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January Is "Pay Up" Month

SQUARE UP!

January is SQUARE UP month in the Socialist Party. Look at your dues book at once. Owe any dues for last year? And if you do—SQUARE UP!

And don't only SQUARE UP. Pay two, three or four months in advance. Do this and keep on doing it and you won't be behind in your dues again. For verily we say unto you, it is better to pay ahead than to be behind.

Of all people a Socialist should NEVER be behind. Socialists are an advance guard. That is, those Socialists are who never forget that it takes dues to make the party grow. So again we say January is the month in which every Socialist will

SQUARE UP!

"Start the New Year Right"

February Will Be "Get Subscriptions" Month. We'll Have a Job For You To Do. Look For It

WARNING!

YOU ARE A SUBSCRIBER to the OHIO SOCIALIST. THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU DESIRE TO REMAIN A SUBSCRIBER? AND IF YOU DO, IF YOU WANT TO GET THIS PAPER THIS COMING YEAR, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AT ONCE.

WE ARE NOW ISSUING THE OHIO SOCIALIST TWICE A MONTH.

WE INTEND ISSUING THE OHIO SOCIALIST AS A WEEKLY, BEGINNING VERY SOON. WE EXPECT TO MAKE THE OHIO SOCIALIST A MIGHTY GOOD WEEKLY. WE EXPECT TO INCREASE THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF THE OHIO SOCIALIST BY THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS. BEFORE THE STATE, CONGRESSIONAL AND COUNTY CAMPAIGNS ROLL AROUND, WE HOPE TO MAKE THIS PAPER SO POWERFUL THAT IT WILL PLAY A BIG PART IN THE VICTORIES.

YOU CAN HELP BY RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AT ONCE. THE NEW SUBSCRIPTION PRICE IS 50c FOR THE YEAR. AND FOR THIS FIFTY CENTS YOU WILL GET THE BEST WEEKLY SOCIALIST PAPER THAT OHIO HAS EVER PRODUCED. THIS VERY MINUTE TAKE PAPER AND PENCIL AND SEND IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION, FOR THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST

WARNING!

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REYNOLDS COMES Loaded With Socialism



Comrade Reynolds has earned for himself an enviable reputation in every state which he has toured. As a teacher of Marxian Socialism he has few peers and as a director of Socialist Study Classes he is known nation-wide. Recently he edited "Truth," published at Duluth, Minn., which paper, during his editorship, was recognized by all active Socialists as the most original and educational weekly in the country. Every local in Ohio should call for a Reynolds date, for here is a comrade who knows enough about Socialism to be

able to teach every one of our party members more about it. Comrade Reynolds is a "wake 'em up" speaker, every meeting he addresses is made interesting and lively by him, and your local will be a much better local after his visit. Terms are \$5.00 advertising matter will be supplied by the state office consisting of posters and postal cards. A Reynolds date very seldom costs a local anything for Reynolds has the knack of making his meetings financial as well as educational successes. And if the local wishes, Reynolds

BARNARD READY FOR OHIO DATES

Wm. F. Barnard, whose lectures at the Cleveland Socialist Forum have been a feature of Socialist activity the past two years, is now ready to accept speaking engagements from locals desiring his services. Address the state office.

(This notice appeared in the October Ohio Socialist, but as this issue of the paper did not reach the locals, many comrades failed to get the information that Comrade Barnard was available for dates.)

LUCKY 13 FOR HAMILTON

Hamilton's campaign for new members did not end with its municipal campaign. It believes with the state office, that the campaign for more members and better educated membership should be a never-ending campaign.

We are therefore glad to announce that 13 new members joined Local Hamilton in December. Did your local do as well? Or half as well? Did your local admit any members in December?

Many times a person feels like faltering, surrounded by so many Henry Dubbs, the Ohio Socialist arrives filled with new hope and energy. I am then spurred on and again resolve to work until we win. Geo. W. Markert.

will give instructions as to how to conduct a Study Class after his lecture.

Locals that have not yet applied for a Reynolds date are requested to lose no time in doing so. The longer you wait the more you lose. Free posters and postal cards.

Reynolds dates, so far as arranged follow: Wauseon, Jan. 5; Montpelier, Jan. 6; Edgerton, Jan. 7th; Toledo, Jan. 8; Sandusky, Jan. 9; Fremont, Jan. 10; Lorain, Jan. 11; Elyria, Jan. 12; Cleveland, Jan. 13; Ravenna, Jan. 14; open, Jan. 15; Toronto, Jan. 16; East Liverpool, Jan. 17; Derwent, Jan. 18; Opperman, Jan. 19; Columbus, Jan. 20; Piqua, Jan. 21; Dayton, Jan. 22; Hamilton, Jan. 23; Cincinnati, Jan. 24; Norwood, Jan. 25; Portsmouth, Jan. 26 and 27; Dunkinsville, Jan. 28; Winchester, Jan. 29; Williamsburgh, Jan. 30; Cincinnati, Jan. 31.

Comrades at these places are asked to attend the Reynolds meeting. Not only this, but they are also requested to help give Reynolds large audiences by bringing their friends to the meeting.

ORGANIZE OR FAIL

By J. E. Snyder

For a number of years there has been a little group of Socialists who have advocated that we need a big propaganda of organization as extensively and intensively applied as to the subject of Socialism itself.

To go out and get people to join the Socialist Party who have no knowledge of the party, or its affairs, traditions or purposes and then go off and leave the party to the tender mercies of this group of raw recruits, is about as wise as to organize a school of children and then go off and leave them without a teacher.

We need a group of organizers trained. Young men in the movement should get down to business and learn how to organize. They should devote as carefully as possible as many hours a day to this study as they would in taking a civil engineering course by correspondence. Then they should take the road for a couple of years and rub elbows with the national movement.

Organization implies that we are seeking power politically. If we are, we must realize that we are going up against a mighty powerful machine and to combat its influences and powers we must go well prepared.

We need precinct organization, local organization, district organization, county organization, state organization, national organization and international organization.

We have all this in literature. It has been well worked out and if our Socialists throughout the world would take hold of the question of organization seriously and study hard I am sure that we would hoon with the ma-

chinery we now have, build a formidable organization.

We notice that the National organization is getting the idea started that we need more and better organization. We hope that they will get the ideas of organization out to the Comrades of the locals and that this subject can be made as interesting as Socialism itself. By analogy I am convinced that it can be made as interesting as any other subject.

We should have a Socialist primer for the young folks, showing the organization and development of society into the organized state. "Let's organize," but first let's know what organization is.

If I were to advocate the establishment of Socialism next week you would say I was crazy, but it's just as crazy to try to organize to win elections next week.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DRAFT LAW

A special message just received from Washington gives the information that the U. S. Supreme Court has declared the conscription law constitutional. Unless an appeal is granted on minor technicalities, Chas. Baker, C. E. Ruthenberg and A. Wagenknecht will have taken up their residence in the Canton workhouse by the time this paper reaches our subscribers.

The Socialist party of Washington and Kentucky are now issuing combination dues books and constitutions similar to those in use in this state.

Subscribe for The Ohio Socialist

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The Ohio Socialist,

1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

Enclosed find 50 cents for a year's subscription to the Ohio Socialist.

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DO NOT BE AFRAID

There is nothing treasonable or seditious in the policies or activities of the Socialist Party. It is true that a number of Socialists have been convicted on various charges in different parts of the country. In every instance, however, the conviction was based on individual acts or utterances alleged to be in violation of the Espionage or other acts.

In no instance has a person been convicted for belonging to or joining the Socialist Party, for voting for Socialist candidates or for advocating the election of such candidates.

The Socialist Party is a legally recognized political party and as such, it, and its members, have certain rights which even the democratic administration must recognize. Under these circumstances there is no reason why the local organizations should not begin now to prepare for the greatest campaign in the history of the United States, the state and congressional elections of 1918.

And the first step in preparation is ORGANIZATION. You know what they did on election day in New York City—one reason for it was that in the preceding six months they had taken in thousands of new members. In Chicago they doubled their membership (5,000 new members being added to the rolls) and as a result forced a fusion of the old parties and polled 35 per cent of the total vote. In Cleveland, Ohio, with a candidate for Mayor, (Comrade Ruthenberg) who had been convicted and was out on bail pending an appeal of his case to the Supreme Court, the local carried on a vigorous campaign and increased its vote in former elections by 400 per cent.

The same was true of all those cities this fall where the comrades were not bluffed or intimidated. Wherever they went ahead in the face of threats and intimidation, as they did in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and a score of smaller places, and strengthened their organization and waged an active and aggressive campaign they were rewarded by such an increase in membership and in votes as had never been dreamed of by the Socialist Party before.

And REMEMBER—Morris Hillquit is NOT in jail; the seven aldermen, eleven legislators and a municipal judge we elected are NOT in jail; the hundred and forty-two thousand citizens who voted for them are NOT in jail.

It is not a crime in the United States to belong to, or vote for a political party that opposes the party in power. Don't be intimidated. Get busy NOW and strengthen your local organization for the coming battle.

This can be done in small towns and rural communities as well as in the larger cities.

IT CAN BE DONE EVERYWHERE!

YOU PAY

How the capitalists have suffered as a result of the war is told by the Cleveland Press in its year's end review of Cleveland's financial condition.

Under the heading "Dividends Have Been Liberal" it tells us:

"A dozen corporations listed on the Cleveland Stock Exchange paid their stockholders \$8,000,000 extra this year in addition to the \$5,000,000 of regular dividends. Unlisted corporations have been fully as liberal to their owners.

"The dividend record of the year would look even more impressive had it not been for repeated stock dividends which tended to keep down the cash dividend rate and the price of shares within bounds."

Surely it must be exceedingly comforting for the workers to know, while they stretch their earnings to meet the increased cost of everything they use, that they have provided so well for the capitalist class.

The workers pay the price of everything. At the present they are bearing the burden and suffering of existing conditions while the capitalists GET MORE PROFITS.

PAY DUES AHEAD

Never Be Behind

Start 1918 Right With the Party

A Happy New Year

To All the Members of the Party

Chas. Baker,

Cuyahoga County Jail

A Threat of Sabotage?

In the Plain Dealer for Dec. 20th, prominence is given to a statement by Christian Girl, president of the Standard Parts Company, and chairman of the military truck section of the Council of National Defense. Mr. Girl urges a marked reduction in the percentages of the excess tax. Ignoring the experience of England, which now levies an 80% tax on excess war profits, he frankly asserts that taxing profits would reduce production, and that reducing the rate of taxation would increase production. Naturally he wants to increase production, in order to help win the war. His statements are a frank admission that the patriotism of manufacturers is secondary to their desire for profits, and that if they are not allowed a clear field for extortionate profiteering, they will lay down on the job. This is what Professor Thorstein Veblen, in his latest book, is bold enough to term "Sabotage." Mr. Girl has not even the grace to apologize for this state of affairs, but takes it for granted as the most natural thing in the world. We Socialists have long taken this sort of

thing for granted, too.

If a group of miners, wearied by long hours, and stung by ill-treatment and catastrophes, caused from the criminal lack of safety devices, dares to strike, or become apathetic in their work, as at Bisbee and Butte, the cry is set up of German money, sabotage, I. W. W., etc. Lynching and deportations are presumed to be the tools of democracy in treating the situation. But if a capitalist threatens sabotage in this respectable way, he is granted front-page space in the newspaper for his propaganda, and is given all due honor. He may even gain his point if he is able to muster enough strength in the lobbies of Congress.

But let such men beware of the people, and their government. If the government has the power to conscript lives, it can also conscript property and profits. If the necessity ever arises from such piratical practices, it will not be slow to take over and operate these plants for the public good, which after all, is the only real justification for their existence.

S. H. PHINNEY.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

Terms for these speakers are \$5.00 a meeting and expenses. Locals can either write the state office for a speaker or write direct to speakers, selecting the one nearest to them whenever possible in order to save expense.

There are probably other comrades whose names do not appear upon this list who could fill occasional speaking engagements. These comrades should send their names and addresses to the state office at once.

Wm. FRANCIS BARNARD, 737 Prospect Ave., Room 406.

CHAS. BAKER, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood.

M. J. BEERY, Newman Building, Mansfield.

MAX BOEHM, 180 Harbor St., Conneaut.

LOTTA BURKE, 1417 Walnut ave., Cincinnati.

EDWIN BLANK, 66 Public Square, Lima.

JOHN BRANSTETTER, 3111 Imperial St. Cincinnati.

TOM CLIFFORD, 3517 Fulton road, Cleveland.

THOS. DEVINE, 1527 Starr Ave., Toledo.

A. B. HOLLENBAUGH, 859 Columbus Ave.

JOHN HOUSE, 746 Vine St., Coshocton.

E. L. HITCHENS, 3918 Regent Ave., Norwood.

FRANK MIDNEY, 247 West Scott St., Youngstown.

JAS. T. MARSH, 2120 Maple Ave., Norwood.

FRANK L. MARTIN, 107 Ft. Square, Marietta.

E. Z. MILLER, 1228 7th St., Lorain.

WM. PATTERSON, 1727 Michigan St., Toledo.

MARGUERITE PREVEY, 140 South High St., Akron.

WM. F. POTTING, Josephine ave., Akron.

GEO. REUKAUF, 4468 Harrison St., Bellaire.

HUGO RUEMMELE, 2754 Norwood ave., Norwood.

C. E. RUTHENBERG, 737 Prospect ave., Cleveland.

JOS. W. SHARTS, 127 South Main St., Dayton.

ALBERT STORCK, 65 Dale ave., Mansfield.

M. A. TOOHEY, 1520 Oakwood ave., Toledo.

A. J. TOTTON, 414 East Main St., Alliance.

SCOTT WILKINS, 715 West Pearl St., Wapakoneta.

GERMAN SPEAKERS

JOS. JODLBAUER, 2358 Ontario St., Cleveland.

CHAS. M. PRIESTAPH, Lima.

HUNGARIAN SPEAKERS

M. ERDEL, 3038 West 20th place, Cleveland.

LEO FRANKL, 2308 West 41st St., Cleveland.

P. E. ROSENGARTEN, 319 A St., Lorain.

ITALIAN SPEAKERS

PETER SAMBUCCO, R. D. No. 1, Bellaire.

A Week in the World of the Workers

CORRESPONDENT SAYS SOCIALISTS WILL PLAY BIG PART IN PEACE MEETING

The Socialist Party will be one of the three big factors to settle the peace terms of this war, says John F. Bass, Paris correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. He writes:

"Official circles here in Paris, when discussing peace terms, say that there will be in the questions of peace three controlling influences, the United States, the Vatican and the Socialist Party. According to their views, the Vatican will control Austria and Bavaria, a combination which could not be resisted by Germany. To my astonishment they declare that the United States will exercise in respect to peace almost a controlling influence over France and Britain. Not only does the United States control the resources necessary to the entente for the prosecution of the war, but also England and France must look to the United States for help in re-establishing their industries after the war. That question will depend, of course, on how far the United States is exhausted before the end of the war and how complete shall be the military and political victory over Germany.

"The Socialist party will play an important part because of the failure under the strain of war of the old social and governmental institutions. The Socialist Party is the only party which offers a definite program for the radical change of the institutions and will thus exercise a strong hold over the peoples of democracies."

SPANISH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHOW GAINS FOR SOCIALISTS

The municipal election in Spain, which took place on Nov. 11, shows a distinct gain for the Socialists, according to London "Justice."

In Madrid the Socialists nominated as their candidates Socialists condemned by court martial to penal servitude for life: Bestiero Largo, Cabalero, Anguiano and Saborit. All of these comrades were triumphantly elected members of the Madrid City Council, together with a number of other Socialists.

Many other places report the election of Socialists.

In Madrid the authorities have annulled the election of the four condemned men and declared the four men who were next highest elected. The Republican and Socialist press is loud in its denunciation of this action.

GERMAN MAJORITY SOCIALISTS IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT

Reports in the capitalist newspapers indicate that the majority of Socialists of Germany are being forced into greater and greater opposition to the government. One dispatch recently printed stated that the Socialists were carrying on a nation-wide campaign for acceptance of the Russian peace terms of "no annexation and no indemnities." A few days later "Voerwarts" the Berlin Socialist daily, was reported suspended by the government for three days on account of an attack upon the food administration. It is apparent from these reports that the Socialists of Germany are being compelled by the logic of events to take a position of more aggressive opposition to their

governments, just as the French Socialists and English Labor Party have been.

Incidentally it is interesting to note that penalty for offending the government in autocratic Germany was only three days suspension, whereas in this country a similar offense sounds the death knell of the offending newspaper.

NEW REPUBLIC SUMS UP MR. BURLERSON'S RECORD

The New Republic, a weekly magazine which usually supports the Wilson administration, thus sums up the record of Postmaster-General Buler-son:

If anyone should tell the president that one of the largest employers of labor in the United States not only is hostile to the unions of his workers, but is using his great influence to have their right to organize forbidden by Congress, Mr. Wilson probably would be angry. If one should then go on to say that this employer had granted no increases in wages for 10 years; that he made no provision for superannuated employees; that he allowed no sick leave; that he gave no extra pay for night work; that he summarily discharged officers of unions who published their grievances; that he would not answer their petitions or consult with them; that he refused delegates leave of absence to attend national conventions of their associations; that he sought to prevent them from presenting their grievances to Congress or influencing legislators through any channel except himself, the president might justly call him an intolerable autocrat. Yet all these charges are made, many of them with unimpeachable evidence, against the executive of a national industry employing hundreds of thousands of men and women scattered through every city and village in the country. They are made against a member of Mr. Wilson's cabinet, Postmaster-General Buler-son.

MINORITY SOCIALISTS IN FRANCE GAIN IN STRENGTH

The minority Socialists in France, who are opposed to permitting members to serve in the national cabinet with other parties and who favor discussing with German Socialists ways and means to force an early and honorable peace, have doubtless become the majority in the party organization.

In the election for officials in the Department of the Seine (Paris) the minority won—104,250 to 102,312 votes. The Department of the Rhone membership has also swung over to the minority and passed a resolution demanding that the Stockholm conferences continue and that the French party send representatives.

DRAFT LAW GOES DOWN TO SECOND DEFEAT IN AUSTRALIA

Conscription has been defeated for the second time in Australia. The first referendum taken more than a year ago showed a big majority against the law and in the election recently held the vote was 764,000 for and 938,000 against. The majority against the law was 174,000.

STATE OFFICE PRICE LIST

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