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What Have I Done?

1. What have I done during the past six months that has been of any benefit to the Local?

2. What would become of the Local if every member had done exactly as I have done?

3. How many times have I been absent when I could have been present if I had made an effort to do so?

4. If I had been negligent, is it because I am at fault, or because the rest of the Comrades don't do their duty?

5. Am I going to continue in the same old way, or am I going to start something?

6. Am I in partnership with the rest of the members in running the business of the Local?

7. Is it right for some one else to do all the work, and me to expect an equal share in the benefits?

8. How would you like some one to say that to you after the social revolution?

9. You are talking socialism, you believe in its principles. You would like to see the Co-operative Commonwealth actualized. Of course you would.

10. But are you doing anything to bring success to the efforts of those who are trying to bring about public ownership of the means of life? Are you giving merely verbal support?

11. Are you going to your friends and neighbors and working?

12. Let it not be said after the great change that the battle was fought and you were not there.

Herb Hostetler, secretary of local Wayne Tp., reports the death of Comrade S. R. Booher. "He had been ill for nearly a year," writes Comrade Hostetler, "and now that he is gone, we feel his loss very keenly. Comrade Booher was a veteran Socialist and school teacher, was a very able debater and was always ready to meet the opposition at any time and any place.

Are you a leaner or a lifter? Yes, we appreciate your sympathy, your commendations, your kind words, but right now ACTION is needed. How are you acting? Are you acting in an "I don't care" manner? Or are you up and doing ever alert to the needs of the hour; ever giving time and labor to strengthen the organization?

State Organizer Baker made a speaking tour the fore part of this month, holding meetings in Lorain, Elyria, Ravenna, Cuyahoga Falls, Marion, Mans-

field, Alliance, Dayton, Hamilton, Middletown, Springfield, Columbus, Uhrichsville, Dover and Canton.

Go to your next local or branch meeting and take part in the election of a state secretary and a state executive committee of seven members. Ballots have been sent to your secretary. Do your part in helping to vote so as to elect those comrades to office who, according to your best knowledge, will give the best service.

You Are Invited!

STATE PICNIC
SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO
Puritas Springs Park,
Cleveland

SUNDAY, JULY 22d

GEO. R. KIRKPATRICK

late candidate for Vice President and author of "Think or Surrender" and "War—What For", will be the principle speaker.

BRING YOUR FAMILY—BRING YOUR FRIENDS—BRING YOUR LUNCH

Come and spend a day of social and intellectual intercourse with Socialists from all parts of the state. This picnic occurs at the close of the three day's session of state convention of the Socialist Party, and all delegates will be in attendance. Many short speeches by the delegates will help make up the program.

HELP MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST SOCIALIST PICNIC EVER HELD IN THIS STATE

To reach the picnic grounds, take Lorain avenue car at the Public Square, Cleveland. Ride to the Lorain car barns and there transfer to a Puritas Springs car which will take you direct to the picnic.

You Are Invited!

Money Is Needed For Defense Purposes

EVERY SOCIALIST AND SYMPATHIZER IS ASKED TO GIVE AS LIBERALLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE FOLLOWING COMRADES WHO WERE ARRESTED BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR PEACE AND AGAINST WAR.

COLUMBUS: Ammon A. Hennacy, Harry E. Townsley, Cecil Bailey. These comrades were arrested and charged with treason. It is claimed they had printed and circulated leaflets opposing conscription. The charge against them was subsequently changed to conspiracy.

MARIETTA: John Lewis Hammond. Originally charged with treason for his anti-war activity.

CINCINNATI: Walter Gregory, John Hahn, Charles Thieman, Alfred Welker, Philip Rothenbusch, Arthur Tiedtke, William Gruber, Alexander Feldhaus, Fred Schneider, Frank Reis, Gustave Weis, William Georg and Jos. Geier, secretary; Lotta Burke, financial secretary; and Thos. Hammerschmitt, candidate for mayor of the Socialist Party of Cincinnati. All these comrades were charged with treason.

CLEVELAND: Charles Baker, state organizer; C. E. Ruthenberg, national committeeman, and A. Wagenknecht, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio, indicted by the federal grand jury and charged with discouraging enlistments. Charges are based upon an affidavit made by a person just recently admitted to party membership, claiming that the anti-war speeches of the three indicted comrades led him to refrain from registering. Israel Handler and Harry Israel, charged with failing to register.

LORAIN: John Sulin and John Gvesovich, charged with failing to register.

AKRON: L. Shapiro, charged with failing to register. These are Ohio cases so far recorded in the state office and in the defense of which the state organization of the Socialist Party will assist.

WE MUST PUT UP A STRONG FIGHT FOR THESE COMRADES—TO DO THIS WE MUST HAVE MONEY—TO GET MONEY, EVERY COMRADE OUT OF JAIL MUST SHOW HIS LOYALTY TO THOSE COMRADES IN JAIL AND UNDER INDICTMENT BY CIRCULATING LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND CONTRIBUTION LISTS.

It is intended to secure the very best legal talent possible to defend the arrested comrades. The state and national organizations are co-operating in this matter. In many other states similar cases must be looked after. The state executive committee of the Socialist Party calls the 5,000 members in this state to the rescue of their jailed comrades by asking for **GENEROUS** contributions of money. Circulate the **LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND CONTRIBUTION LISTS** among the workers in the mines, the factories, or the railroads or the farms, among your relatives, your friends and fellow workers in your union.

GET TO WORK AT ONCE—COLLECT EVERY CENT YOU CAN.

AND NOW READ THIS, PLEASE: Attorney Jos. W. Sharts writes the state office of the Socialist Party the following incident which occurred in Cincinnati and which should lend encouragement to every one of us in our work of securing contributions for the defense fund:

"I want to tell you of an incident which ought to be made known to every workingman, if such a thing could be done, for our heartening up in the struggle. The incident is this: We did not know if we had bondsmen enough to release both Lotta Burke and Thos. Hammerschmitt, bonds for the other thirteen comrades having already been secured. As it turned out, when the judge raised the bonds of these two comrades to \$9,000 each, we were able to find bondsmen for only one. The question then was, which of the two was to remain in prison. Comrade Lotta Burke, sitting beside me, worn and weary from the long, hard day, turned to me and very quietly asked: 'How is the jail up in Dayton?' (Federal prisoners are sent from Cincinnati to Dayton for incarceration.) 'Do they have a separate place for women prisoners there?'"

"Yes," I answered. "A jail isn't a very nice place for a woman," she went on, smiling faintly. "But Tom Hammerschmitt has a large family, and they need him. So if one of us has to stay in prison, let me be the one."

"And thus it was that Tom Hammerschmitt walked out into the free air that evening, to his home and friends. And Lotta Burke went up to the Dayton jail, shackled to a deputy sheriff.

"She is there still. We are trying to find bondsmen for her, too, although, where there are so many to find bonds for it is hard.

"I venture to think that some day, when the heat of present passions will have sunk to ashes and the annals of the obscure struggle now going on for higher ideals than war and human slaughter come to be written, there may be found a little paragraph for Lotta Burke, who went back to prison for her comrade's sake."

GET A LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND CONTRIBUTION LIST FROM YOUR LOCAL OR BRANCH SECRETARY TODAY. BEGIN TO COLLECT MONEY UPON IT IMMEDIATELY. SEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 WEST MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.

A. WAGENKNECHT,
State Secretary, Socialist Party of Ohio.
1291 Cook Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.
Phone—Marlo 1460-J.

ON DISTURBING MEETINGS

STATE CODE, SECTION 12814: Whoever willfully interrupts or disturbs a lawful assemblage of persons or a person, while he is at or about the place where such assemblage is to be held or is or has been held, shall be fined not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or imprisoned not more than Ten (10) days, or both. (R. S. 6896.)

Cited. State vs. Railway Company. 7 O. N. P. 571, 19 O. D. (N. P.) 867 Ames vs. State, 11 O. N. P. (N. S.) 385.

A former statute punishing similar offenses by fine only, upon summary conviction, although imprisonment as a means of enforcing the payment of the fine was authorized, was held not to conflict with Article 1, Par. 5 and 10 of the constitution, because no provision was made for a trial by jury. 42 O. S. 186.

Comrade Secretary

HAVE YOU ANY BAD STANDING MEMBERS?

How many bad standing members are there upon your rolls? Did you bombard these members with the "arrears letters" sent you by the state office some days ago? Do you need more of these letters?

This set of two letters and a postal card should cure the most obstinate case of "I always forget to pay my dues," as well as that kindred disease known as "I always forget to go to meetings."

If you were not sent enough letters by the state office, send in a call for more. Keep on sending your "bad" members these arrears letters until you are positively assured that their case is hopeless.

RUTHENBERG IN CINCINNATI

Two meetings were held in Cincinnati by C. E. Ruthenberg, following the arrest of fifteen Socialists of Local Cincinnati for treason. Both meetings were very well attended, many new members were admitted into the party, and the morale of the local organization helped materially.

All arrested comrades are now out on bail, excepting Lotta Burke. The local has already raised a defense fund of considerable size and the members are facing forward, determined to strengthen their local and carry on their propaganda work despite all difficulties.

The cases of A. A. Hennacy and H. E. Townsley, convicted of conspiracy in Columbus, will be appealed. They are under \$9,000 bonds and are still in jail awaiting bondsmen.

GET A LIBERTY DEFENSE FUND LIST FROM YOUR SECRETARY

YOU GUESS WHY

There is something happening to us. We don't know what it is, but just to create a little interest we are going to allow every comrade one guess as to the reason.

Only one guess, remember—and every comrade who can not guess right will be recommended to an asylum for feeble minded.

Here is what has happened to us in the month of June, 1917.

1. The Treasury of the Party contains a surplus of \$1,447.18.

2. 1,000 initiation stamps were sold, which means about that many new members admitted in one month.

3. 6,339 dues stamps were sold. A greater number than has been sold in any one month for years past.

Locals that used to buy twenty dues stamps at a time have surprised the state office with orders for one hundred at a time. Locals that thought themselves fortunate in admitting four or five applicants to membership in a month, are now admitting all the way from 15 to 50.

Although there has been a little interference with our meetings here and there by the state militia and the Chambers of Commerce, locals in all parts of the state report a wonderful growth in the interest in Socialism and the party's position upon the war.

We predict that the municipal elections this fall will have many surprises in store for all of us and for the capitalist class in particular. Many locals expect the increase in the Socialist vote in their cities to be so overwhelmingly large, as to capture the city governments.

To work then! Let's all labor diligently in the distribution of educational literature and in securing still more members for our party.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

By a vote of four to none, the State Executive Committee decided to postpone its meeting of Saturday, June 30th, to Thursday, July 19th at noon. The motion was made by Tom Clifford. E. L. Hitchens, Scott Wilkins, Wm. Peterson, Geo. Bundy voted yes. Other committeemen did not vote.

The Du Pont Powder Company declared a special dividend of 1 percent, to help the Red Cross War Council's \$100,000,00 fund. The action of the Du Pont Company follows the lead of the United States Steel Corporation.

THE ROLL CALL.

Less locals than usual answer the roll call this month. Are the local secretaries being overworked, registering the many new members that are being admitted into the party, so that no time remains to make out the monthly report? We wonder!

LOCALS	New Members	Paid to Date	Total on Rolls
Akron	.....	..	125
Alliance	..... 1	28	36
Alpha	.....	12	20
Ashtabula	..... 9	151	188
Buffalo	..... 1	8	13
Canton	..... 44	70	98
Clark County	..... 4	15	32
Columbus	..... 23	87	110
Conneaut	..... 1	21	21
Convoy	.....	13	14
Coshocton	..... 7	33	41
Crestline	..... 10	14	20
Dayton	..... 17	104	148
Dennison	..... 1	22	22
Dillonvale	.....	15	35
Dunkinsville	.....	11	11
East Liverpool	.....	14	35
E. Youngstown	..... 1	20	28
Edgerton	.....	13	24
Elmwood Place	.....	35	35
Hamilton	..... 30	174	199
Lorain	..... 2	32	44
Mansfield	..... 9	34	48
Marion	..... 7	17	18
Marysville	.....	2	9
Massillon	..... 5	40	65
New Bremen	..... 9	14	15
New England	.....	3	3
North Star	.....	4	10
Portsmouth	..... 24	105	134
St. Marys	..... 11	35	35
Saltillo	.....	6	8
Sandusky	.....	22	43
Seneca County	..... 2	45	53
Toledo	..... 7	124	214
Uhrichsville	..... 1	39	39
Van Buren	..... 1	14	18
Wadsworth	.....	5	9
Warren	..... 9	99	139
Wayne	..... 1	5	5
Zanesville	..... 1	22	24

YOU ARE APPOINTED

Supply yourself with application cards and go to work at once. You are appointed an organizer for the Socialist Party. And by you we mean YOU—you who are reading this.

This is no time for comrades to rest upon their past accomplishments. These are times when every comrade is called upon to do more than ever before for the organization.

So never mind how little or how much others are doing. Do YOUR share. And begin work TODAY. Explain to those whom you ask to join that Socialism is the only cure for war just as capitalism is the only cause of war. We want no one's membership just because he or she is opposed to war. On the other hand, we want everyone who believes that capitalism should be overthrown and democracy in industry substituted to become a dues paying member of our party.

Your're appointed organizer. GET BUSY!

The trials of Chas. Baker, C. E. Ruthenberg and A. Wagenknecht will take place in Cleveland this week.

Municipal Elections Very Important

We hope that there will not be even one local in the state, that fails to enter the municipal elections. No elections were ever so important to our party and to the country as a whole, as the coming municipal elections will be. These elections will offer the first opportunity for voters to register their favor or disfavor of the present war and all the steps leading to it; all the acts of congress and the president; all the utterances of the kept press.

Nor has there ever been a time when the Socialist Party was enabled to carry on its work of education upon such a large scale as will be the same during the coming municipal campaigns. Support and offers of assistance will pour in, and locals entering municipal campaigns will find themselves surrounded by thousands of sympathizers, who are beginning to recognize the claim of the Socialists as true, namely that world peace can come only thru Socialism.

Lay plans for your municipal campaign now. Nominate your candidates at once. The State Office will supply you with whatever information you need relative to placing your candidates upon the official ballot.

COMRADE ETHEL BALMAT WRITES: "Just a few lines to let you know that Comrade Baker's meeting in Alliance was most successful. He held an audience of five hundred until 10:30 P. M. The largest collection we've had for a long time was taken."

MAJORITY REPORT CARRIES OVERWHELMINGLY

The anti-war proclamation of the delegates attending the recent national convention was carried in this state by a vote of 1307 to 184. The national vote upon this referendum was about 20,000 for the majority report and about 3,000 for the minority report.

"If a man refuses to buy a Liberty Bond from you, I say knock "him down," is the advice given salesmen of the bonds by Charles G. Davies, president of the Central Trust Co., of Illinois.

Liberty bonds totalling three billion dollars were bought by four million people. Only three hundred million dollars worth of these bonds were bought by people subscribing for \$10,000 worth or less.

STATE OFFICE PRICE LIST

SUPPLIES.

Dues Stamps, each.....	11c
Dual Dues Stamps.....	11c
Initiation Stamps, each.....	25c
Dues Cards, 50 for 75c, 25 for.....	40c
National Constitutions, each 5c, 25 for.....	50c
Application Cards, per 100.....	40c
State Platforms, 100 copies for.....	25c
Transfer Cards, 10 for.....	10c
Rubber Stamp, Arm and Torch, each.....	20c
Letter Heads, per hundred.....	40c
Envelopes, printed, per hundred.....	40c
Electrotypes, Arm and Torch, each.....	25c
Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for.....	20c
Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for.....	20c
Red Flag Pins, each.....	25c

LITERATURE.

Socialist Songs, with music.....	10c
Marxism and Darwinism, Pannekoek.....	10c
The Socialist Movement, Rev. Vail.....	10c
Our Mental Enslavement, Caldwell.....	10c
Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels.....	10c
Shop Talks on Economics, by Marcy.....	10c
What to Read on Socialism, catalog.....	5c
Value, Price and Profit, by Marx.....	10c
What's So and What Isn't, by Work.....	15c
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Engels.....	15c
The Class Sense of Socialism, by Spargo.....	25c
Industrial Problems, by Richardson.....	25c
Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vail.....	25c
Evolution, Social and Organic.....	50c
Socialism for Students, by Cohen.....	50c
Socialism and Modern Science, by Ferri.....	\$1.00
Poverty of Philosophy, by Marx.....	\$1.00
Theoretical System of Karl Marx, Boudin.....	\$1.00
Philosophical Essays, Dietzgen.....	\$1.00
Positive Outcome of Philosophy, Dietzgen.....	\$1.00
Physical Basis of Mind and Morals, Fitch.....	\$1.00

Send your order to THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO, 1291 Cook avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

The State CONVENTION

WILL CONVENE AT 10 A.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 20th
SOCIALIST HALL

737 Prospect Ave., Cleveland

Every Delegate
Should Be Present
at the Opening Session

Delegates failing to present their credentials before 3 P. M. upon the first day of the convention, will not be paid their mileage.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT.

More money flowed into the state office during the month of June than for any month in the last five years. In fact, June receipts were twice and three times as large as the receipts for any one month in the years 1914, 1915 and 1916. The receipts for June, 1917, totalled \$1,027.93. Exactly \$250 worth of initiation stamps were sold during the month, which means 1,000 new members added to our party. And \$233.91 were contributed to our organization fund. Read for yourself.

Receipts.

Dues stamps, regular.....	\$ 294.40
Dues stamps, dual.....	7.00
Dues stamps, M-A-L.....	16.00
Dues stamps, foreign branches.....	109.55
Initiation stamps.....	250.00
Organization fund.....	233.91
Ohio Socialist subs.....	6.90
Supplies.....	22.97
Literature.....	2.70
Assessment stamps.....	74.50
Defense fund.....	10.00

Total receipts.....	\$1,027.93
Balance May 31.....	1,084.69

Grand total.....\$2,112.62

Expenses.

Dues stamps.....	\$ 200.00
Postage.....	41.62
Organization.....	23.50
Ohio Socialist.....	26.00
Supplies.....	27.00
Literature.....	21.00
Foreign Br. dues to locals.....	38.62
Printing.....	45.15
Wages.....	125.00
Phone and telegraph.....	5.95
Office.....	16.70
Assessment stamps.....	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	19.90

Total expenses.....\$ 665.44

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1917.....1,447.18

In the Various Funds.

General fund.....	\$ 405.02
Organization fund.....	887.07
Mileage fund.....	155.09
	\$1,447.18

Want a Scott Nearing Date?

Scott Nearing, now a member of the Socialist Party of Ohio, has consented to tour the state during the months of September and October. Altogether he will contract for about 20 speaking engagements. Locals desiring his services are asked to make application immediately, addressing such application direct to the state office. There will be no preferred days or dates, and all locals engaging Comrade Nearing will have to accept the date given them by the state office. This is necessary in order that the routing may be made continuous and as inexpensive as possible.

Terms will be announced later. Comrade Nearing will speak in a hall or out in the open, just as the local prefers.

ORGANIZATION FUND STILL GROWING

There is now a total of \$887.07 in the State Organization Fund. The sum contributed in June amounted to \$233.91. Surprise at our ability to gather so much money has been expressed not only by many comrades in this state, but also by comrades of other states. That the Ohio Socialist movement is based upon a loyalty to the cause of Socialism which can not be questioned, is now a foregone conclusion.

Lists sent in since last month's report follow: List 246, John Savant, \$3.00; remitted by Fred Walchli \$12.00; list 810, M. J. Cchuster, \$2.00; list 248, John Le Panore, 75c; list 409, Polish branch, Neffs, \$1.00; list 1198, A. A. Clark, \$6.00; list 91, Chas. Podewells, \$4.75; list 92, J. De Haven, \$2.00; list 808, E. Skinner and M. Fark,

\$8.50; list 412, Aug. Benson, \$3.00; list 249, C. E. Schilling, \$7.00; list 928, M. Bayer, \$5.25; list 839, M. Muzinich, \$3.50; list 1553, M. Kanrich, \$2.00; list 1551, J. Vidivich, \$2.25; list 830, Jack Kocjan, 50c; list 827, Jos. Jauch, 75c; list 826 Andrew Robich, \$1.45; list 828 Louis Zupauc, \$.625; list 829, Jos. Francestair, \$1.20; list 908, Comrade Hacker, \$3.20; list 1558, Otto Krihwan, \$5.25; list 1564, Otto Krihwan, \$1.00.

Other contributions were: J. Freudenthal, German branch, Toledo, \$10.00; W. N. Patterson, Zanesville, \$1.00.

Comrades who still have Organization Fund lists in their possession, are asked to send them in as soon as possible, together with a money order for the contributions secured. Local secretaries are asked to call for a return of these lists by the members they gave them to.