on the part of party members.

Therefore we desire to call every local's attention to the first amendment on National Referendum "C," which is headed Article II, Section 1, and the amendment on the back of the ballot which is headed Article X, Section 3.

Both these amendments, to which are signed the names of comrades who have for years tried to compromise our party and permit fusion within its ranks, should be voted down. To vote against these amendments and retain the original sections as part of the constitution, all members should vote "NO."

We speak this strongly at this time because we take it for granted that the delegates elected by the membership in Ohio represented the majority opinion of our party membership upon this question of fusion, and these delegates voted NO upon these amendments at the convention. The fusion amendments proposed by the fusionists at the convention were voted down by a large majority of the delegates. We feel assured therefore, that the Socialist Party does not want to lose its identity as the political revolutionary expression of the working class by becoming a mere party of traders and compromisers.

DO YOU DESIRE A RAISE OF FIVE CENTS IN DUES?

Note also Article X, Section 6, upon National Referendum "C," now before you. This section if carried as amended, will increase dues five cents. Locals are asked to give this question of an increase in dues good consideration. The state secretaries of Illinois and Pennsylvania have written the state office giving it as their opinion that it is entirely inadvisable to increase the dues. What do the Ohio locals think about it?

The Ohio state office only calls your attention to this proposed change so that all comrades may vote with their eyes open.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Alfred Wagenknecht, State Sec.

Lakewood, O.

Dear Comrade:—

Following is my report as National Committeeman, for the months of March and April.

I voted against the motion proposing that the report on the Non-Partisan League be not made public until after action by the National Committee.

I submitted to the National Committee a motion that the National Office endeavor to secure the use of the plates from which "War-What For?" was printed, with the view of bringing out a new edition of Comrade Kirkpatrick's book.

Voted in favor of holding the National Emergency Convention.

Submitted to the National Committee a motion that a proposed leaflet on compulsory military service, to be written by Victory L. Berger, be submitted to the National Committee for approval before being printed. This motion was carried.

Voted in favor of having leaflet by Scott Nearing on the "High Cost of Living" submitted to the National Committee before being circulated.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. Ruthenberg,
National Committeeman.

The Last Call— Now or Never

AND YOU WHO ARE READING THIS—WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO GET US THAT \$1,000?

Comrades who have Organization Fund lists in their possession are requested to make one last determined effort to secure contributions and then return the lists and the money secured to the local secretary, who will remit to the state office at once.

We take it for granted that all comrades interested in building the organization in this state have by this time secured contributions in substantial amounts and that most locals will now begin to interest themselves in preparing for the coming municipal campaigns.

So make one last effort and we'll thank you for it. The comrades who realized the need for money to prosecute state organization work have done nobly, and their good services has placed our state at the fore-front of all states in financial resources.

Organization fund lists received since last report follow: Maynard S. Slavic Br., list 1099, \$2.00; North Star Local list 1344, \$2.00; H. M. Kohr, list 84, \$3.00; H. L. Bovey, list 85, \$8.25; G. Sladin, list 712, \$3.50; M. Stromberg, list 782, \$6.75; J. Spitz, list 786, \$4.00; Comrade Abend, list 816, \$5.00; Max Neuberger, list 1117, \$3.50; O. J. Schwab, list 1118, \$1.00; List 1069, \$4.00; Local Alliance, list 574, \$2.00; H. M. Kohr, list 1429, \$6.25; Local Akron, list 1125, \$6.75; Carl Laetsch, list 586, \$1.90; Ferdinand Acker, list 587, \$1.50; John Cassidy, list 1172, \$1.00; T. M. Meads, list 65, \$3.50; R. C. Ricker, list 89, \$6.05; H. L. Bovey, list 1431, \$5.50; M. Vynovich, list 607, \$1.50; Martin Kovach, list 609, 50c; Alex Neijestich, list 608, 50c; S. S. Osasto, Martins Ferry, lists 682, 681, 680, \$6.90; Local Akron, list 1488, \$4.50; W. E. Norman, list 356, \$1.00; J. C. Nyman, list 709, \$3.60; E. Wagenknecht, list 756, \$5.50; A. Bormann, list 753, \$6.50; A. Bormann, list 754, \$4.30; Lettish branch, Cleveand, list 756, \$4.50; A. L. Hitchcock, list 1500, \$10.50; Peter Thomas, list 793, \$7.00; Arthur Wright, list 1193, \$8.00; C. E. Norris, list 1466, \$6.50; F. Krizan, list 529, \$2.50; A. B. Ferguson, list 1388, \$5.00; Elmer Saxton, list 1387, \$4.50; O. W. Frederick, list 1379, \$2.50; W. L. Mauntel, list 198, \$5.35.

Other donations were, Local Marion \$2.20; Akron Slovak Branch, \$4.00; Local Alliance \$2.00; C. Hull, \$1.00; Neffs S. Slavic Branch, \$3.00; Local Conway \$3.50; Mr. and Mrs. Yohst 50c; Jos. Bauer, \$2.00; Local New England \$1.00; Local Zanesville \$6.50; Local Toledo, \$2.75.

ORGANIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTIONS BY MONTHS.

Here are the monthly totals in contributions for the \$1,000 Organization Fund. May, as you see, is the best month of them all. How about a larger total in contributions for June than we had for May? Let's try.

Contributions for December, 1916, were \$33.73; for January, 1917, \$135.70; February, \$128.56; March, \$83.18; April, \$145.57; May \$242.15. Total contributed to June 1st, \$768.89.

Official Call for Election of Convention Delegates

State Convention Information and Regulations

To the Locals:

This is the official call to all locals to elect their quotas of delegates to the coming State Convention. The number of delegates to which each local is entitled will be found on other side of this letter.

Here are reprinted, in as concise form as possible, the constitutional provisions which govern state conventions and such other information as may be of interest to delegates and locals:

1. The State Executive Committee has decided that this year's state convention shall be held in Cleveland, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 20, 21 and 22nd.

2. The convention will be held in the headquarters hall of Local Cleveland, fourth floor, 737 Prospect avenue.

3. Basis of representation is by locals, each local being entitled to one delegate for the first one hundred members or less and an additional delegate for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

4. Locals consisting of branches may divide their branches into subdivisions, allowing each subdivision to elect a delegate. But the number of delegates so elected must not exceed the total number of delegates allowed the local as per tabulated statement and subdivisions must be so divided as to have in each an equal number of electors.

5. The railroad fare of all delegates, to and from the state convention, will be paid by the state organization.

6. Only those who have been members of the party for one year or more shall act as delegates, unless the local represented shall have been in existence less than one year, in which case the delegates must be charter members of the local.

7. Delegates to the state convention who fail to present their credentials to the credential committee by 3 P.M. of the first day of the convention will not be entitled to mileage.

8. LOCALS Akron, Alliance, Ashtabula, Barberton, Belmont County, Byesville, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Conneaut, Dayton, Hamilton, Lorain, Mansfield, Newark, Salem, Steubenville, Toledo, Warren and Youngstown have foreign speaking branches within their jurisdictions. These foreign speaking branches must be given an equal voice in the election of delegates to the State Convention.

9. Original and duplicate credentials are being sent all locals. Local secretaries will carefully and plainly fill out the original credential and give same to delegate elected, who in turn will give it to alternate elected providing regular delegate can not attend. Local secretaries will also fill out duplicate credentials with care, and mail same to the state office BEFORE July 14th.

10. Local Cleveland has committees at work now, attending to the many details necessary to make the convention a success. Information as to hotel rates, restaurants, convention program and other details will be communicated to the delegates by Local Cleveland as soon as arranged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Wagenknecht

State Secretary.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO.

TABULATED STATEMENT, showing number of stamps purchased by locals and number of delegates each local is entitled to will be found on other side.

BEGIN NOW: Waste no time in starting arrangements for July 4th demonstration. The state office may not be able to provide all locals with speakers, but most locals know of some good speaker who holds membership in some neighboring local. Engage him or her and begin planning your July 4th demonstration NOW.

Jail Anti War Socialists While Pro-War Deserters of Our Party Are Awarded Government Jobs.

While so-called Socialists who are for this war, those of the Charles Edward Russell type, are being rewarded by the government with appointments, the jailing of anti-war Socialists seems to go merrily on. Late advices announce the arrest of arrest of Lotta Burke and T. M. Hammerschmitt, of Cincinnati, in addition to the thirteen at first arrested and charged with treason. Among those languishing in jail is Jos. Geier, secretary of Local Cincinnati.

In Tiffin W. O. McClory was jailed, but after being held a day was released.

The charges against A. A. Henracy, H. E. Townsley and Cecil Bailey of Columbus have been changed from treason to conspiracy. The bail bonds of the comrades arrested in Cincinnati have been reduced from \$15,000 each to \$1,500 each.

The cases of Chas. Baker and A. Wagenknecht, arrested in Cleveland while addressing peace demonstrations, have been continued by the prosecution until some time in September. Jury trials were demanded.

Just what portion of this prosecution will turn out to be persecution time will tell. The state office will attempt to keep all locals fully informed as the cases develop, and campaigns of publicity and of protest may have to be undertaken to offset the prejudice which the pernicious capitalist press has engendered.

John House addressed meetings at Canton and Coshocton lately. He reports wonderful interest and audiences exceptionally large.

Youngstown and Portsmouth, as well as Ravenna and Crestline are also busy holding meetings.

Let's see now,—what have I done in the past month that has been of any benefit to the Local?

"Stick another tack in the map," writes C. G. McVay, secretary of our new Ravenna local.

Party candidate's resignation blanks can be had by writing the state office.

Wm. Long of Crestline writes that the local will be busier hereafter. A good meeting hall will be secured and speakers engaged.

Geo. E. Schepp remitted \$6.75 for the organization fund and \$3.75 for assessment stamps for Local East Liverpool. Another busy local, no doubt.

"Local Piqua will revive again. We have nominated a municipal ticket."—F. C. Priller.

"For the love of Mike, how the militarists are shooting the people into the Socialist Party. Seven new ones last Sunday and more coming every day. Our secretary is complaining of being over-worked."—Mrs. Clara Beery, Mansfield.

"Our local is growing and doing fine. We took in eight new members last night."—Clarence Rhodes, St. Marys. This is the result of an attempt on the part of St. Mary's "patriots" to break up a meeting addressed by Scott Wilkins.

TABULATED REPORT OF STAMPS PURCHASED BY LOCALS FROM
MAY 1, 1916, TO MAY 1, 1917, AND APPORTIONMENT OF DELE-
GATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION:

LOCAL	Dues Stamps	Initiat'ion Stamps	Total Stamps	Monthly Average	Number Delegates
Akron	2075	47	2122	177	2
Alliance	491	1	492	41	1
Alpha	90	28	118	13	1
Ashtabula	1627	39	1666	139	1
Aurora	150	..	150	12	1
Barberton	330	24	354	29	1
Belle Valley	41	11	52	26	1
Belmont County	3751	195	3946	329	3
Bluffton	60	..	60	5	1
Black Top	253	..	253	21	1
Buffalo	86	2	88	7	1
Byesville	258	6	260	22	1
Cambridge	200	..	200	17	1
Canton	485	20	505	42	1
Cincinnati	2104	99	2203	184	2
Cleveland	15657	800	16457	1371	14
Clyde	40	3	43	5	1
Columbus	1058	71	1129	94	1
Conneaut	778	17	795	66	1
Continental	86	..	86	7	1
Convoy	60	18	78	16	1
Coshocton	220	10	230	19	1
Creston	72	..	72	6	1
Crooksville	80	46	126	11	1
Cuyahoga Falls	100	4	104	9	1
Clark County	220	4	224	19	1
Dayton	2091	20	2111	176	2
Derwent	60	..	60	5	1
Dillonvale	341	..	341	6	1
Dover	103	12	115	10	1
Dunkinsville	94	13	107	9	1
East Liverpool	199	30	229	19	1
Elyria	130	27	157	17	1
Edgerton	120	4	124	10	1
Elmwood Place	227	20	247	21	1
Fairport	218	..	218	18	1
Fairview	100	6	106	18	1
Greenwich	66	6	72	6	1
Hamilton	1729	16	1745	145	1
Hubbard	150	..	150	13	1
Kenmore	96	..	96	8	1
Lima	413	20	433	36	1
Lorain	401	20	421	35	1
Mansfield	370	28	398	33	1
Marletta	110	3	113	9	1
Marion	122	..	122	10	1
Massillon	580	15	595	50	1
McLuney	100	12	112	9	1
Newark	263	10	273	13	1
Niles	76	..	76	6	1
North Star	70	4	74	6	1
Norwood	318	8	326	26	1
New Bremen	60	..	60	5	1
Pinney Fork	75	..	75	18	1
Piqua	170	42	212	18	1
Portsmouth	534	34	568	47	1
Robins	100	4	104	9	1
Salem	168	..	168	14	1
Saltillo	70	2	72	6	1
Sandusky	390	8	398	33	1
Seneca County	438	32	470	39	1
Steubenville	430	..	430	37	1
St. Bernard	44	13	57	14	1
St. Marys	158	6	164	14	1
Tiltonsville	41	18	59	15	1
Toledo	2391	130	2521	210	2
Toronto	198	14	212	18	1
Trimble Tp.	65	4	69	6	1
Uhrichsville	340	10	350	29	1
Van Buren Tp.	78	8	86	7	1
Wadsworth	80	..	80	7	1
Warren	875	20	895	76	1
Willshire	25	10	35	9	1
Xenia	40	32	72	24	1
Yorkville	104	..	104	9	1
Youngstown	1198	40	1238	103	1
Zanesville	220	6	226	19	1
TOTALS	47211	2152	50157	4151	96

The following locals purchased dues stamps during the year of May 1, 1916 to May 1, 1917, but not in sufficient quantity to give them an average monthly membership of five, and are therefore not entitled to representation.

Ashland 14; Dennison 40; East Palestine 20; Crestline 48; Gallon 40; Girard 45; Greenfield 51; Jefferson Tp. 40; Lancaster 20; Marysville 10; Miamisburg 20; Midvale 18; Mt. Vernon 58; New England 38; New Philadelphia 22; Norwalk 18; Patterson 15; Rosedale 50; Sebring 2; Sullivan 11; Thurman 70; Van Wert 15; Wauseon 40; Wayne Tp. 27; Winchester 42; Urbana 20. Total 794. This total is included in the total number of 49816 stamps bought by the locals as per above tabulation total.

Either We Are Crazy Or—

The Liberty Loan has been over-subscribed. The newspapers report that another Liberty Loan will be launched in September. In the meantime the banks and millionaires who subscribed to the first Liberty Loan too liberally are going to get some of their money back, and why, ask we, if another call for a Liberty Loan is soon to be made?

It was a "Liberty Loan," understand. One employee of our acquaintance was discharged by his master for not buying two bonds. Underpaid employees of department stores were compelled to buy bonds on the payment plan. Slaves in all the big industries, especially the steel industries were forced to buy bonds. Oh Liberty!

And now we are in the heat of a Red Cross Campaign. Millions are needed to save lives. Everybody is being asked to "save a life." Amidst all of which we are told it is going to take between five and ten million of our lives to win this war.

Kill them in one column and save them in the next. All this we are asked to do thru the columns of our news peddlers,

Subscribe to the Liberty Loan under penalty. Give back to the millionaires all that they over-subscribed!—Who's crazy, anyhow?

But then, let's see if there's a ray of hope anyplace. Three million people subscribed by force or voluntarily to the Liberty Loan. There are one hundred million people in the U. S. That means twenty million families. All of which means that one seventh of the families in this country gave money to the war, and what do you think of that?

And what do you think of the fact that 70 per cent of those registering ask exemption. Yes, there's hope of early peace, and the Socialists will have helped a big bit toward that end.

Can you honestly say that your local is profiting by your membership?

When did you pay dues last? When last did you secure a new member?

At a recent Socialist peace meeting in Akron the attendance was so large that another hall had to be secured for the overflow. Marguerite Prevey, Chas. Baker and Attorney Holloway were the speakers.

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A MESS OF HEADINGS

Here are headings picked from capitalist newspapers during the last several weeks. They constitute interesting reading. They comprise the best argument for a press of our own.

Anti-war meet here rouses U. S. Jail Socialists for "No Draft" tirade. (Cleveland.)

Prohibits anti-draft speeches in Square. Mayor will order police to obtain advance notes on addresses. (Cleveland.)

Sedition plot charged to Socialists in Seattle.

The 5 per cent Socialist tail is absurd enough to imagine that it can wag the 95 per cent dog. (Cleveland.)

Three arrested in Columbus draft plotters. Three Ohioans face death for treason.

Nation-wide conspiracy is unearthed in Columbus.

Out of 1,700 offering to enlist only 299 are physically fit.

Anti-war talkers fight police. Socialists lead in Square outbreak and several are beaten. Speakers dragged from rostrum. (Cleveland.)

100 Plotters are nabbed. Socialist Party state office heavily guarded by police.

Lakewood is held center of plots. Chas. Baker arrested while addressing demonstration for peace.

Eleven men charged with treason in Cincinnati. They are Phillip Rothernhaus, Alfred Welker, Charles ory, Arthur Tiedke, William Gruben, Alex Feldhaus, Fred Schneider, Jos. Tieman, John Pfahn, Walter Greg-Geler, Frank Ries.

John Lewis Hammond arrested in Marletta for anti-war activities.

W. O. McClory imprisoned in Tiffin for having Socialist literature in his pockets.

Suspect men in prison in Columbus as part of New York plot.

Socialists tame as police watch. It was a subdued throng that listened to C. E. Ruthenberg and Tom Clifford. (Cleveland.)

Arrested while crowd riots. A. Wagenknecht, state secretary of the Socialist Party jailed.

Police use clubs—quell near-riot. Soap-box orators to get jolt, government orders.

The state office has been swamped with orders for dues cards, application cards and initiation stamps. As some one else said before us—there's a reason.

The Roll Call

Fifty-seven locals reported this month. These local admitted a total of 353 new members. This is about twice the number of members admitted by an equal number of locals reporting last month.

Do you know the reason? Ask the locals who are holding propaganda meetings explaining the Socialist position upon the war. These locals will tell you that now is no time to be idle, for the Socialist message is being anxiously awaited by thousands and thousands more are ready to make application for membership and ready to renew their former membership in the only peace party, the Socialist Party.

LOCALS	New Members	Paid to Date	Total on Rolls
Akron	11	195	245
Alliance	3	12	34
Alpha		12	29
Ashtabula	6	137	183
Barberton	3	10	21
Belmont County	4	227	291
Bethel		3	7
Bluffton		6	6
Bvesville	3	12	15
Cambridge	3	18	35
Canton	6	28	51
Clark County	13	35	35
Cincinnati	38	300	300
Cleveland	112	1500	1700
Columbus	24	58	127
Conneaut	3	14	17
Convoy		12	14
Coshocton	18	31	47
Cuyahoga Falls		8	8
Dayton	8	79	125
Dennison	4	18	18
Derwent		4	9
Dillonvale		17	35
Dunkinsville		11	12
East Liverpool	1	13	36
East Youngstown	2	24	26
Edgerton	2	13	26
Elmwood Place		20	35
Elyria	1	8	25
Fairport		58	73
Fairview	1	7	13
Greenfield		4	16
Hamilton	11	130	160
Lima		24	62
Lorain	5	48	60
McLuney		8	15
Mansfield	9	33	39
Massillon	4	30	60
Marion	1	8	11
Marysville		3	9
Mt. Vernon		6	11
New Bremen	4	9	10
New England		3	3
North Star		5	10
Portsmouth	24	80	110
St. Bernard	2	7	10
St. Marys	6	22	35
Saltillo	1	6	8
Sandusky		22	43
Seneca County	1	31	58
Toledo	8	171	291
Trimble Tp.	2	10	22
Uhrichsville	3	37	38
Wadsworth		7	9
Warrea	20	89	130
Wayne Tp.		3	6
Xenia		17	33
Youngstown		7	9
Zanesville		15	27
TOTALS	353	3527	4614

SECOND NATIONAL COMMITTEE-MAN ELECTED.

Marguerite Prevey of Akron was elected national committeeman over F. G. Strickland upon the second ballot in the referendum just closed. The vote was 321 for F. G. Strickland and 580 for Marguerite Prevey. C. E. Ruthenberger was elected upon the first ballot.

\$1084.69 To The Good

Sounds good, doesn't it? And it is good. For the first time in years our organization is counting its balance in four figures. It's a sign of health. It proves there's been excellent progress made since the first of the year. There's probably no other state organization that can boast of a balance to the good of \$1084.69.

Probabilities are that on the first of next month we will not have so much money in our treasury. You see, we will pay for our first state organizer's auto this month, and that will put a big hole in our wallet. But then, if the comrades who have Organization Fund Lists in their possession will busy themselves a bit, and make remittances before the last of this month, there's no reason why we should not report MORE than \$1084.69 to the good July 1st.

Read this financial report. Post yourself.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY, 1917.

Receipts.	
Dues stamps, regular.....	\$ 216.20
Dues stamps, dual.....	10.50
Dues stamps, M-A-L.....	8.75
Dues stamps, Foreign Br..	108.80
Initiation stamps.....	76.75
Organization Fund.....	242.15
Ohio Socialist Subs.....	8.20
Supplies.....	9.77
Literature.....	36.90
Miscellaneous.....	21.25
Total receipts.....	\$ 739.27
Balance on hand April 30..	824.19
Grand total.....	\$1563.46
Expenses.	
Dues stamps.....	\$ 100.00
Postage.....	60.63
Organization.....	67.05
Ohio Socialist.....	36.30
Literature.....	3.00
Foreign Br. dues to locals.	33.28
Printing.....	57.05
Wages.....	100.00
Phone and telegrams.....	5.74
Office expense.....	13.20
Miscellaneous.....	2.52
Total expenses.....	\$ 478.77
Balance on hand May 31	1917.....
.....	\$1084.69
Funds.	
General fund.....	\$ 279.63
Organization fund.....	676.66
Milage fund.....	128.40
.....	\$1084.69

SOCIALISTS OUST CHAS. EDW. RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Charles Edward Russel, member of the Root mission to Russia, was today ousted from membership in the Socialist party of New York by a two-thirds vote. His pro-war stand was the cause.

A. M. SIMMONS AND W. R. GAYLORD ALSO EXPELLED

These two former Socialists were expelled by the Socialist Party of Milwaukee for playing the part of "informers," in that they petitioned the government to prohibit the circulation of the party's anti-war proclamation.

Nominations for State Secretary and State Executive Committee

The following members have been nominated for the offices of State Secretary, State Executive Committee or both. Communications are being sent them all, requesting their acceptance or declination of the nomination. These acceptances and declinations must be in the hands of the state secretary by June 30th. Nominees who are not heard from will be considered as declining the nomination. To be eligible, nominees must have been in good standing for 12 consecutive months.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE SECRETARY

- Chas. Baker of Hamilton** by Local Belmont County.
- J. G. Willert of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Jos. Jodlbauer of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Harry G. Meenach of Dayton** by Local Dayton.
- A. Wagenknecht of Cleveland** by Locals Marion, Portsmouth, Youngstown, Saittilo, East Liverpool, Belmont County, Sandusky, Zanesville, Elyria, Hamilton, Seneca County, Cuyahoga Falls, North Star, Coshocton, Alpha, Lima, Dennison, Uhrichsville, St. Marys, Lorain, Fairview, St. Bernard, Canton, Conneaut, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Akron.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Walter Thurling of Cleveland** by Local Cuyahoga Falls.
- Wm. Patterson of Toledo** by Locals Portsmouth, East Liverpool, Sandusky, Seneca County, Coshocton, Lima, St. Marys, Lorain, St. Bernard, Conneaut, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron.
- J. G. Willert of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- August Malm of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- C. A. Hollenbaugh of Fostoria** by Local Marion.
- Allan Cook of Canton** by Local Canton.
- F. G. Strickland of Dayton** by Locals North Star, Alpha, Cleveland.
- C. Tolbert of Conneaut** by Local Conneaut.
- A. J. Totten of Alliance** by Local Canton.
- Scott Wilkins of Wapakoneta** by Locals Marion, East Liverpool, Sandusky, Lima, Elyria, Seneca County, Coshocton, Dennison, Uhrichsville, St. Marys, Fairview, Conneaut, Cleveland.
- J. P. Baker, of Columbus** by Local Columbus.
- E. R. Eubanks of Columbus** by Local Columbus.
- O. G. Van Schoyck of Columbus** by Local Columbus.
- Jos. Jodlbauer of Cleveland** by Locals Conneaut, Cleveland, Akron.
- M. J. Beery of Mansfield** by Locals Marion, Lima.
- Thos. Marshall of Cuyahoga Falls** by Local Cuyahoga Falls.
- E. D. Orr of Marion** by Local Marion.
- Jns. J. White of Toronto** by Locals East Liverpool, Seneca County, Fairview, Coshocton, Dennison, Uhrichsville, Cleveland.
- Nich Weillich of Massillon** by Local Canton.
- John House of Coshocton** by Local Canton.
- Jacob Spitz of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.

- Minnie Rivkin of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- C. E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland** by Locals Marion, Portsmouth, Belmont County, Sandusky, Elyria, St. Marys, Lorain Cleveland.
- Theo. Nieman of St. Bernard** by Local St. Bernard.
- Jan. T. Marsh of Norwood** by Local St. Bernard.
- Geo. Schleinhofer of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Frank Midney of Youngstown** by Locals Marion, Youngstown, Elyria, Lima, Cleveland.
- H. Checel of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- M. A. Toohey of Toledo** by Local Cleveland.
- Comrade Evans of Zanesville** by Local Cleveland.
- Chas. Baker of Hamilton** by Locals Marion, Portsmouth, East Liverpool, Sandusky, Elyria, Hamilton, Seneca County, Cuyahoga Falls, North Star, Coshocton, Lima, Dennison, Uhrichsville, Lorain, Fairview, St. Bernard, Conneaut, Cleveland, Akron.
- F. F. Truhlar of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Chas. Pinter of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Julius Bayer of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Jos. Martineck of Cleveland** of Local Cleveland.
- A. L. Hitchcock of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Lotta Burke of Cincinnati** by Locals Portsmouth, Zanesville, North Star.
- John Brahtin of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- W. Karath of Cleveland** by Local Cleveland.
- Marguerite Prevey of Akron** by Locals Portsmouth, Youngstown, Sandusky, Elyria, Cleveland, North Star, Lima, St. Marys, Lorain, Fairview.
- Albert Storek of Mansfield** by Local Lorain.
- Max Hays of Cleveland** by Local Portsmouth.
- Jos. W. Sharts of Dayton** by Locals Alpha, St. Marys, Fairview, Dayton.
- W. E. Fry of Portsmouth** by Local Portsmouth.
- A. Wagenknecht of Cleveland** by Local St. Marys.
- W. R. Strike of Lorain** by Local Lorain.
- E. L. Hitchens of Norwood** by Locals East Liverpool, Zanesville, Seneca County, Coshocton, Dennison, Uhrichsville, Fairview, St. Bernard, Cleveland, Dayton.
- Geo. Renkof of Franklin** by Local Belmont County.
- E. E. Motter of Dayton** by Local Alpha.
- W. I. Jackson of Sandusky** by Local Sandusky.
- John Grill of Dayton** by Local Alpha.
- Geo. D. Eynon of Cambridge** by Locals Zanesville, North Star.
- J. A. Smith of Crooksville** by Local Zanesville.
- Frank Martin of Marietta** by Locals Zanesville, North Star.
- Verne Duke of Akron** by Local Cuyahoga Falls, Akron.
- Jos. Coope of Youngstown** by Local Youngstown.
- E. Z. Miller of Lorain** by Local Elyria.

Geo. Bundy of Warren by Locals Youngstown, East Liverpool, Seneca County, Coshocton, Conneaut, Cleveland, Akron.

John Brandstetter of Cincinnati by Local St. Bernard.

Tom Clifford of Cleveland by Locals East Liverpool, Sandusky, Elyria, Seneca County, Cuyahoga Falls, Coshocton, Lima, Dennison, Uhrichsville, St. Marys, Lorain, Fairview, Cleveland, St. Bernard, Conneaut, Akron.

Fred Walchli of Bellaire, by Local Belmont County.

L. B. Myers of Xenia by Local Alpha.

Dan P. Farrell of Dayton by Local Alpha.

J. J. Hoge of Martins Ferry by Local Belmont County.

H. Hering of Bridgeport by Local Belmont County.

J. A. Rehm of Springfield by Local Alpha.

Comrade Davis of Byesville by Local Zanesville.

C. E. Shilling of Washport by Local Zanesville.

Leo Backman of Akron by Local Akron.

Two locals making nominations failed to sign the name of their local to same, and as a consequence the state secretary did not know to whom to credit nominations.

IS YOUR LOCAL LISTED HERE

If your local is listed here, then your local is one of the locals which has one or more foreign speaking Socialist Party branches within its jurisdiction. This being the case, it becomes the duty of your local to give these foreign speaking branches equal voice and vote in the election of delegates to the state convention.

You can do this either by calling a mass convention of all party members, foreign and English speaking; or you can elect your delegates by having ballots printed and giving every party member an opportunity to vote.

These locals have foreign branches within their jurisdiction. If you do not know the names and addresses of the secretary of your foreign speaking branches, write to the state secretary and he will inform you.

Akron, Alliance, Ashtabula, Barberton, Belmont County, Byesville, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Conneaut, Dayton, Hamilton, Lorain, Mansfield, Newark, Salem, Steubenville, Toledo, Warren and Youngstown.

AT THE
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Sunday, July 22nd,
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Every Comrade in the State
Is Invited