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TO THE MEMBERS of the SOCIALIST PARTY BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

For the first time in years the Socialist Party has met in a harmonious Convention. The old era of dissensions is passing and a fruitful period of re-building the Party is at hand. Our opportunities are many and our tasks important. Never since the war burst upon the world eight years ago has the Socialist Party faced such a favorable situation as now.

The Party has gone through an acid testing such as few organizations have ever endured. Weakened by nearly five years of assaults by reaction in the hope of destroying it, yet the Party survives as a militant movement that must be reckoned with. Its every prediction of the outcome of the war has been verified. Increasing numbers of workers are coming to understand this. As the memory of the frightful struggle recedes, our enemies are discredited and knowledge of what has happened gives us increasing prestige.

To the Party members who have withstood the terrorism of our enemies and the morbid psychology that has created so many illusions in our movement, we send hearty congratulations. They are the substantial elements that have been tested and tried in a period of terrorism and hysteria. They are sound. They constitute the basis of re-building and extending the Socialist Party, increasing its membership and making it a power as before the World War.

On all sides we witness profound changes in the labor movement. The amazing reaction of three years is awakening the workers. They are groping for new light. They are questioning old policies. They are becoming conscious of the new needs of the hour. Although unformulated, their ideas are in process of transition in accord with the changed world in which we live.

Heavy as our tasks have been, the new task before us is as heavy though not an unpleasant one. It is to gather the fruits of our manly and courageous stand during the war. Some of our members have gone to prison for their principles.

Others have been ostracised. Some have been exiled from their home communities. Yet all are firm in the correctness of our brave position in a period when the world went mad with hate and hysteria. Our enemies can never crush such a movement. They can only injure it, they cannot permanently cripple it.

State and Congressional elections face us this year. Never were the parties of capitalism more discredited than now. It is our year. Our organization destroyed in the West by the white terrorists must be re-established this year. We must extend aid to the comrades in these States, who have held our banner aloft in the most trying period of our history.

We must place speakers and organizers in the field. In some states and congressional districts we must help them to nominate and file tickets. We must help them to re-organize their locals and to wage campaigns. To do all this the National Office must have the earnest cooperation of all the organized States. It must have the enthusiastic support of all its members. The locals must redouble their efforts to increase their membership. They must inspire the membership with enthusiasm. They must make every member appreciate the great opportunity which a National Election affords for rebuilding the Socialist Party. The Socialist Party vote in recent elections, especially in Wisconsin, shows that increasing numbers of voters are coming to our standard.

We therefore urge all party members to carefully consider the plans for organization, finance and the campaign, adopted by the Convention, and to co-operate with the N. E. C. in carrying them out. There is plenty of work to do and important results to be achieved.

The National Convention of the Party expects every local, every branch and every member to respond to this call to intensified activity.

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Mystery Money

By Herbert Morrison

(Secretary of the London Labor Party)

Confronting the Labor Movement there is a new danger; it is the danger of mystery money. It has many ways of showing itself, and whilst one could hazard guesses as to where it comes from, it is not possible to be absolutely certain.

For example, at the recent Guardians elections at Woolwich, candidates were run against Labor in five wards by an organization which claimed to represent the unemployed. The election address used was a more expensive production than could be afforded by the Woolwich Labor Party—a rather remarkable state of affairs. The same people fought East Woolwich against Labor at the L.C.C. election. In the very nature of things one would have thought it impossible that organizations really representing the unemployed should have money for the fighting of elections on this scale, and many Woolwich residents are wanting to know where the money comes from.

In other spheres of activity, more or less related to the working-class movement, one finds organizations with full-time staffs, and publications sold at prices which obviously involve considerable losses, publishing no detailed information as to sources of their income.

These people, often bourgeois in origin and training, frequently pose as the Simon Pures of Labor and Socialism, but one would be more confident about their organizations if one could be told frankly where all the money was coming from.

FIGHTING THE LABOR PARTY

Until recently, the Communist Party, with a miserable membership, appeared to have far more money to play with than many sections of the Labor and Socialist Movement possessing far larger membership. One suddenly saw a considerable number of new organizers appointed, large offices taken, and a considerable clerical staff employed. This prosperity provided an opportunity to do much mischief in the ranks of organized labor, nominally for revolutionary ends, but having the practical effect of helping capitalism and reaction.

And about the same time a number of Anti-Labor Party unemployed "leaders," many of whom appeared to be suffering no great econom-

ic stress, blossomed forth in various centers. Even now, the Communist Party and allied concerns can afford expensive newspaper advertisements calculated to sow disunity among Trade Unions in times of stress, whilst at the same time putting out cant about the "United Front."

Now I do not say that persons who desire to be active in the promotion of subsidized organizations have no right to do so; and there can be no danger in such a situation, provided the Labor Movement is on its guard against the power and influence of mystery money.

GRAVE DANGERS

If the Labor Movement is not on its guard, grave dangers face it, because it can then be easily split by the secret agents and secret subsidies of Governments and of employers and their organizations, often working through nominally revolutionary bodies.

It has generally been assumed that much of the money in question is distributed by the Russian Government. This may be true, but we possess no proofs of the matter. In any case, we cannot see that the Russian Government has secured value for its money. Whether it is so or not, and whatever the source of the money, organized labor ought to set its face against bodies which it has reason to believe must be financed by secret subsidies.

Such a situation puts an artificial power into the hands of irresponsible and otherwise unimportant bodies. It creates a situation which, sooner or later, will inevitably be used by the political and industrial enemies of Labor. It gives facilities to what is unclean and dishonest, and is contrary to the healthy desire of the Labor Movement that the workers and their friends shall directly finance and control their own organizations, and that the sources of their finances shall be open to the light of day.

NOTICE

Much important material is left out of this issue on account of space. The special report on the Amnesty Work of the Socialist Party, membership and financial tabulations accompanying the National Executive Committee report to the convention and other material will be published in the June issue.

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We are proud of our record. It is now a matter of history.

With greetings of solidarity and comradeship we look forward to your aid in re-building the Socialist Party and the Socialist International, the hope of the workers of the world and the redeemer of the working class from political subjection and economic servitude.

LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST PARTY!
LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL!

May every struggle bring a victory and every victory lead to the final conquest for the liberation of the toilers of the world!

Important Actions of the Convention

The amendments to the party constitution adopted by the Cleveland Convention as shown in the minutes published in this issue will go into effect automatically on July 1st.

The most important amendments are those dealing with membership dues and co-operation with Labor and Farmer groups for united political action. The dues amendment is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Until such time as the National membership shall total 25,000 the state and National dues paid by members of the Socialist Party shall be 25 cents per month of which 12½ cents shall be paid to the National Organization and 12½ cents to the State Organization; when the membership reaches 25,000 or more, the dues shall be 20 cents per month of which the State and National Organizations shall each receive 10c.; when the membership reaches 50,000 or more the dues shall be 15c. of which the State and National Organizations shall each receive 7½c.; provided that local and branch organizations may charge such local and branch dues in addition to the State and National dues provided for in this section as may be decided upon by the respective local and branch organizations; and provided further than while the State dues shall in no case be less than is provided in this section that nothing in this section shall prohibit the State Organizations from increasing the state dues by action of the membership in the respective states.

In those states where no State Organization exists, the Locals and Branches shall pay the State dues as provided above to the National Organization.

The provisions of this Amendment are quite clear and need little explanation. The National Convention stamp is abolished, the Socialist World is continued and the National dues increased to 12½c. of which 3c. goes into a special Convention Fund, 4c. in payment of the member's subscription to the Socialist World, leaving 5½c. for the general expenses of the National Office. The State dues are set at 12½ cents making a total for State and National dues of 25c. per month, and permitting the local and branch organizations to set their branch and local dues at whatever they deem best. The State and National dues are both reduced from 12½c. to 10c. when the National membership reaches 25,000 and to 7½c. when it reaches 50,000. These reductions will be automatic, and require no further action by Convention or Referendum.

UNITED POLITICAL ACTION

The following was adopted:

That the National Executive Committee be authorized to select delegates to attend the next meeting or convention called by the Conference

for Progressive Political Action. Such delegates to have no power to commit the Socialist Party to any policy, but only to report with recommendations to the next succeeding National Convention.

Motions were adopted which amend Article IX of the National Party Constitution so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The platform of the Socialist Party shall be the supreme declaration of the Party, and all state and municipal platforms shall conform thereto. No State or Local organization shall fuse, combine or compromise with either the Democratic or Republican parties, or refrain from making nominations, in order to favor candidates of either of those parties.

Sec. 4. (a) State organizations of the Party may co-operate with organizations of Labor and working farmers within their state in independent political action, but such co-operation must in all cases be on the following conditions:

(b) The term "Independent political action" shall be understood to mean the nomination and election of candidates by a party of workers, farmers and Socialists organized in express opposition to the Republican and Democratic parties and excluding participation in the primaries of such parties as well as voting for their candidates in public elections.

(c) That in any form of political co-operation the independence and integrity of organization and official political standing of the Socialist Party be fully preserved.

(d) The political programs and platforms adopted for such joint political action shall not be inconsistent with the platform and declaration of principles of the Socialist Party.

(e) That all co-operation of Socialist State organizations shall be subject to approval by the National Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. No member of the Socialist Party shall under any circumstances, vote for or advocate voting for any candidate other than those nominated, endorsed or recommended by the Socialist Party.

A number of inquiries have already been received as to the effect of the above sections and the degree to which fusion or combination are permitted under their provisions. The comrades will note that the integrity of the Party organization and its standing as a political Party must be maintained. This requires that the Party nominate and support candidates on a Socialist Party ticket, as in practically every State the standing of a political party is dependent upon its having a ticket and receiving a certain number or a certain percentage of votes. Since it is compulsory for the State and Local Organizations to nominate and support a Socialist ticket, and they are prohibited from endorsing or supporting candidates of the Democratic or Republican parties,

the only permissible forms of fusion, combination or co-operation are as follows:

(1) The State and Local Organizations may nominate and run on the Socialist Party ticket some candidates who do not belong to the Socialist Party, but are members of the Farmer Labor Party or other independent parties of wage workers or farmers, upon condition that such other parties or groups agree to support the entire Socialist ticket.

(2) The State and Local organizations may nominate candidates for only a part of the offices, leaving other candidates to be nominated by and to run on the tickets of the co-operating party. In case of this arrangement it is mandatory that the Socialist Party nominate upon its ticket a candidate for that particular office upon which the standing of political parties in that state is based. In some states this office is that of Governor, in some Secretary of State, and in other instances that of Congressmen from the respective congressional districts.

(3) In those states where the election laws will permit of their doing so, the Socialist Party may nominate a joint ticket with the Farmer-

Labor or other independent parties of wage workers or farmers, the nominees to be selected by mutual agreement from both the Socialist Party and the co-operating parties, in whatever proportion and whatever manner may be mutually agreed upon. All the nominees to be supported by each of the co-operating parties and to appear upon the ballot as the candidates of each of the parties.

Local organizations must secure the approval of the State Executive Committee, and State organizations must secure the approval of the National Executive Committee for any of the arrangements or plans specified above. The membership will understand that the propositions adopted at the Convention are designed to permit but not to compel such co-operation as is specified. State organizations desiring to maintain the old position of the Party against fusion or co-operation with any other political party or organization, are at liberty to do so. State organizations desiring to co-operate with the Farmer-Labor or similar independent parties of wage earners and farmers may do so upon the conditions and within the limits specified in the motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS of the CONVENTION

AMNESTY

More than three years after the end of the World War, there are 114 men held in the Federal prisons as political prisoners. All other nations have released their war-time prisoners. All Foreign spies convicted in the United States have been released. The Espionage Act has been repealed. Peace with the Central Empires has long ago been declared. Trade relations with the late enemy countries have been resumed.

Despite these facts the Administration continues to delay the release of prisoners whose crime is that they expressed opposition to the war. This policy can only be construed as one of vengeance. It is not an enlightened policy calculated to wipe out the bitter memories of the war. It is a continuance of the hysteria of war into the peace period.

The Socialist Party renews its protest against this policy of vengeance and calls upon all divisions of the Party to press the question of Amnesty continuously and vigorously. The campaign this year provides a special opportunity for emphasizing Amnesty as a burning issue before the masses.

In emphasizing the grave importance of this question the Socialist Party warns the masses of the big issue involved. It is of tremendous importance to them that free utterance of opinions should not be strangled. Free discussion is just as vital during war as in time of peace. It is during a period of war that the most reactionary classes tend to acquire complete control over the nation's life.

The workers of the nation are now suffering from the reaction which acquired its dominion and power during the enforcement of the Espionage Act. Sad experience has taught that no concessions can be made on the fundamental issue of civil liberties without jeopardizing the existence of the whole labor movement.

We therefore appeal to all sympathetic organizations to join with the Socialist Party in an intense campaign for the release of all political prisoners, no matter what their views may be.

RECOGNITION OF SOVIET RUSSIA

Firmly convinced that order, sanity and peace cannot be brought into the world disorganized and distracted by the devastating war, without the co-operation of the one hundred and fifty million of human being constituting Soviet Russia, the convention of the Socialist Party urges the immediate and complete resumption of trade and diplomatic relations with the government of that country.

HAITI

Assembled in National Convention the Socialist Party vigorously protests against American imperialism in the Latin-American countries. The extension of American financial power in this region is a grave menace to the peoples of Latin America and has already aroused their fears of American conquest.

The strangling of the republic of Haiti and rule of the Haitian people by armed might of

American forces constitute a shameless episode in modern history. The permanent censorship established over the press, the prohibition of meetings to discuss grievances, the imprisonment of editors and ruthless domineering of the people of Haiti by American naval power, follows a policy of extending American Imperialist rule over our weaker Latin-American neighbors.

San Domingo, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia and Guatemala have also been the victims of this imperialistic power of steel and finance. The United States cannot be a bully abroad without being a bully at home. This ruthless invasion of other countries, our financial penetration and diplomatic coercion, are carried out in behalf of the great banks and American investors. It means the extension of American police power over other peoples, reducing them to submission, and eventually transforming these countries into vassal areas of American finance and capital.

We warn the masses of the United States abroad. We urge all organizations of the masses against this sinister policy of ruthless conquest to join with us in this protest that the disgraceful regime established in Haiti and the foreign policy which leads to it may be brought to an end.

THE CHARLESTOWN TRIAL

In the long and tragic history of the class struggle there has been few trials of workmen of more significance than the trial of miners at Charlestown, West Virginia.

For more than a generation certain coal regions of that state have been under the despotic control of the coal corporations. The economic, political, social and educational institutions have passed into the hands of an oligarchy of coal masters. Human life is insecure. Governing power is the despotic instrument of capitalist masters of the mines. Courts are often bureaus of the mine owners. Armed guards are privately employed. Police officials are selected by the coal companies and paid out of public funds.

This despotic rule of the agents of absentee owners has extended to state officials and even to federal courts. Assassination of union miners by the hired mercenaries of the coal companies has been common. Union organizers have been assaulted and some murdered. Union men and their families have been driven out of mining towns despite all their supposed legal rights of residence.

In the past twenty years this intolerable regime has resulted in armed clashes between the miners and the armed thugs. These armed conflicts have extended to the hills and assumed all the aspects of civil war. Law has been no protection to the miners. It has been an instrument of class rule. The normal safeguards of the citizen have been prostituted to the services of the brutal regime resting on capitalism in the coal industry.

The miners on trial at Charlestown are charged with "treason." They were not in rebellion against the state. The state had surrendered its powers to the guidance and control of the coal masters. The miners have been in rebellion against a system of private murder subsidized by the mine owners and acquiesced in by governing tools of despotic corporate mastery of the coal fields.

The Socialist Party in National Convention assembled, in the name of a million Socialist voters, protests against the solemn farce of trying these miners for "treason." More appropriate would it be for the Federal Government to intervene in West Virginia on the ground that a republic no longer exists in that state. Its government is a vassal of the mine owners, an agency for protecting an intolerable regime of private coercion and murder.

We urge all organizations of the workers to render all assistance possible to the miners on trial at Charlestown. Their struggle is our struggle. Their defeat is our defeat. Their victory is our victory.

If these victims of the West Virginia oligarchy are convicted it would encourage all forces of black reaction in the United States. It would be a blow to the labor movement of the country. Mass meetings should be held, literature circulated and publicity given to this grave and important struggle. Every channel of publicity should be employed to mobilize sentiment in behalf of the miners on trial at Charlestown.

The Socialist Party pledges its local organizations, its members, and supporters to do their utmost in obtaining the acquittal of these men and to hasten the day when the coal oligarchy of West Virginia shall go the way of all forms of despotic class rule that have cursed humanity in the past.

THE NEGRO QUESTION

The Socialist Party of the United States welcomes the awakening of the Negro workers of the nation to a consciousness of their importance in modern society. The establishment of definite Socialist views among an increasing number of Negro workers is a welcome sign of the understanding between white and black workers that is so essential to the emancipation of all workers.

The Socialist Party reaffirms its position that the interests of all workers regardless of their color or nationality are identical. It is the special duty of white workers to combat the racial and color prejudices that weaken the Labor movement and which aid in prolonging the exploitation of both white and black workers.

The Socialist Party holds that the liberation of white workers from political dependence and industrial servitude is bound up with the liberation of all workers of all colors and nationalities. All should march together united by common ideals and a common purpose—the building of

a free world in which racial prejudices and social ostracism will disappear and humanity will be one human family united in one human solidarity all over the world.

We also heartily approve the intent of the Dyer anti-lynching bill and hope that if enacted it will be enforced and the lynchings that have disgraced the nation will be firmly dealt with and finally extirpated.

RESOLUTION ON PAN-AMERICAN SOCIALIST RELATIONS

Capitalist Imperialism of the United States is doing everything within its power to exploit the Central American and South American countries and enslave all the American Nations South of the Mexican border line and the Gulf of Mexico. The capitalist-imperialistic policy of the Washington Government machine toward our sister Republic of Mexico deserves the most emphatic condemnation. The latest developments in Haiti are conclusive proof that our capitalist cliques and our High Finance are crushing the smaller nations of the West Indies and of Central America with all the brutality that would have done honor to the most Czarish rule of ancient Russia. Unfortunately the great mass of the American people are not informed of the outrages committed under the Stars and Stripes in West India and Central America. Our capitalist press observes a conspiracy of silence about these crimes committed by our American Imperialists and their Washington Government against the American Republics and American nations South of the Rio Grande.

It is therefore of the most urgent necessity that the Socialist Party of the United States make every effort to get into closer relations with the Socialist Parties and Labor organizations of Mexico, Porto Rico and Central and South American countries in order that effective co-operation of Pan-American Socialist Parties may be brought about.

THEREFORE, BE it RESOLVED that the incoming National Executive Committee be instructed to do all within its power to bring about a strong and influential Pan-American Socialist Movement.

Telegrams

Jewish Daily Forward,
175 East Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Convention of Socialist Party sends hearty greetings to Forward on its 25th Anniversary and wishes it many more years of devoted service to the working class.

OTTO BRANSTETTER, Secretary.

John L. Lewis, Pres.,
United Mine Workers of America,
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Socialist Party assembled in National Convention assures the striking miners of the country of the hearty support of our organization and its supporters. We hope that as consequence of this struggle the miners will be confirmed in their conviction of the need of united political action to stay the sweep of reaction in this country.

OTTO BRANSTETTER, Secretary.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 29, 1922.

Eugene V. Debs,
Terre Haute, Ind.

The National Convention of the Socialist Party sends fraternal greetings and regrets the ill health that prevents your attendance, the ill health which is the result of your loyalty and devotion to the Workers' Cause.

We are encouraged and confident for the future and sincerely hope that you will soon be able to again take your place as a spokesman for the Party in the great work which lies before us.

OTTO BRANSTETTER, Secretary.

Workmen's Circle Convention,
King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

The Socialist Party Convention sends fraternal greetings to the Workmen's Circle, the great and progressive fraternal organization of the Jewish workers of America. May you succeed in your work to organize the Jewish workers for their mutual aid for the present and for the co-operative commonwealth in the near future.

OTTO BRANSTETTER, Secretary.

THE NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the national constitution, the national Convention elected a new National Executive Committee. Comrades Oneal, Gerber, Wilson and Brandt of the out-going committee declined to stand for re-election.

The following comrades were elected:

Edmund T. Melms	Wisconsin
William H. Henry	Indiana
James H. Maurer	Pennsylvania
George E. Roewer, Jr.	Massachusetts
Morris Hillquit	New York
B. C. Vladeck	New York
Victor L. Berger	Wisconsin

REPORT OF THE N. E. C.

April 29th, 1922

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In accordance with the action taken at the Detroit Convention no steps have been taken by your committee looking to the affiliation of the Party with any international organization.

During recent months a general sentiment has developed throughout Europe looking toward the unification of the International movement. A meeting was held at Berlin, April 2nd, of the Executive Committee of the Second International, the Third International and the Vienna Working Union. A committee of nine was elected to prepare and issue a call for an international conference to be participated in by the affiliated parties of the three internationals and by such independent parties as those of Italy, the United States and Argentina.

The question of our attitude toward conference and the international organization which may grow out of it is before the convention in the form of Agenda propositions.

THE CONFERENCE FOR PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTION

At the Detroit Convention in June, 1921, a resolution was adopted instructing the National Executive Committee

"To make a survey of all radical and labor organizations in the country with a view to ascertaining their strength, disposition and readiness to cooperate with the Socialist movement upon a platform not inconsistent with that of the Party, and on a plan which will preserve the integrity and autonomy of the Socialist Party."

In the following August, the National Executive Committee considered the instructions received and issued a call for united action to be sent to all organizations that might respond to such a call. The document thus sent included two fundamental points which we quote here:

"(1) Participation in the proposed conference does not bind or obligate any organization to the acts or decisions of the conference.

(2) In case an organization, federation or working agreement is reached, it is understood that the participating organizations will retain the integrity of their organizations and complete independence in all matters affecting their membership and organizing affairs."

This call was sent to more than 100 organizations early in September, 1921. The replies received were not many and within a few weeks after we had acted the officials of the International Association of Machinists, who were interested in the matter, suggested that they take the initiative in calling the conference, as it would probably meet with a better response.

The Conference was finally called by the sixteen standard railroad organizations to meet in Chicago, Monday, February 20th. The following members were invited and attended the conference:

Victor L. Berger, Otto F. Branstetter, Morris Hillquit, Daniel Hoan, James ONeal and Bertha Hale White.

The actions of the conference and of these party members in the conference have been reported to the party membership, and do not require repetition. Comrades Hillquit and ONeal were each appointed on one of the two committees of the conference. In committee they were frank in stating the views of the Party regarding independent political action and that they had no desire to exceed the instructions of the Detroit Convention. The same views were expressed on the floor of the Conference.

It became apparent that any attempt at the conference to push it forward to the organization of an independent party would be premature and impossible of realization. The great majority of those present favored capturing nominations of the capitalist parties.

However, the conference did agree to call another conference after the November elections to consider results and confer regarding further plans. It also decided on a permanent national committee to further the work of future organization. These two matters were not mentioned in the call for the conference and they constituted an advance which, we hope, will lead to a federated party in the future.

Comrade Hillquit was made a member of the National Committee of Fifteen selected by the conference and it is his opinion that in the committee there is more sentiment favorable to independent political action than when it was constituted and that the next conference in December may be expected to take a more advanced and progressive stand.

In order that there may not be any misunderstanding as to the position of the Socialist members of the conference these members left a signed statement with the conference repeating the party's position as outlined in the Detroit Resolution and stating that we could not participate in any old party primaries or recommend voting for candidates of the Democratic or Republican parties.

The committee believes that in meeting with representatives of powerful trade unions and establishing a feeling of mutual confidence and understanding considerable progress has been made. We are confident that the prospects for a powerful mass party of the workers are promising as a result of our participation in the Chicago conference. The comrades who attended followed the party's instructions, maintained the independent position of the party, induced the conference to agree to another meeting and obtained the good will and respect of the men representing other organizations.

The National Executive Committee therefore recommends that the party continue its co-operation in this movement towards independent political action with the understanding that the Detroit resolution shall continue to guide the actions of the Socialist Party members who attend future conferences.

AMNESTY

The delegates are familiar, through regular monthly reports, of the activities of the committee in regard to Amnesty. A review of the Party's amnesty activities for the past three years is given in a supplementary report attached hereto.

RUSSIAN RELIEF FUND

Contributions to the party Russian Relief Fund amount to \$6,250.00.

Of this amount, \$2,000.00 was turned over to the New York Call for food to be included in their shipments, and \$2,000.00 was paid for 25,000 pounds of soap delivered to the consul of Soviet Russia at Libau, Latvia.

Upon information from the Friends Service Committee that soap is as vitally needed and is as instrumental in saving life in the famine districts as food itself, an additional order for 25,000 pounds has been placed to be delivered to the Friends Service Committee for distribution in the famine district. On this last order, \$1,000.00 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$937.00 which is to be paid upon delivery to us of proper receipts for the shipment.

This leaves a balance in the fund of a little more than \$300.00. As soon as this reached \$500.00 or more it will be turned over to the Call for supplies to be included in their next shipment. In case the Call does not make future shipments, whatever balance there is will be given to the Friends Service Committee, which is absolutely non-partisan and one of the most efficient and reliable of the relief organizations.

SOCIALIST WORLD

The mailing list of the Socialist World was revised in December of last year and all members not in good standing dropped from the list. At the present time

It is being sent to 7,500 members, which is over fifty percent of our present membership in good standing. An effort is being made to place additional names on the mailing list in order to reach the entire membership.

The present cost of the Socialist World to the Party is approximately \$275.00 per month.

The committee renews its recommendation of last year; that both the present and prospective value of the Socialist World cannot be overestimated, and no matter what curtailment of expenses may be made necessary by the general industrial depression the publication of the Socialist World should be continued.

LITERATURE

During the past year the committee has published but one new pamphlet, the Debs Canton Speech, a 32-page pamphlet selling for ten cents.

We have at the printers at the present time a 32 page pamphlet by August Claessens entitled "Is Socialism Inevitable?"

Literature sales have been slow and the committee has not felt justified in publishing propaganda leaflets under our financial circumstances and the general condition of the party.

In preparation for the opening of the Congressional campaign, the Incoming National Executive Committee should issue a new supply of leaflets dealing with current issues of interest to the working class of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

The membership in good standing at the present time is approximately 13,000, which is about the average maintained during the past year.

A tabulated statement of members of English and Foreign branches by months is attached hereto. The following is a summary of the attached report:

	English Br.	Foreign Br.	Total Mem- bership
Average Members for the year 1921.....	9,961	3,524	13,484
Average Members for year ending March 31st	8,161	3,555	11,716
Average Members 1st 3 months, 1922	8,127	4,583	12,710

At the present time, twenty-two states have state organizations. Of these not more than fifteen are effective, working organizations. For the purpose of facilitating the work of re-organization in the unorganized states, the Central Organization District, comprising Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, has been continued and two new districts have been created during the past year; the New England District, comprising Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island and the Rocky Mountain District comprised of Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

With the inclusion of the organized state of Massachusetts in the New England District, it is self-supporting and does not require assistance from the National Office.

An appropriation of \$75.00 per month for a period of six months from March 1st, is being made for the maintenance of the Rocky Mountain District.

THE OKLAHOMA SITUATION

The splendid movement formerly existing in the state of Oklahoma was almost completely destroyed by the persecution during the period of the war. There was, however, sufficient Socialist sentiment in the state to enable the promoters of the Oklahoma Leader to secure the investment of sums from ten dollars to several thousand dollars each from approximately 7,000 Socialists in that state for the establishment of a Socialist daily paper. It was the expectation that with the establishment of a Socialist daily the party would revive and regain its former proportions. Contrary to expectations and the promise of Leader promoters that paper commenced publication not as a Socialist paper, but as an independent.

This policy was sanctioned by many of the investors and comrades acquainted with the situation on the ground that the subscription and advertising support necessary for a daily could not be secured for a straight Socialist paper. It was understood, however, that the Leader was to support the Socialist Party editorially and in its general policy.

Contrary to these expectations, the Leader has been instrumental in the organization of the Oklahoma Reconstruction League, and is now supporting that organization in an attempt to nominate its candidates on the Democratic ticket in the primaries of that party.

In its issue of March 8th, the Leader urged the Socialists of Oklahoma to cancel their registration as Socialists and re-register as Democrats to support the Reconstruction League and its candidates.

The National Office took immediate action by circularizing former members through the state and calling a state convention in Oklahoma City on April 9th, for the purpose of reorganizing the Party and to nominate a straight Socialist ticket.

The action of the National Office met with enthusiastic support from comrades throughout the state and a successful convention was held at which a state organization was formed and a state ticket nominated.

From information available to the committee it is our understanding that the majority of the stock of the Oklahoma Leader is held by the Social Democratic Publishing Co., of Milwaukee, and that four of the seven members of the Board of Directors are Milwaukee comrades elected by the Social Democratic Publishing Co.

Responsibility for the policy of the Oklahoma Leader, however, seems to have been left entirely in the hands of the Oklahoma management consisting of John Hagel, Oscar Ameringer and Dan Hogan, former members of the Socialist Party.

CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

The question of a Congressional campaign is largely one of organization as no effective campaign can be waged in a majority of states until the party is revived and rehabilitated.

An attempt has been made to take care of this through the formation of the organization districts, but there are a number of unorganized states not included in any organization district and in which the work must be conducted directly by the National Office. The possibility of reviving the state organizations and nominating Congressional candidates depends entirely upon the ability of the National Organization to send organizers into these states within the next two months. This applies not only to the unorganized states, but to six or eight organized states where such assistance is imperatively needed.

Indications from all sections are that the party will receive an unusually heavy vote this year wherever we have candidates in the field.

The proper nomination and filing of such candidates is the immediate task which confronts the national organization. With this accomplished, the necessary enthusiasm will be engendered for the conduct of the campaign activity and election results will furnish the impetus required to put the party in good condition again.

The Committee estimates the immediate requirements for work at \$3,000, \$250 each for twelve states. Arrangements for raising this money immediately and for issuing literature suitable for the Congressional Campaign should be made by this convention.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE

The activity of the national organization of the Young People's Socialist League is covered in a report of Comrade Weisbord, National Director. The committee desires to call attention of the convention to the necessity and importance of assisting the young comrades in their important work, in strengthening their organization and making it an integral part of the work and organization of the Socialist Party.

The Committee is doubtful of the value of the New England States Conference of the Y. P. S. L. and the establishment of a magazine under their direction. It appears to be a needless duplication of the work properly assigned to the National Director and is calculated to develop into jurisdictional difficulties and other causes of dissension and disruption.

Attention of the convention and the constitutional committee is called to this matter to take such action as may be deemed advisable.

LANGUAGE FEDERATIONS

There are at the present time six federations affiliated with the party, Finnish, Jewish, Italian, German, Jugo-Slav and Lithuanian. In addition to these, a number of Bohemian branches are federated in an agitation and propaganda committee without the recognition and privileges of a language federation.

Accompanying this report is a tabulation showing the membership and the amount paid in dues by each federation monthly for the past year. This tabulation shows an average membership and purchase of dues stamps for the first three months of this year, as follows:

Membership—Finnish 2,491, Italian 490, Jewish 473, Jugo-Slav 657, German 428, Lithuanian 39.

In accordance with the constitutional amendment made by the last convention the National Office no longer pays a stipulated salary to the Translator-Secretaries, but in lieu thereof rebates each month for organization expenses an amount equal to the dues stamp purchases not to exceed \$100. per month. The Finnish Federation is the only Federation whose monthly dues amount to more than \$100 and is therefore the only one from which the National Office received any financial support in the form of dues.

Reports of the respective Translator-Secretaries to the convention are transmitted herewith.

THE HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY

The status of the headquarters property remains unchanged. There is a mortgage on it for \$15,000 which comes due March 3, 1923. The property is valued at \$35,000 and if it is necessary to do so, it should not be difficult to renew the mortgage next year.

At the present time we have much more room than is required for the work of the National Office, and rent offices to the state and county organizations, and the garage to an automobile repair shop. We have a number of vacant rooms, which we have been unable to rent, as neither business concerns nor conservative labor organizations care to have their offices in the Socialist Party Headquarters.

Taxes in Cook County has increased 50 per cent which raises the amount of taxes due on the headquarters property this year to \$1,563. In addition to these increased taxes, we have a special tax assessment for the opening of an adjacent street amounting to \$238, making a total of \$1,800 for the year.

Eighty per cent of these taxes are levied against the ground and less than twenty percent against the buildings. Three-fourths of the ground is unoccupied by our buildings, which means that we are paying a tax of more than a thousand dollars on vacant ground for which we will have no use in the near future. Under these circumstances, we recommend for the consideration of the convention the advisability of selling the present headquarters property and with our equity purchasing a property more suitable to our needs either in Chicago or in some other city.

FINANCES

At the Detroit Convention ten months ago we reported an indebtedness of \$21,000 exclusive of the Headquarters mortgage. The convention issued a call for contributions to a twenty thousand dollars sustaining fund for the purpose of paying this indebtedness. Up

to the end of the year when the fund was closed, the receipts amounted to \$13,000. Of this amount \$3,000 was used to pay the monthly deficit of the National Office and \$10,000 applied on our indebtedness, leaving a balance of indebtedness at the present time of \$11,000 exclusively of the Headquarters mortgage.

A tabulated statement covering the above items is attached hereto.

At its meeting in November prior to the closing of the Twenty Thousand Dollar Fund, the Committee issued a call for monthly pledges for the purpose of covering the monthly deficit and furnishing funds for organization work. Up to the present time, pledges have been received amounting to \$300 per month.

With the present income and operating expenses of the National Office the estimated deficit for the ensuing year will be \$400 a month.

ESTIMATE OF HEADQUARTERS, MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 1922

Wages	\$ 940.00
Socialist World	250.00
Postage ..	50.00
Coal	40.00
Organizers	200.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
N. E. C. Meetings	150.00
Taxes	150.00
Interest and Insurance	100.00

Total

ESTIMATED REGULAR MONTHLY INCOME, 1922	
Dues—English Branches	\$1,100.00
Rent	150.00
Monthly Pledges	300.00
Literature Profits	50.00

Total

The monthly deficit of \$400.00 shown by the above tables is based upon the average income and expenses for the past three months. In case there is a reduction in National dues, for which there is a wide-spread demand the deficit will be correspondingly increased. However, the entire deficit may, and perhaps will, be covered by the dues from the increased membership which may be expected within the next three or four months.

In the rules and order of business we have recommended the appointments of a committee on finance to devise means of covering this deficit, raising \$3,000 for immediate use in organization work preparatory for the Congressional campaign and for reducing the National Office indebtedness.

This problem while apparently difficult is easy compared with that which faced us at the Detroit Convention. At that time, the Party membership was still declining, the Party activities were at the lowest ebb, and we had an indebtedness of \$21,000 with the National Office on the verge of suspension. During the ten months which have intervened, we have increased our membership, revived activities in many branches and reduced our indebtedness \$10,000.

By taking advantage of the opportunity offered by the Congressional Campaign, we should be able to continue this improvement and to strengthen the Party numerically and financially to a greater extent than we have during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Edmund T. Melms,
James Oneal
Wm. H. Henry
W. M. Brandt
James H. Maurer
Lilith Martin Wilson
Julius Gerber
Otto Franstetter, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

Cleveland, Ohio, April 29, 1922

The Convention was called to order at 10:45, Saturday Morning, April 29th, by Executive Secretary Otto Branstetter.

Upon Roll Call, the following delegates responded:

California:	L. J. Wright
Connecticut:	Martin F. Plunkett
Dist. of Columbia:	J. Webb Richman
Indiana:	Emma Henry
Illinois:	Oliver C. Wilson
Illinois:	John M. Collins
Iowa:	W. G. Daniel
Kansas:	Ross Magill
Massachusetts:	George E. Roewer, Jr.
Massachusetts:	K. Seppa
Maryland:	Wm. A. Toole
Michigan:	Benj. Blumenberg
Missouri:	G. A. Hoehn
New York:	Morris Hillquit
New York:	B. C. Vladeck
Ohio:	John G. Willert
Oklahoma:	H. C. Geist
Pennsylvania:	Birch Wilson
Pennsylvania:	Charles Sehl
Wisconsin:	Edmund T. Melms

Delegates not present at opening of the Convention:

Utah:	A. Saperstein
Wisconsin:	Victor L. Berger

New Hampshire, New Jersey and Kentucky entitled to representation but elected no delegates.

Fraternal Delegates:

Y. P. S. L.:	Morris Novik
Finnish Federation:	William N. Reivo
Italian Federation:	Girolamo Valenti
Jewish Soc. Alliance:	Alexander Kahn
Jugo-Slav Federation:	Frank Petrich
Lithuanian Federation:	A. Zymont

Hillquit (N. Y.) unanimously elected Temporary Chairman.

Communications:

The following telegrams were read:

New York, N. Y., April 29, 1922

Socialist Party Convention,
Labor Auditorium, Cleveland.

The Jewish Daily Forward sends its fraternal greetings to the Party upon the occasion of its Coming-of-Age. The Party has stood true to the cause of Labor and Freedom in the years of persecution and dissensions, and it has suffered for that devotion. With the awakening of the working class to the real meaning of the past years, the Party will go forward irresistibly. May your proceedings be fruitful for the future of the American working class.

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD.

A. C. Cahan, Editor

Otto Branstetter,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrade: Please convey to the delegates of the Socialist Party in Convention assembled my cordial greetings and say to them that the state of my health alone prevents my being in attendance. It would afford me pleasure indeed to meet once more the comrades who are gathered at Cleveland and to exchange greetings after our long separation, but I shall have to look forward to some future occasion for the gratification of that desire. Trusting that the deliberations of the Convention may be uncompromisingly true to the fundamental principles and ideals of Socialism and fruitful of the best possible results to the international revolutionary movement of the working class, I am as ever,

Yours fraternally,
EUGENE V. DERS.

Telegrams were also read from the Fourth and Fourteenth Assembly districts, N. Y., English Br. No. 1 Motion by Oneal (N. Y.) That Comrade Branstetter be instructed to send a telegram of greeting to Comrade Debs in behalf of the Socialist Party Convention. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Reading of Rules and Order of Business as submitted by National Executive Committee.

Motion by Gerber (N. Y.) That No. 2 of Rules be amended to read as follows: That the Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party shall act as Secretary of the Convention with power to appoint two assistants. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Collins (Ill.) To amend Section 6 of Rules to read: Roberts' Rules of Order to govern the Convention except that no delegate shall, without the consent of the Convention, speak longer than 10 minutes, and not more than twice on any question, and no delegate to speak a second time while delegates who have not spoken desire the floor. Seconded and carried.

Rules and Order of Business adopted as amended. Nominations for Chairman for the Day.

Hillquit (N. Y.) by Wilson (Ill.) Nominations closed and Hillquit unanimously elected.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman for the Day.

Roewer (Mass.) by Wilson (Ill.) Nominations closed and Roewer, unanimously elected.

Comrade Harry Schreiber of Local Cleveland appointed Sergeant-at-Arms with instructions to appoint two assistants.

Board of Tellers appointed: Gerber (N. Y.) Wilson (Ill.) Valenti (Ital. Fed.)

Committee on Resolutions:
Nominations: Oneal (N. Y.), Wilson (Pa.), Toole (Md.), Hoehn (Mo.). Wilson and Hoehn declined. Oneal, Toole and Hoehn elected.

Committee on Finance.
Nominations: Brandt (Mo.), Vladeck (N. Y.), Magill (Kans.), Richman (D. C.), Sehl (Penna.), Wilson (Pa.), Wilson (Ill.).

Vladeck and Richman declined.
Motion by Richman: That Brandt, Wilson (Pa.), Kahn, Magill and Sehl constitute the Committee on Finance. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Vladeck (N. Y.) To reconsider the vote by which it was decided to appoint a committee of three on Resolutions in order to consider a motion to make it a committee of five. Seconded and carried.

Hillquit and Vladeck elected on Committee on Resolutions.

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) To add to Rules: That one fourth of the delegates present may move a vote by roll call. Seconded and carried.

Greetings by Fraternal Delegates.
Brief addresses were made by the following:

Morris Novik (Y. P. S. L.)
Reivo (Finnish Fed.)
Valenti (Italian Fed.)
Alexander Kahn (Jewish Socialist Alliance)
Frank Petrich (Jugo-Slav Federation)
A. Zymont (Lithuanian Federation)

Report of the National Executive Committee
A report of the activities of the National Organization under the direction of the Committee was read by the Executive Secretary.

Motion by Roewer (Mass.) That report be accepted and the recommendations therein contained to be before the Convention to be acted upon in conjunction with the Agenda program. Seconded and carried.

Comrade William Feigenbaum of the New York Call announced that copies of the Call were available to the delegates and would be throughout the convention.

Executive Secretary announced that the telegram published on page six had been sent to Eugene V. Debs.

Convention adjourned to reconvene at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called to order at 2 P. M.

Communications: Telegrams were read from Emil Seidel, Secretary of the Socialist Party of Wisconsin, and from the National Executive Committee, Jewish Socialist Alliance, New York City

The delegate from Utah not having arrived and the western states, with the exception of California being without representation, Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis was seated as delegate from the Rocky Mountain District upon recommendation of Executive Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The following Agenda proposals on International Relations were read by the Chairman.

1. That the Socialist Party continue its present policy of non-affiliation with international organizations, until the annual convention of 1923.

2. That the National Convention elect delegates to attend the next international conference called or participated in by the International Working Union of Socialist Parties (Vienna International) and to report with recommendations as to affiliation with the Working Union or with such international organization as may result from the next conference held.

3. That the Socialist Party of the United States apply for immediate affiliation with the International Working Union of Socialist Parties.

Wilson (Ill.) moved the adoption of No. Two.

The following delegates were recognized by the Chair and spoke in favor of the adoption of the Second resolution:

Blumenberg (Mich.), Sehl (Pa.), Reivo (Finnish Federation), Melms (Wis.), Oneal (N. Y.), Wilson (Ill.), Valenti (Italian Federation).

Vice-Chairman Roewer in the Chair, Hillquit (N. Y.) took the floor and spoke in favor of Resolution No. 3, providing for immediate affiliation with the Vienna Working Union of Socialist Parties.

Delegates speaking for No. 3: Hoehn (Mo.), Collins (Ill.), Blumenberg (Mich.), Henry (N. E. C.), Kahn Jewish Socialist Alliance, Branstetter (N. E. C.).

Toole (Md.) spoke in favor of No. 1.

The Question was called and the three Resolutions read again before vote was taken.

VOTE

For No. 1

Toole, (1).

For No 2

Wright, Wilson (Ill.), Henry, Daniel, Vladeck, Wilson (Pa.), Sehl, Melms, Willert, (9).

For No. 3

Plunkett, Richman, Collins, Magill, Roewer, Seppa, Blumenberg, Hoehn, Hillquit, Gelst, Lewis, (11).

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Comrades Leo Kryzski and D. Solomon, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America were seated as Fraternal Delegates. Comrade Kryzski given the floor and addressed the Convention.

Comrade Kuhler of the Local Committee announced that the Jewish Branch of the Socialist Party invites the Convention to a banquet Sunday afternoon.

Oneal (N. Y.) announced that the Committee on Resolutions would meet immediately after adjournment.

Wilson (Pa.) announced that Committee on Finance would meet immediately after adjournment.

Willert (Ohio) read announcement of mass meetings arranged for Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Convention adjourned to re-convene at 10 A. M. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

April 30, 1922

Convention called to order by Chairman of preceding session at 10:45.

Comrade Meta Berger who has just returned from an extended tour through Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China was invited to address the convention and responded with a very interesting account of industrial and educational conditions in those countries.

Nominations for Chairman.

Oneal (N. Y.) and Roewer (Mass.). Oneal declined. Roewer elected.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Collins (Ill), Henry (N. E. C.), Henry (Ind.). Collins and Henry (N. E. C.) declined. Emma Henry of Indiana was elected Vice-Chairman for the day

Communications

The following organizations sent telegrams conveying greetings and best wishes which were read to the convention by the Secretary:

Socialist Party Sixth Assembly District, N. Y. C.

Detroit Office Jewish Daily Forward.

United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers Convention, by M. Zuckerman, Secretary.

Joint Board Furriers Union, New York City.

Socialist Party, First and Second Assembly Districts, N. Y.

Boston Jewish Branch S. P.

Workmen's Circle Branch 443, Los Angeles.

Jewish Branch S. P. Detroit.

Local Los Angeles, S. P.

Jewish Local, S. P. Minneapolis.

Louis Michel, Los Angeles.

Jacob Pankin, New York City.

The Secretary announced that the Banquet tendered to the Convention by the Jewish Branch of Cleveland, would be given at 2491 East 55th Street.

The telegram to the Workmen's Circle, published on page six read by Gerber (N. Y.) was adopted by the Convention and the Secretary instructed to send. Consideration of the Agenda Resumed.

Affiliation of Socialist Parties in Insular Possessions.

Motion by Vladeck (N. Y.) That the question of affiliation of Socialist parties in insular possessions be tabled.

Discussion.

Upon vote, motion to table lost.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich) That action be deferred until such time as we have had an opportunity to listen to the Fraternal Delegate from Mexico. Seconded.

Wilson (N. E. C.) speaks against the motion. Toole (Md.) also speaks against.

Blumenberg withdraws motion.

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) To adopt the Agenda motion "That the Convention amend the Party Constitution so as to provide for the affiliation of Socialist Parties organized in the colonies or dependencies of the United States upon the payment of nominal dues or affiliation fees." Seconded and carried.

Motion by Gerber (N. Y.) To adopt the following as a Constitutional Amendment. Socialist Party organizations in the Insular possessions of the United States desiring to affiliate with the Socialist Party of the United States may be admitted as an integral part of the Socialist Party by subscribing to the platform and constitution of the Socialist Party and in all their activities shall conform to the principles of the Party.

"They shall pay a per capita tax to the Party equal to one cent per month.

"They shall be entitled to one delegate to the National Conventions of the Party, but the expenses of such delegate shall be paid by the party in the respective colony or insular possession." Seconded and carried.

Party Handbook

Motion by Collins (Ill.) That the agenda motion th t

the National Office shall publish an annual hand book be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Upon invitation of the chairman, Secretary Baroff of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union addressed the convention.

LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE

The following amendment to the Agenda motion was submitted by Hillquit.

"The Convention recommends to the State organizations of the Party that wherever possible they cooperate with the organizations of labor and working farmers within their state in independent political action, such co-operation to be on the following conditions:

1. The term "political action" shall be understood to mean the nomination and election of candidates by a party of workers, farmers and Socialists organized in express opposition to the Republican and Democratic parties and excluding participation in the primaries of such parties as well as voting for its candidates in public elections.

2. That, in any form of political co-operation the independence and integrity of organization and official political standing of the Socialist Party be fully preserved.

3. The political programs and platforms adopted for such joint political action shall not be inconsistent with the platform and declaration of principles of the Socialist Party.

4. That all co-operation of Socialist State Organizations shall be subject to approval by the National Executive Committee.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) That the proposed amendment be referred to the Resolutions Committee. Seconded by Wilson (Ill.) who advocated extreme caution in dealing with the question of a Labor Party Conference.

Berger (Wis.) speaks against the motion to refer.

Sehl (Penna.) was recognized and expressed the feeling that the action on the proposed conference was premature, although he was not opposed to the general idea.

Blumenberg (Mich.) moved previous question. Motion to refer amendment to Resolutions Committee defeated.

ONeal (N. Y.) speaks for amendment.

Motion by Hillquit: That when we adjourn we reconvene at 2 o'clock and remain in session until 4 P. M. at which time we adjourn to attend the banquet given for the delegates by the Jewish Branch of Cleveland. Seconded and Carried.

Discussion on Hillquit Amendment resumed.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, Hoehn (Mo.) asked permission to offer the following motion: "That Secretary Branstetter be instructed to immediately send a cablegram to Comrade Friedrich Adler, c/o Vienna Arbeiter-Zeitung, informing him of this Convention's action relative to the Socialist Party's affiliation with the International Working Union of Socialist Parties (Vienna International)." Seconded and carried.

Adjourned to reconvene at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

April 30, 1922

Convention reconvened at 2 o'clock.

Hillquit amendment before Convention.

The following delegates were given the floor to speak in favor of the Amendment:

Vladeck, Berger, Hoehn.

Those speaking against:

Branstetter (N. E. C.), Henry (N. E. C.), Lewis, Sehl, Wright, Collins.

Wilson (Pa.) moves the previous question. Seconded. Motion lost.

Willert (Ohio) spoke against the Hillquit amendment.

The time having arrived for adjournment as by motion previously adopted, the Convention adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday, May 1st.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

May 1, 1922

Convention called to order at 10:30 by chairman of previous day.

Nominations for Chairman, Sehl (Pa.), Toole (Md.). Toole elected. Sehl elected Vice-Chairman.

Secretary announced that Max S. Hayes, Fraternal Delegate from the Farmer-Labor Party and Roberto Haberman, Fraternal Delegate from the Labor Party of Mexico and the Socialist Party of Yucatan, were present.

Comrade Haberman was invited to address the Convention and responded with an interesting address on the Socialist and labor movement of Mexico and the Socialist government of Yucatan.

Comrade Max S. Hayes spoke upon the proposed alignment of progressive, Socialist and labor organizations for independent political action.

The Hillquit Amendment to the Agenda motion on the Labor Conference. Discussion resumed.

Motion by Roewer (Mass.) To change the first section to read as follows: "State organizations of the Party may, whenever that is possible, co-operate with the organizations of Labor and working farmers within their state in independent political action but such co-operation must in all cases be on the following conditions:"

Kahn (Jewish Soc. Alliance), Oneal (N. Y.), spoke in favor of adoption. Maurer (N. E. C.) urged adoption as "a guaranty of faith in the Labor movement."

Blumenberg (Mich.) moved previous question. Seconded and carried.

Vladeck (N. Y.) moved that adjournment be postponed until vote on the Labor Conference be taken. Carried.

Hillquit spoke for his amendment. Time extended five minutes.

Wilson (Ill.) given the floor to speak against both Hillquit and Roewer amendments.

The Chairman announced that discussion was closed. Sehl (Pa.) asked permission to ask question of Delegate Hillquit. The Chairman ruled that no further discussion could be had.

Hillquit appealed from the decision of the Chair. The Chair was not sustained by a vote of six for twelve against.

Sehl inquired of Hillquit whether, if a situation should arise in Pennsylvania where an independent labor party was created the Socialist Party should participate and take the chance of entering into a situation where the Socialist Party might not have control, and in which its standing as a political party might be endangered? Answer by Hillquit was that the Comrades of Pennsylvania would not be compelled to take part, to the contrary, if a situation arose in which the Party would lose its standing as a political party, the Comrades would have no right to participate in such activity.

Previous question called.

Vote on Roewer Amendment to Amendment:

Voting Yes: Plunkett, Collins, Magill, Roewer, Sappa, Hoehn, Hillquit, Vladeck, Sehl, Berger, Melms, Lewis, (12).

Voting No: Wright, Richman, Henry, Wilson (Ill.), Daniel, Toole, Blumenberg, Willert, Geist, Wilson (Pa.), (10)

Roewer Amendment carried.

Vote on Hillquit Amendment as amended.

Voting Yes: Plunkett, Collins, Magill, Roewer, Sappa, Hoehn, Hillquit, Vladeck, Sehl, Berger, Melms, Lewis, (12).

Voting No: Wright, Richman, Henry, Wilson (Ill.), Daniel, Blumenberg, Geist, Wilson, (Pa.), Toole (Md.), (10) Willert not voting.

Hillquit Amendment carried.

The Chairman explained that the vote would be taken upon the Agenda Motion as the Hillquit "Amendment" was not a substitute but supplemental to the original Agenda proposition.

Vote on Agenda Motion on Labor Conference.

Voting Yes: Wright, Plunkett, Richman, Henry, Collins, Daniel, Magill, Roewer, Seppa, Toole, Blumenberg, Hoehn, Hillquit, Vladeck, Willert, Geist, Wilson (Pa.), Sehl, Berger, Melms, Lewis, (21).

Voting No: Willson (Ill.), (1).

Motion carried by vote of 21 for to 1 against.

Motion by Hoehn (Mo.) That when we reconvene this afternoon that the National Executive Committee is requested to give the Convention a report on the Amnesty "Crusade." Carried.

Motion by Hillquit (N. Y.): To send a representative of the Convention to the Convention of the Railway Brotherhoods and to the Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers, Carried.

Adjourned at two to reconvene at three P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 3 o'clock.

Motion by Melms (Wis.) That Chandler Owen of the Messenger be given the floor. Carried.

Comrade Owen asked to be permitted to address the Convention at some later period.

Motion by Melms: To set aside 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to hear Comrade Owen. Carried.

Report on the Amnesty Crusade by Secretary Branstetter.

The report of the Executive Secretary was supplemented by Brandt (Mo.) who gave an account of the widely advertised meeting in St. Louis.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) That the report of the National Secretary on the subject of the Crusade be concurred in and that the National Committee be requested to prepare a summary of this report for publication.

Vladeck (N. Y.) urges that some definite action be taken to co-ordinate the Amnesty work.

Previous question called Blumenberg motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Vladeck: That the National Executive Committee be instructed to investigate, or have a committee of that committee investigate, all organizations engaged in Amnesty work and to have the report of that committee published. Carried.

Twenty-first Party Anniversary

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) To concur in Agenda motion that July 29, 30th be celebrated as the "coming of age" anniversary of the Socialist Party. Carried.

DUES AND FINANCES

The Secretary read the three Agenda motions as follows:

1. The National Party dues shall be seven cents per month, the State, local and branch dues to be determined by the respective organizations.

2. The National Party dues shall be ten cents per month. Three cents of each month's dues received shall be kept in a separate fund for the payment of National Convention expenses. State, local and branch dues shall be determined by the respective organizations.

3. The dues of members of the Party shall be \$4.00 per year, payable quarterly at the first meeting in January, April, July and October, in the sum of \$1.00 per quarter. The quarterly dues shall be divided as follows: National dues 25 cents, State dues 30 cents, Local dues 45 cents. All new members whose applications are received before the end of the second month of the quarter shall pay dues for the quarter in which they join. Those joining in the third month of the quarter shall pay dues commencing with the following

quarter, provided that all applications for membership shall be accompanied with dues for a full quarter. The National Office shall issue quarterly stamps or quarterly membership cards in lieu of the monthly stamps now furnished.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) to adopt No. 2.

Motion by Wilson (Pa.) to be considered as Motion No. 4. To Amend Article IX, Section 6, to read:

(a) "The dues of members of the Socialist Party shall be 30 cents per month which shall be divided as follows: To the National Organization 10 cents; to the State Organization 10 cents; to the County or City organization 5 cents, and to the Branch Organization 5 cents.

"In counties or Cities where there is no central organization the county dues shall be paid to the State Organization.

(b) "Three cents of each month's dues received by the National Organization shall be kept in a separate fund for the payment of National Convention expenses and for no other purpose."

Plunkett (Conn.) speaks against the Wilson motion.

Melms (Wis.) urges that the National dues not be lowered but that the State and County dues be left to the discretion of those organizations.

Motion by Plunkett to be considered as Motion No. 5. To Amend Article VIII, Section 5 to read as follows:

"Railroad fare, including tourist sleeping car fare of delegates to and from the conventions, and per diem of five dollars to cover expenses, shall be paid from the National Treasury from a special convention fund to be created by setting aside four cents from the amount received from the sale of each regular and dual stamp."

To Amend Article IX, Section 6. (a) to read as follows:

"The State Committees shall pay to the National Office every month a sum equal to 12 cents for each member in good standing within their respective states and territories, and only stamps issued by the National Executive Committee shall be affixed to members due cards as valid receipts for payment of dues."

It was announced that Comrades Sehl, Willert and Lewis had been appointed representatives of the Convention to visit the Convention of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Henry (N. E. C.), Esther Friedman and Collins delegated to visit the Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Sehl (Pa.) in Chair.

Consideration of Dues and Finances resumed. Report of Committee on Finance called for. Wilson (Pa.) reported the report was not ready.

Motion by Roewer (Mass.) That further action on the question of dues be deferred until we get the report of the Committee on Finance. Seconded.

Collins (Ill.), Blumenberg (Mich.), Berger (Wis.), spoke.

With consent of second, Roewer withdraws Motion.

Blumenberg (Mich.) takes floor.

Motion by Gerber (N. Y.) to be considered as Motion No. 6.

"For the purpose of receipting dues paid by members of the Socialist Party, stamps shall be sold as follows: To organized States and Language Federations, 10 cents.

To unorganized States, 20 cents, and to members at large 35 cents.

Three cents of every stamp sold shall be set aside for a fund to cover the expenses of the Convention."

Discussion by Reivo (Finnish Federation), Haarer (N. E. C.), Collins (Ill.), Willert (Ohio).

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) to extend the time of the present session until six o'clock P. M. Seconded. Gerber objects.

Reivo (Finnish Federation) explains that the Hall is engaged for other purposes this evening and it is impossible to remain.

Motion withdrawn by Blumenberg-Toole (Md.) on floor.

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) That the question of Dues and all matters pertaining thereto be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to hold a meeting and report the first thing in the morning. Seconded. Carried.

Wilson (Pa.) announces that the Committee on Finance will meet immediately after adjournment. Adjourned to reconvene at 10 A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

May 2, 1922

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.
Melms (Wis.) elected Chairman for the Day.
Blumenberg (Mich.) elected Vice-Chairman.

Communications

Toronto, Canada, May 1, 1922

Socialist Convention,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Workmen's Circle assembled at Toronto sends greetings to you as representatives of the political party of the working class of America and wishes you success in your deliberations. The Workmen's Circle, though an organization for mutual aid, is imbued with the ideal of Socialism and it was this ideal that inspired the Workmen's Circle at its foundation and has remained the dominating spirit throughout the twenty-two years of its existence. We hope that your convention will take the necessary steps to help the revival of the international Socialist movement throughout the world and the establishment of one great Socialist International. Long live the international solidarity of the workers of the world! Long live the Socialist Party of America!

J. BASKIN,

Secretary Workmen's Circle Convention,
New York City, May 1, 1922

Socialist Party Convention,
Cleveland, Ohio.

May Day greetings from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. May your deliberations promote unity in the international Labor Movement.

JOS. SCHLOSSBERG,
General Sec.-Treas.

Telegrams were also received from:

New York Joint Board Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Joint Board Cloak, Skirt and Reefer Makers Union,
New York.

Young People's Socialist League, Philadelphia.

Workmen's Circle Branch 248, Los Angeles.

Jewish Branch, S. P., Harlem, N. Y.

Los Angeles Forum, J. L. Garrett, Secretary

German Federation, Socialist Party, A. Dreifus,
Trans.-Sec'y.

Report of Finance Committee on Membership Dues

By Wilson (Pa.)

DUES: We recommend that until such time as the membership shall total 25,000 the dues of members of the Socialist Party shall be 35 cents, of which the National Organization shall receive 12½ cents, the State Organization 12½ cents, County or City organization 5 cents, and Branch organizations 5 cents; that when the membership totals more than 25,000 the dues shall be reduced to 30 cents; 10 cents to the National Organization, 10 cents to the State Organization, 5 cents to the County or City Organization and 5 cents to the Branch Organization; that when the membership totals more than 50,000 the dues shall be 25 cents: 7½ cents to the National Organization, 7½ to the State Organization, 5 cents to the County or City Organization, and 5 cents to the Branch Organization. In counties or cities where there is no central organization the county dues shall be paid to the State Organization.

CONVENTION STAMPS shall be abolished, the National Convention expenses to be provided for by a Convention Fund to be created by setting aside 3 cents of each month's dues received by the National Organization.

Motion by Toole (Md.) To concur in Committee recommendations on dues. Seconded

Discussion. Plunkett (Conn.) speaks against motion to concur.

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) To amend by striking out all provisions relating to State, County and Branch dues. Seconded.

Gerber (N. Y.) speaks for Wilson Amendment. Magill (Kans) against.

Secretary Branstetter stated that as a general thing he favored a uniform dues, but a situation existed in which some latitude should be permitted, while at the same time the state organizations must be protected. He urged the adoption of the Wilson amendment with the exception that State dues be fixed but all reference to County and Branch dues eliminated. Wilson accepts amendment.

Geist (Okla.) speaks against.

Committee on Finance accepts Wilson amendment. Blumenberg (Mich.) opposed sliding scale based upon increased membership.

Motion by Wilson (Pa.) That the report of the committee as amended by Wilson of Illinois be substituted for all Agenda motions. Seconded.

Willert (Ohio) opposes any amendment which fixes state dues. Wilson (Ill.) offers as an amendment "not less than" to precede State dues. Accepted.

Henry (Ind) speaks in favor.

Motion by Daniel (Iowa) To fix the National dues in accordance with sliding scale, and recommend to the state committees that the State dues be fixed according to same process. Not seconded.

Previous question moved and carried.

The Report of Finance Committee on dues, as amended, read as follows:

Membership Dues

Constitutional Amendment: "Until such time as the national membership shall total 25,000 the State and National dues shall be twenty-five cents per month of which 12½ cents shall be paid to the National Organization and 12½ to the State Organization; when the membership reaches 25,000 or more, the dues shall be 20 cents per month of which the State and National Organization shall each receive 10 cents; when the membership reaches 50,000 or more the dues shall be 15 cents of which the State and National Organizations shall each receive 7½ cents; provided that local and branch organizations may charge such local and branch dues in addition to the State and National dues provided for in this section as may be decided upon by the respective local and branch organizations, and provided further that while the State dues shall in no case be less than is provided in this section that nothing in this section shall prohibit the State Organization from increasing the state dues by action of the membership in the respective states.

In those states where no State Organization exists, the locals and Branches shall pay the State dues as provided above to the National Organization.

The National Convention Stamp shall be abolished and a fund for the payment of Convention expenses shall be created by setting aside three cents out of each month's dues received by the National Organization.

Adopted—14 yes, 4 no, 4 not present

Chandler Owen, editor of The Messenger, was invited to address the convention. He responded with a thirty-minute talk which was greatly enjoyed by the delegates. Toole (Md.) moved a vote of thanks be tendered Comrade Owen for his inspiring address, which was unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance

The Committee recommends to the Convention the following:

"Considering that a reduction in dues means a temporary increase of the monthly deficit of \$400 to the National Office and the immediate need of \$3,000 to place speakers and organizers in 8 or 10 states to organize and have state and Congressional tickets filed, that we try to raise this fund at this Convention through pledges before it adjourns. Comrades at the Convention who can make a generous contribution, or can pledge their organizations, or can obtain financial aid from sympathizers to record what they can pledge from these various sources.

Adopted.

"That one particular day be assigned for a one day's wage contribution to the party, to be equally divided between the Local, State and National organizations. Several weeks publicity to be devoted to this drive in advance of that day."

Wilson (Ill.), Wright (Cal.), Richman (D. C.), Hoehn (Mo.) speak against.

Sehl (Pa.), Blumenberg (Mich.), Toole (Md.), Oneal (N. Y.), Brandt (N. E. C.), speak in favor.

Motion by Hoehn (Mo.) That the Finance Committee be instructed to strike out that portion relating to a one day wage and to make it a voluntary contribution of not less than one dollar. **Seconded.**

Discussion. Previous question moved and carried.

Vote on Hoehn amendment: 11 Yes. 2 No.

Vote on amended recommendation. Unanimously adopted.

Recommendation: "That all Socialist papers be requested to open their columns to special contributions a special week to be assigned for such contributions. For this purpose we recommend the week of July 23rd. **Adopted.**

"That comrades with national reputation and standing in the movement, such as Hillquit, Berger, London and Hoan, be requested to give ten days or two weeks for large meetings for them to address in some of the larger cities under the auspices of the National Office. Proceeds of these meetings to be divided between the locals in these cities and the National Office." **Adopted.**

"That regular contribution lists be issued by the National Office after the voluntary contribution has been collected; one third on lists to go to the locals, one third to the state, and one third to the National organizations. **Adopted.**

"That the larger locals hold annual events, such as picnics, dances, etc., all net proceeds to go to the National Office." **Adopted.**

"That sympathetic organizations be asked to contribute to the Party, and shop and factory collections taken." **Adopted.**

Secretary Branstetter reported on the Monthly Sustaining Pledge Fund and asked the convention to endorse the plan. **Adopted.**

Discussion of Agenda resumed.

Motions on Initiation Fee and Campaign Funds defeated.

Young People's Socialist League

Motion No. 1. That members of the Young People's Socialist League who are also members of the party, be permitted to pay one month's dues for both memberships.

Amendment by Novik (Y. P. S. L.) The maximum amount of dues to be paid by Y. P. S. L. members to both organizations shall equal the fee paid by Socialist Party members. **Seconded.** Vote 4 Yes, 5 No. **Amendment lost.**

Brandt (N. E. C.) spoke against the Agenda motion. Branstetter (N. E. C.) moved it be referred to a subcommittee of three. **Adopted.** Committee, Oneal, Brandt, Henry.

Motion No. 2. That the National Executive Committee undertake the publication of the Young People's Socialist Magazine, through the appointment of an

editor to supervise the editorial work on behalf of the National Executive Committee.

Discussion.

Substitute by Wilson (Ill.) That Motion No. 2 be amended to permit the eastern division to continue publication of the magazine and the National Executive Committee be instructed to take over publication when practical. **Seconded and carried.**

Motion No. 3. That the National Executive Committee be instructed to call a National Convention of the Y. P. S. L. **Amendment by Novik:** To add "when requested by the National Director and the National Executive Committee. No. 3 as amended. **Adopted.**

It was adopted as the sense of the convention that future issues of the magazine should have a national character and not be known as the organ of the Eastern Division of the Y. P. S. L.

Constitutional Amendments

To add to Section 2, Article XIII, "in conjunction with the various divisions of the Young People's Socialist League." **Adopted.**

Section 4, Article XIII, to read: "The National Office of the Young People's Department shall receive the whole of the above sum which shall be used for the issuance of a bulletin or any other means to help the organization of the various states." **Adopted.**

Section 5, Article XIII. "In those states having authorized state organizations of the Young People's Socialist League, five cents of such sum before mentioned is to go to the National Office of the Young People's Department of the Socialist Party, the remainder to be used at the discretion of the state organization for organization and educational work among the young." **Adopted.**

Substitute for Section 7, Article XIII. "The National Secretary of the Young People's Socialist League shall conduct a referendum for the election of a fraternal delegate to National Conventions." **Adopted.**

Section 13, Article XIII. To add after the words "National Secretary of the—" the words "Young People's Department of the—" **Adopted.**

Toole (Md.) asked that the minutes be corrected to show his vote as "no" on Roewer amendment to Hillquit Labor Conference motion.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) To take up report of Committee on Resolutions immediately after reconvening for afternoon session. **Carried.**

Motion by Wilson (Pa.) That the National Executive Committee be instructed to go over the National Constitution and make all changes made necessary by action of the Convention. **Carried.**

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) That the National Executive Committee be authorized to sell the headquarters property only as a last resort; that in case the property is sold, not less than \$10,000 shall be placed in a headquarters fund and kept intact for the purpose of purchasing a new headquarters when the time becomes opportune. **Carried.**

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention reconvened at two o'clock.

Agenda Congressional Platform.

Discussion.

Motion by Wilson (Ill.) To refer to the National Executive Committee for revision and additions. **Carried.**

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolutions on the following were read and adopted:

The Mine Workers Strike.

The Negro Question.

Jewish Daily Forward.

The Charlestown Trial.

To the Members of the Socialist Party.

Haiti.

Pan American Socialist Relations.

Recognition of Soviet Russia.

Amnesty.

Communications received by the National Office and referred to the Convention:

Julia Ward Pennington, Fayetteville, Ark. Received and filed.

Local Marion Co., Ind. Referred to N. E. C. for consideration in connection with Congressional Platform.

L. E. Eichelberg, Waterloo, Ia. Filed.

Mary Winsor, Haverford, Pa. Referred to N. E. C. W. C. Brinkman, St Louis, Mo. Filed

Report on Special Committee on Y. P. S. L., by Brandt (N. E. C.), Chairman of Committee.

"We recommend that Agenda Motion No. 1 be not concurred in and the same relations that exist now be continued.

"We believe that in the future it will be advisable to adopt some measure along this line but as there does not seem to be any general demand for action of the party at the present, hence our recommendation.

"However, as a means of rendering financial assistance we recommend that all state and local organizations push the sale of the special Y. P. S. L. Voluntary Assessment stamp and otherwise do all in their power to assist the Y. P. S. L."

Motion by Hillquit (N. Y.) That both recommendations be referred to the incoming National Executive Committee with full power to act upon the Young People's Socialist League and with instructions that everything possible be done to further the interests of the Young People's Socialist League. Carried.

Election of the National Executive Committee.

Nominations: Lillith Martin Wilson, Morris Hillquit, James Oneal, William H. Henry, James H. Maurer, George E. Roewer, Jr., B. C. Vladeck, John M. Collins, Victor L. Berger, J. Webb Richman, Oliver C. Wilson, Edmund T. Melms, W. M. Brandt, Benj. Blumenberg, Julius Gerber.

Acceptances: Hillquit, Henry, Vladeck, Melms, Berger, Wilson (Ill.), Maurer, Roewer.

Declinations: Lillith Martin Wilson, Oneal, Collins, Richman, Blumenberg, Gerber, Brandt.

Voting by ballot. Total voting, 18.

The tellers announced the following results:

Vladeck	18
Maurer	17
Roewer	17
Hillquit	16
Henry	14
Berger	13
Melms	13
Wilson	12

The first seven declared elected.

Alternates for National Executive Committee

Nominations: Charles Selh, W. M. Brandt, Julius Gerber, Benjamin Blumenberg, L. J. Wright, Martin F. Plunkett, Algernon Lee, Wm. A. Toole, Esther Friedman, Lena Morrow Lewts.

Acceptances: Lewis, Lee, Brandt, Plunkett, Gerber, Toole, Wright.

Declinations: Selh, Blumenberg, Friedman.

Voting by Ballot: Elected in the following order (delegates voting for four only).

Brandt—14, Lewis—12, Plunkett—10, Gerber—8, Lee—7, Toole—7, Wright—5.

One ballot each cast for Hillquit, Henry and Wilson (Ill.)

Lena Morrow Lewis was given the floor to make report for the delegation appointed to visit the Convention of the Order of Railway Conductors. She reported that the delegation was accorded a very cordial reception and their message was well received.

Vladeck reported for delegation to Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union that this progressive organization had, as usual, given our representatives an enthusiastic reception.

Motion by Hillquit (N. Y.) To proceed to the election of an International Secretary and three Interna-

tional delegates, leaving it to the discretion of the International Executive Committee to send as many as the funds will permit. That the National Constitution, Article X, be amended to read: That National Convention shall elect an International Secretary and such number of International Delegates as it may determine subject to the right of the National Executive Committee to limit such number of delegates for actual attendance at the international conference. Seconded.

Amendment by Gerber (N. Y.) To amend Article X of the National Constitution to read: The National Convention shall elect the International Secretary who shall serve until the next convention and until his successor is elected.

Delegates to International Conferences: The National Executive Committee is empowered to elect delegates to the International Conferences. The International Secretary and Delegates to the International conferences must be members of the Socialist Party for at least three years.

Gerber amendment adopted.

Nominations for International Secretary.

Hillquit of New York nominated by Wilson of Illinois.

Nominations closed. Hillquit elected by acclamation.

Motion by Hillquit: To amend the National Constitution by eliminating the provision for a Committee on Appeals. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) That the convention instruct the incoming National Executive Committee to take steps to eliminate as nearly as possible the privately owned lecture bureaus which exploit the movement for their particular benefit. Seconded and carried.

Telegram from Benjamin Schlesinger, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union:

Cleveland, Ohio, May 2, 1922.

Convention Socialist Party, Cleveland, Ohio.

On behalf of the delegates of our International in Convention assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, I beg to convey to you, the representatives of the political party of the working class in this country, their wishes for successful deliberations resulting in a powerful political front in America.

BENJAMIN SCHLESINGER,
President

Vladeck (N. Y.) suggests that this communication be referred to the incoming National Executive Committee. So ordered.

Motion by Blumenberg (Mich.) That the National Secretary be instructed to convey our deepest appreciation to the Forward and to Comrade Berman of New York. Carried.

Resolution of thanks, by Gerber (N. Y.)

The National Convention of the Socialist Party extends to Local Cuyahoga County and its affiliated branches its thanks and deep appreciation of the splendid hospitality shown the Convention and the Convention delegates. It congratulates the Convention Committee upon the thoroughly efficient arrangements which ensured a successful handling of the Convention work. Adopted.

Motion by Roewer (Mass.) That this convention instruct the Executive Secretary to send greetings to the New York Call on the occasion of its 14th birthday. Carried.

Motion by Geist (Okla.) That a vote of thanks to the Executive Secretary and his assistants and to the National Executive Committee be extended for the work they have done during the past year. Carried.

Closing address by Hillquit.

Adjourned sine die.

OTTO BRANSTETTER,
Secretary of Convention.