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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.

