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STATE ORGANIZER CHAS. BAKER TO BEGIN WORK

Comrade Chas. Baker, of Hamilton, who was elected state organizer at the last meeting of the State Executive Committee, will enter the employ of the Socialist Party of Ohio about the time that this paper reaches its subscribers.

He will spend about a week in the state office, assisting in the preparation of routings and in the purchase of our first organizer's automobile, and in conferring with the State secretary as to organization methods and plans.

As soon as his first month's routing is agreed upon, it will be made public and locals included in same will be requested to give Comrade Baker support and co-operation, such as is due a comrade who is fearless enough to enter the field while the nation is in a "state of war."

Locals will not be asked to guarantee Comrade Baker either his expenses or wages. Locals WILL be asked to guarantee our first state organizer all the assistance within their power, so that real, fundamental organization work may be accomplished.

And DON'T do this, locals: Don't write the state office that you CANNOT USE Comrade Baker after the state office informs you he is coming. To assure the success of this organization work, and in order that we may spend the money contributed to our \$1,000 organization fund most economically, every city, village and rural community along a certain line of travel will have to be visited consecutively; every local along the route will have to agree to co-operate with the state office, and changing of dates will hardly be possible.

Watch for the RED auto. Watch for State Organizer Baker. He'll run into your town some fine day with his sleeves rolled up, ready to give your local a boost. Help him and the boost will be the more effective.

A BOUQUET—COMRADES.

"Local Dover thinks so well of The Ohio Socialist and the able manner in which it is put up, that we want to get it into the hands of all prospects and sympathizers and then follow them up with application cards."—R. C. Ricker, local organizer.

"A Streak of Revolutionary Red."

A streak of revolutionary red splashed across the city of Cleveland on May 1st. It was Local Cleveland's May Day parade, the best and biggest ever held, and that in war time, too, when it takes real courage to carry a red flag or a sign proclaiming opposition to war.

Thousands of Socialists were in the line of march. Women and Socialist Sunday School children formed a large part of the parade. Hundreds of signs and red flags were carried and each comrade wore a red carnation. Walter Bronstrup was parade marshal.

On Sunday, May 6th, Local Cleveland, in conjunction with the S. L. P., and the I. W. I. U., held a mass demonstration for peace and against conscription upon the Public Square. Fifty thousand pieces of literature were distributed on the morning of that day announcing the meeting. Between three and four thousand people attended, and despite the rain and cold, stood for more than two hours listening to the speakers.

On May 13th a mass convention of members was held by this local. At this convention the following resolution was passed:

"RESOLVED, BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN JOINT MEETING ASSEMBLED, THAT WE DENOUNCE THE LAW PROPOSING INVOLUN-

The Can and Can't Of It

You say you can't and you can't, that's all. You say you can't and the result is you make no start, do not try, accomplish nothing. The "can't world" is a dismal world to live in. In it not a thing is ever done. It's a mighty quiet and dead place.

But if you say you CAN, then no matter how little you do, you do something by the very fact that you make an attempt to do something. This attempt to do something spurs you on to repeated attempts. Soon you begin to live in the "can world," a world in which nobody makes excuses and everybody makes good.

There are goodly numbers of "can't do it" and "can do it" Socialists in this state. The only ones we know, however, are the "can do it" tribe. You see, we never hear of or from the "can't do it" comrades. They never have anything to report.

Just to enthuse and encourage us all, and to give credit where credit is due, permit us to call your attention to a few of the "can do it" tribe. There's H. L. Bovey of Uhrichsville, grand chief. This comrade is in the sixties, if we guess correctly. That is, sixty years young, and working for Socialism is making him younger every day. He took an organization fund list in each hand, so to speak, made the rounds, and returned with a total of \$17.50 in contributions. Great work!

Comrade Mrs. Bodecker of Cleveland belongs to the Sixth Ward Branch. She has plenty of children, the usual amount of housework the wife of the average wage worker is burdened with, and yet found time to collect \$13.50 upon her organization fund list.

Comrade Adolf Harle is a new member of the Second Ward Branch, Cleveland. He didn't say he couldn't, but went ahead and did. Contributions upon his list amounted to \$5.15.

The South Slavic Branch of Akron, without the wink of an eye, voted \$11.50 out of its treasury for the organization fund.

Comrade Mrs. Maria Fark also found time outside of her home duties and the care of her children to secure a total of \$8.25 for us.

H. M. Kohr, of Dennison, sent in an equal amount, namely, \$8.25.

A. L. Hitchcock, another Cleveland comrade, went forth into the wilderness of the "well-to-do" and secured \$8.00 from eight people.

And the Scandinavian Branch of Youngstown, with only nine members, boosted our \$1,000 organization fund by \$28.00, thanks to Comrades Erickson, Johnson and Carlson, who circulated the lists.

And there are numerous others in the "can do it" tribe, but space forbids mentioning them all. There's J. M. Remy, of Greenfield; John Vehre, of Adena; Laura Crowley, of Fostoria; E. J. Huber, of Van Buren Township; and ever so many others. And why do we insist upon calling your attention to these comrades and their good works? Because we want you to go and do likewise.

We repeat—there's money waiting for us on all sides, to assist our party in its peace propaganda. Take an organization fund list and collect some of it. Join the "can do it" tribe.

THE COURAGE OF HENNACY.

A comrade left Columbus about two weeks ago with a suit case and traveling bag full of leaflets which read: "Young men, are you going to refuse to register for military service in a foreign country while the rich men, who have brought on this war, stay at home and get richer by gambling in food stuffs? We would rather die, or be imprisoned, for the sake of justice, than kill our fellow-men in this unjust war."

By the time this comrade reached the state office he had already visited ten towns, left leaflets in each town with comrades for distribution, and encouraged hundreds of young men in their refusal to register for military service.

At the state office a routing of about forty more towns was agreed upon, and the comrade is already well on his way assisting locals and Socialists in their campaign against conscription.

Such is the courage of Ammon A. Hennacy, secretary of the local at Columbus. Let his courage be an inspiration to all comrades to continue their efforts to abolish capitalism, so that this world may at last enjoy peace forever.

TARY SERVITUDE,' IN VIOLATION OF THE 13TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FORM OF CONSCRIPTION TO MURDER OUR FELLOW BEINGS IN OTHER LANDS, AND RECOMMEND TO AND URGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND THE WORKERS GENERALLY THAT THEY REFUSE TO REGISTER FOR CONSCRIPTION, AND PLEDGE TO THEM OUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT IN THEIR REFUSAL TO BECOME THE VICTIMS OF THE RULING CLASS."

The meeting also voted to hold another mass demonstration for peace and against conscription upon the Public Square, Sunday, May 20th. Fifty thousand pieces of literature were to be distributed on the morning of this date, announcing the protest meeting and giving the local's position upon conscription and against registration.

That Local Cleveland is well favored with a "streak of revolutionary red" seems very apparent. We have read Socialist papers from all parts of the country carefully, and we do not know of another local in the party any place that has been so active and courageous in its anti-war and anti-conscription agitation and propaganda.

Local Columbus is planning a distribution of leaflets upon the question of registration and conscription, as well as a mass demonstration. There is a strong movement on foot in that city against registration.

