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### Correspondence of National Executive Committee During May

National Headquarters Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1907.

To the National Executive Committee: Comrades: Herewith is submitted motion by Comrade Ben Hanford of New York:

"The secretary is hereby authorized to pay to Comrade Oneal mileage from and to his place of employment and per diem for time lost in attending the meeting of the Constitutional Committee, of which he is a member."

Chicago, Ill., May 9, 1907.

To the National Executive Committee: Comrades: I herewith report the action taken by your committee on matters submitted under the dates of April 25 and May 1. The question is, "Shall Comrade Schwartz be withdrawn as a National Organizer?" Expressions were received from Comrades Berger, Patterson and Simons. Comrades Hanford, Hillquit, Untermann and Work voted "no." Letters on the subject are submitted.

Letter of Comrade Hanford, April 27.

"On the question of withdrawing Schwartz as a National Organizer, I vote no. It is regrettable that any local in the state where he is at work is dissatisfied, but so long as the State Committee expresses its approval I shall require definite evidence before voting to remove an organizer. I am under the impression that Comrade Schwartz did good work, and lots of it, as organizer in Allegheny, and would like to see him have a good try-out by the national office. At the same time if by speech or print he misrepresents the Socialist party in any important particular, he must be withdrawn. But regarding such misrepresentation, I want a specific statement of the facts—not merely an allegation that there are such facts."

Letter of Comrade Untermann, April 26.

"In reply to your favor of April 25, concerning the question whether Comrade Schwartz should be retained as National Organizer, I vote in favor of retaining him. As I have no personal knowledge of the qualifications of Comrade Schwartz for this office, I defer to the judgment of the state secretary and state committee of Pennsylvania, which is favorable to Comrade Schwartz."

Letter of Comrade Work, April 26. "I vote 'no' in regard to withdrawing Schwartz. I am not personally familiar with his work, nor posted as to the merits or demerits of the Philadelphia protest, but I am in favor of giving him a chance to make good."

Report of the action on the motion by Comrade Hanford.

#### Motion.

"The secretary is hereby authorized to pay to Comrade Oneal mileage from and to his place of employment and per diem for time lost in attending the meeting of the Constitutional Committee, of which he is a member."

No expression was received from Comrades Berger, Patterson or Simons. Comrades Hanford, Hillquit, Untermann and Work voted in the affirmative. The motion is therefore adopted.

Chicago, Ill., May 18, 1907.

To the National Executive Committee: Dear Comrades: Your attention is directed to the following motion, adopted in session March 3, 1907:

#### Motion.

"That if The Chicago Daily Socialist, the New York Daily Volkzeitung, the New York Worker, the Social Democratic Herald and other weekly papers have a reporter at the trial, that the National office of the Socialist party contribute \$100 toward the expenses of said reporters, this motion to stand in lieu of action on the same subject, taken December 17."

Arrangements to conform to the above motion could not be perfected between the several papers mentioned, yet it was undoubtedly the purpose of your committee to render some assistance in the matter of disseminating authentic information of the trial.

Comrade Frederic Heath of the Social Democratic Herald attempted to arrange for joint service with Comrade Ida Crouch Hazlett, as correspondent, but secured the co-operation of only three papers, viz.: The Social Democratic Herald, the Montana News and the St. Louis Labor.

The negotiations were continued until such a late date as to be a considerable factor in determining the stay of Comrade Hazlett at the scene of the trial. The three papers aforementioned, so far

as I am aware, is the largest combination receiving the services of any single correspondent.

I am informed by Comrade Heath that Comrade Hazlett will furnish daily telegraph reports to any paper on our mailing list upon application, and without cost, excepting only that the paper meets the telegraph tolls; or she will mail a written weekly letter in duplicate, if desired.

I, therefore, submit the proposition: "Shall the sum mentioned in the motion be appropriated for this service?"

Chicago, Ill., May 28, 1907.

To the National Executive Committee: Dear Comrades: I herewith report the consideration given by your committee upon the question submitted under date of May 18, regarding arrangements for financial assistance in the matter of a correspondent located at Boise, Idaho, the scene of the trial. No expression was received from Comrades Berger, Hanford, Simons and Untermann. Comrades Hillquit and Patterson voted in the affirmative.

Letter of Comrade Work, May 20.

"On question of the 18th, I vote yes, provided a goodly number of papers will accept and use the service."

No action has therefore resulted.

Fraternally submitted, J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

#### NATIONAL NOTES.

Comrade George E. Bigelow, formerly of Nebraska, and late of Chicago, died May 2. Comrade F. G. Strickland officiated at the services held in Chicago May 3. Interment will be at his old home, Lincoln, Neb.

Comrade Bigelow was one of the pioneers in the movement, and participated in the Unity convention in 1901, since which time he has continuously held the post of National Organizer, and in that capacity has visited most of the states of the Union. In his passing the comrades and the movement have lost a valiant soldier of the revolution.

National Organizer George H. Goebel has recently organized the following locals in Oregon: Hemlock, 9 members; Tillamook, 15 members; Carlton, 6 members; Fall City, 41 members; Dallas, 14 members.

In connection with the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case, "The Washington Post" of April 4 is responsible for the statement that President Roosevelt upon receiving a visit from the members of the Supreme Court, Oct. 8, 1906, read to them the letter addressed to Congressman Sherman, in which he characterized the prisoners and others as undesirable citizens. The Supreme Court's decision, adverse to the plea of Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, was rendered Dec. 3, 1906.

The Socialist state convention of Kentucky will be held Sunday, June 16, commencing at 10 a. m., at the Lagoon Park clubhouse, Covington.

"Dziennik Ludowy" is a daily Socialist paper published at 627 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, Ill. The attention of workingmen of this nationality should be called to this fact.

Local New Haven, Conn., has expelled Max Slater for misappropriation of party property, and for refusal to settle and obey the written summons of the party.

The referendum in the state of Maryland, conducted by the National office for the election of a National Committeeman, resulted in the choice of Ira Culp of Vale Summit. Vote closed May 14.

Comrade Fred L. Schwartz has organized the following locals or branches since beginning his work in Pennsylvania, April 2:

Irwin, 5 members; Mt. Pleasant, 5; Latrobe, 23; Jeannette, 7; Scottsdale, 2; West Newton, 1; Roscoe, 13; Vandervilt, 5; Banning, 7; Uniontown, 10.

Asa Warren Drew of Ashland, N. H., has been elected a member of the National Committee. W. H. Wilkins of Claremont has been re-elected state secretary.

Dr. L. De Vore of South Sioux City, Neb., has been elected a member of the National Committee.

### NATIONAL SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1907.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 31, 1907.

#### RECEIPTS.

National dues from State Committees:

Alabama	\$ 10.00
Arizona	20.00
Arkansas	30.00
California	43.63
Colorado	37.00
Connecticut	20.00
Idaho	17.10
Illinois	142.00
Indiana	22.25
Iowa	20.00
Kansas	35.00
Louisiana	15.00
Maine	11.00
Maryland	10.00
Massachusetts	65.65
Michigan	24.80
Minnesota	28.00
Missouri	80.00
Montana	17.00
Nebraska	10.00
New Hampshire	6.00
New Jersey	50.00
New York	100.00
Ohio	100.40
Oklahoma	40.00
Oregon	30.00
Pennsylvania	81.93
Rhode Island	7.00
South Dakota	5.00
Tennessee	5.00
Texas	20.05
Vermont	2.00
Washington	88.50
West Virginia	6.65
Wisconsin	47.05
Wyoming	4.00

\$1,252.01

#### Unorganized States.

Georgia	\$ 6.00
Nevada	2.60
North Carolina	6.00
South Carolina	2.20
Virginia	4.50
Members at large	3.05

Total for dues \$1,276.36

Supplies	\$ 85.47
Literature	42.12
Buttons	41.20
W. F. Miners Defense Fund	230.42
Russian S. D. L. P. Fund	65.15
Miscellaneous	15.00

Total receipts \$1,755.72

#### EXPENDITURES.

Exchange	\$ 2.45
General expense	4.38
Express and freight	14.89
Postage	111.19
Telegrams and telephone	19.57
Wages—	
J. Mahlon Barnes	\$109.87
W. A. Rihl	72.00
F. H. Slick	72.00
J. H. Brower	72.00
E. L. Baldwin	56.00
M. Flaherty	44.00
	425.87
Printing Bulletin	83.00
Printing literature and supplies	310.00
Literature	37.80
Organizers—	
J. M. Coldwell	\$ 77.01
L. Cowen	25.00
M. Hendricksen	50.00
W. A. Jacobs	42.65
F. L. Schwartz	70.00
J. E. Snyder	58.30
M. W. Wilkins	50.00
	372.96
Rent—May	100.00
Lighting	9.82
Mimeo. Supplies	1.75
Print Matter Com.	4.85
Russian S. D. L. P. Fund	65.15
W. F. Miners Defense Fund	230.42
	1,794.10

Total expenditures \$1,794.10

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand, May 1	\$ 127.48
Receipts for month	1,755.72
Total	\$1,883.20
Expenditures for month	\$1,794.10
Balance on hand June 1	\$ 89.10

Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY LOCAL YUMA, ARIZONA, SOCIALIST PARTY.

Whereas: We believe that an energetic and loyal support of the Socialist Daily Press is the need of the hour; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Committee request the National Secretary to issue a circular letter to each local of the Socialist party and ask that its membership secure as many subscriptions to the daily socialist papers as is possible.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT L. MORTON,  
Sec'y. Local Yuma, Socialist Party.

### Report of Action by National Committee on Motion Nos. 6 and 7—Motion No. 8 Submitted

#### Candidates for International Delegates

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., May 7, 1907.

To the National Committee, Comrades:—Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 7, Motion No. 7, by Ernest D. Hull, National Committee member of Connecticut, by request of Local Hartford.

#### MOTION.

"That the National Executive Committee, in case of the conviction of either Moyer or Haywood or Pettibone, call a national conference of the labor organizations to consider means of saving these comrades from execution."

#### COMMENT BY WORK OF IOWA.

"Fully recognizing Local Hartford's good intentions, I wish to say that in case the contingency mentioned in the motion should occur, no man can foresee just what particular line of action the circumstances of that hour would make advisable. That alone is sufficient reason why this motion should not be passed. Furthermore, if the contingency should happen, and the circumstances should make advisable that a conference be called, who should call it? The Socialist party could 'call' the hosts of labor, 'but will they come when you do call them?' A call coming from a labor organization, national or international, or a city federation like that of Chicago or New York, would be vastly more effective; they would be ready to issue such a call. And the Socialist party can afford to make the sacrifice. We can well afford to continue to be the yeast that leavens the whole lump. We are after results, not glory. Our object is to convict the enemy of their infamy and to vindicate and save the lives of those who typify the working class, rather than to cover the Socialist party with glory. Let us not tie our hands."

Vote will close May 28th, Chicago, Ill., May 8th, 1907.

To the National Committee: Comrades:—Herewith is submitted report of Referendum No. 6, Motion No. 6, by Algernon Lee, of New York.

#### MOTION NO. 6.

"That the National Committee adopt the following resolutions as declaratory of the attitude of the Socialist party of the United States upon the matter in question:

Whereas, there are in the United States large numbers of working people who are to some extent separated by differences of language, customs and habits, or by racial, religious or other antipathies, from the mass of native white workers;

Whereas, it is to be expected that such alien elements will continue to exist in large and perhaps increasing proportions, notwithstanding any immigration laws which it may be just, prudent and practicable to enact and enforce;

Whereas, the existence of mutual antipathies between different portions of the working class of the country is injurious to the interests of the whole class, and of every portion of it, weakening them in their necessary struggle with the capitalists for present improvement of their condition and for ultimate emancipation from class rule; therefore be it

Resolved, by the National Committee of the Socialist party, that it is the duty of all party members and sympathizers, in their activity as Socialists, as members of labor organizations, and as citizens,

1. To seek to procure and protect for all residents in the United States, regardless of race or nativity, full and equal civil and political rights, including the right of naturalization for all and admission on equal terms to the benefits of the schools and other public institutions;

2. To promote the enrollment of workers of alien race or nativity in the political and industrial organizations of the working class and the cultivation of a mutual good understanding and fraternal relations between them and the mass of native white workers.

By all means to further the assimilation of all such alien elements on a basis of common interest as wage workers, and to rebuke all appeals to racial, national or religious prejudice against or among them."

#### VOTING YES.

Arizona—Bechtel	
California—Lewis, L. M.	
California—Edmiston	
Colorado—Woodside	
Connecticut—Hull	
Connecticut—Beardsley	
Idaho—Rigg	
Indiana—Eymada	
Indiana—Wallace	
Iowa—Shank	
Iowa—Work	
Maine—Fox	
Massachusetts—Konikow	
Massachusetts—Carey	
Michigan—Kelly	
Minnesota—Williams	
Minnesota—Peach	
Missouri—Koehn	
Montana—Mable	
New Hampshire—Little	
New Jersey—Headley	
New Jersey—Kerly	
New York—Lee	
New York—Vanderporten	
New York—Arland	
Ohio—Devine	
Oklahoma—Bentley	
Oklahoma—Hazel	
Pennsylvania—Schwartz	
Rhode Island—Carpenter	
Texas—Clark	
Washington—Wagenknecht	
West Virginia—Gillespie	
Wyoming—Hastings	
Total—34	

#### VOTING NO.

Kentucky—Dobbs.

#### NOT VOTING.

Arkansas—La Ferve	
California—Holloway	
Illinois—Berlyn	
Illinois—Simons	
Illinois—Stedman	
Kansas—Grun	
Louisiana—Canone	
Michigan—Wien	
Missouri—Behrens	
Nebraska—Sterna	

Ohio—Klein	
Oregon—Holt	
Pennsylvania—Maurer	
Pennsylvania—Moore	
South Dakota—Knowles	
Tennessee—Voss	
Texas—Fayne	
Vermont—Sullivan	
Washington—Herman	
Wisconsin—Berger	
Wisconsin—Heath	
Wisconsin—Thompson	
Total—27	

The motion is therefore adopted. The vote of E. T. Behrens, of Missouri, was received too late to be counted.

The states of Florida and North Dakota, being in arrears the National Committee were not entitled to vote on this motion.

#### COMMENT.

Ky. Dobbs:—"My vote in opposition to Motion No. 6, as offered by Comrade Lee, of New York, is not so cast because of my essential disagreement with his statement of facts and expression of opinion, but simply because of a conviction that the attitude of the Socialist party is already sufficiently well defined in the matter of working class solidarity. If we, as Socialists have not from the beginning been expressing the views which Comrade Lee apparently thinks need reiteration, or if we have not, from the beginning, stood for full and equal civil and political rights for all mature residents of the United States, regardless of race and nativity, it would do no good at this late day to tell the Comrade Lee doctrine."

Mich. King:—"Motion No. 6 is consistently in line with Socialist philosophy and the international character of the movement. It is extremely necessary that an attempt should be made to beat down the jingoism of all races that goes to make the capitalist countries as this and other resolutions following it out cannot do otherwise than show the fact that national lines and barriers are but kept up in the interest of the master class."

Miss. Williams:—"I vote yes on this motion because I think it fills a long felt want. For years I have thought there should be something of the kind to remind thoughtless members and sympathizers of their duty to the party as regards to residents of this country who are of foreign birth or color. I have often been surprised to hear new members speak disparagingly of people of other nationalities. The fact that comrades have never stopped to think that the native-born working class must have the help of the foreign-born workers in order to realize their own emancipation; that their own salvation is bound up in the salvation of the foreigners, whom the capitalist class teach us to hate."

Some comrades are fond of treating the matter as though it would be "nice" for all men to be brothers, but his attitude smacks unpleasantly of "benevolent assimilation." We must do all we can to secure for them all the rights of the ballot, the schools and other institutions for our own safety as well as theirs. American-born working men must secure the rights of citizenship for the negro, the Japanese and other races, and educate them, or they will be given these when they can be used against us."

Okla. Bentley:—"Am voting yes on this proposition as it stands, after reading Comrade Lee's explanation, though I still think all such matters should read clear and explicit in dealing with the race question in the south, as it is a question that will give us serious trouble when we get to it properly, though it would be easy if all wished it solved."

Tenn. Voss:—"I have been directed to say that the majority of our members in Tennessee want each section to handle its own alien immigration and race problems. The Pacific coast, the Asiatic, Texas, the Mexican, the southern borders, the Canadian, the negro, the Japanese, the Chinese, that are not on the spot, and who are not and have not been reared in direct contact with them, do not form an accurate opinion of each section's needs; therefore I am requested not to vote on Motion No. 6, Referendum 6."

Chicago, Ill., May 9, 1907.

To the National Committee: Comrades:—I hereby report the election for delegates to the International Congress by the National Committee, to have resulted as follows:

#### FOR DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Vote by States:

Bechtel (Ariz.)—John M. Work; Algernon Lee.

Le Ferve (Ark.)—John Spargo; John M. Work.

Lena Morrow Lewis (Calif.)—Austin Lewis; A. M. Simons.

W. Holloway (Calif.)—Austin Lewis; John Spargo.

L. H. Edmiston (Calif.)—Algernon Lee; Austin Lewis.

Forrest Woodside (Colo.)—A. M. Simons; John Spargo.

Ernest D. Hull (Conn.)—Franklin H. Wentworth; A. M. Simons.

Samuel Eli Hartley (Conn.)—Algernon Lee; Franklin H. Wentworth.

E. L. Rigg (Idaho)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.

B. Berlyn (Ill.)—Algernon Lee; Victor L. Berger.

Seymour Stedman (Ill.)—Victor L. Berger; Algernon Lee.

A. M. Simons (Ill.)—Victor L. Berger; John M. Work.

Edgar Wallace (Ind.)—John M. Work; A. M. Simons.

S. M. Reynolds (Ind.)—Franklin H. Wentworth; Algernon Lee.

John E. Shank (Iowa)—John M. Work; Franklin H. Wentworth.

C. A. Crum (Kan.)—A. M. Simons; John Spargo.

Chas. Dobbs (Kentucky)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.

Chas. L. Fox (Maine)—Algernon Lee; Victor L. Berger.

Antonette F. Konikow (Mass.)—James F. Carey; Algernon Lee.

James F. Carey (Mass.)—Algernon Lee; Franklin H. Wentworth.

Vernon F. King (Mich.)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.

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Guy Williams (Minn.)—Louis Gozoliou, Algonquin, Ill.

Thos. J. Peach (Minn.)—Victor L. Berger; Franklin H. Wentworth.

E. T. Behrens (Mo.)—James F. Carey; Victor L. Berger.

G. A. Hoehn (Missouri)—Algernon Lee; Victor L. Berger.

J. F. Mable (Mont.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.

Geo. A. Little (New Hampshire)—James F. Carey; Franklin H. Wentworth.

Geo. H. Headley (New Jersey)—Algernon Lee; John M. Work.

Victor L. Reilly (New Jersey)—Algernon Lee; John M. Work.

William W. Arland (New York)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.

Chas. S. Vanderporten (New York)—Algernon Lee; Franklin H. Wentworth.

Algernon Lee (New York)—James F. Carey; Franklin H. Wentworth.

Thos. G. Devine (Ohio)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.

G. F. Bentley (Okla.)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.

John Hagel (Okla.)—Franklin H. Wentworth; John M. Work.

E. H. Holl (Oregon)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.

Fred L. Schwartz (Pennsylvania)—Franklin H. Wentworth; A. M. Simons.

John M. Maurer (Pennsylvania)—John Spargo; Louis Gozoliou.

Ed. Moore (Pennsylvania)—A. M. Simons; Louis Gozoliou.

Warren G. Carter (R. I.)—James F. Carey; Algernon Lee.

Freman Knowles (South Dakota)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.

Jos. E. Voss (Tenn.)—Victor L. Berger.

Sanley J. Clark (Texas)—J. C. Thompson; A. M. Simons.

A. Wagenknecht (Wash.)—Algernon Lee; Louis Gozoliou.

G. W. Gillespie (W. Va.)—John Spargo; John M. Work.

Frederic Heath (Wis.)—Victor L. Berger; Louis Gozoliou.

Victor L. Berger (Wis.)—James F. Carey; Austin Lewis.

Carl D. Thompson (Wis.)—Victor L. Berger; John M. Work.

D. A. Hastings (Wyo.)—Victor L. Berger; John Spargo.

The states of Florida and North Dakota, being in arrears, their National Committeemen were not entitled to a vote.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, there is therefore no election.

**RULE 10 OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE.**

"When a referendum vote on the election of committees, etc., submitted to the National Committeemen, does not result in a choice on the second ballot, all names but the two highest shall be dropped when more than two candidates remain and only one is to be elected; all but three dropped when two are to be chosen, and so on, allowing of one candidate in excess of actual number to be elected before a third and final ballot is ordered."

In accordance with the above rule, there being but two delegates to be chosen, all the candidates will be dropped except the four having received the highest number of votes. The vote for third position.

**ELIGIBLES FOR THIRD BALLOT.**

Berger, Lee, Simons, Work.

National Committee members will use enclosed ballot and vote for two.

Vote will close June 10th. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

Chicago, Ill., May 28, 1907.

To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted Referendum No. 8, Motion No. 8, by Vernon F. King, National Committee member of Michigan.

**MOTION.**

"That we instruct the National Secretary to send out a letter requesting the party and all sympathizers, in the event of the judicial murder of our comrades in Idaho, to refrain from incendiary, violent fact, also from all acts of riot."

Comment—"Undoubtedly the capitalists have picked their time and are ready for bloodshed on a large scale. The least pretense will be a signal for repressive measures. The spies in our midst and the impossible element alike will do all in their power to create riots. Personally, I would welcome a contest in which we picked the time. Let us stand by our guns, and not be forced into the contest until we are ready."

**COMMENT BY LEE, OF NEW YORK.**

"To my mind, we could hardly do anything more tactful and prudent than to adopt this motion. The only worse thing would be to defeat it, once made. For my part, I shall not vote on it, considering it a motion not fit to be made at this time and tending only to embarrass the movement. It reminds one of the demand for a 'yes' or 'no' answer to the question, 'Have you quit beating your wife?' The man who never did beat his wife can simply refuse to answer. I hope enough other national committeemen will agree with me and abstain from voting, so that the motion will fall under the recently adopted rule which provides that no motion shall be considered adopted unless a majority votes on it."

Vote will close June 18th, 1907.

Chicago, Ill., May 29, 1907.

To the National Committee:

Comrades—Herewith is submitted report of referendum No. 7, motion No. 7, by Ernest D. Hull, National Committee member of Connecticut, by request of Local Hartford:

**MOTION.**

"That the National Executive Committee, in case of the conviction of either Moyer, Haywood or Pettibone, call a national conference of the labor organizations to consider means of saving these comrades from execution."

**VOTING YES.**

California—Lewis, L. M.  
Colorado—Woods  
Kansas—Crum  
Massachusetts—Carey  
Montana—Mable  
New York—Vanderporten  
Pennsylvania—Schwartz  
South Dakota—Knowles  
Texas—Clark  
Wyoming—Hastings  
Total—10.

**VOTING NO.**

Arizona—Rechtel  
Arkansas—LeFevre  
California—Holloway  
California—Edmiston  
Connecticut—Hull  
Idaho—Riggs  
Illinois—Stedman  
Illinois—Beryl  
Indiana—Reynolds  
Indiana—Wallace  
Iowa—Work  
Iowa—Shank  
Kansas—McAllister  
Kentucky—Dobbs  
Massachusetts—Konikow  
Michigan—King  
Minnesota—Peach  
Minnesota—Williams  
Missouri—Hoehn  
Missouri—Behrens  
New Hampshire—Little  
New Jersey—Reilly  
New Jersey—Headley  
New York—Lee  
New York—Arland  
Oregon—Axelson  
Oregon—Axelson  
Pennsylvania—Moore  
Pennsylvania—Maurer  
Rhode Island—Carpenter  
Tennessee—Voss  
Washington—Wagenknecht  
Washington—Herman  
West Virginia—Gillespie  
Wisconsin—Thompson  
Total—35.

**NOT VOTING.**

Illinois—Simons  
Louisiana—Canone, Sr.  
Maine—Fox  
Michigan—Wilea  
Nebraska—Sterns  
Ohio—Devine  
Ohio—Klein  
Oklahoma—Bentley  
Oklahoma—Hagel  
Oregon—Barzee  
Texas—Payne  
Vermont—Sullivan  
Wisconsin—Berger  
Wisconsin—Heath  
Total—14.

Motion is therefore defeated.

**FOR SECOND BALLOT.**

Victor L. Berger, Wis.; James Carey, Mass.; Louis Gozoliou, Pa.; Algernon Lee, N. Y.; A. M. Simons, Ill.; John Spargo, N. Y.; Franklin H. Wentworth, Mass.; John M. Work, Iowa.

National Committee members will use enclosed ballot and vote for two. Vote will close May 23rd, which admits of fourteen days from date for voting.

Chicago, Ill., May 24, 1907.

To the National Committee:

Comrades—I hereby report the second ballot for delegates to the International Congress to have resulted as follows:

**FOR DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.**

Vote by States:

Bechtel (Ariz.)—John M. Work; Algernon Lee.  
LeFevre (Ark.)—John Spargo; John M. Work.  
Lena Morrow Lewis (Calif.)—A. M. Simons; Algernon Lee.  
Holloway (Calif.)—A. M. Simons; John Spargo.  
Edmiston (Calif.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Woods (Colo.)—A. M. Simons; John Spargo.  
Hull (Conn.)—A. M. Simons; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Beardsley (Conn.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Riggs (Idaho)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.  
Stedman (Ill.)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.  
Beryl (Ill.)—Algernon Lee; Victor L. Berger.  
Reynolds (Ind.)—Algernon Lee; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Franklin (Ind.)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.  
Shank (Iowa)—John M. Work; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Crum (Kan.)—A. M. Simons; John Spargo.  
McAllister (Kan.)—Victor L. Berger; John Spargo.  
Dobbs (Ky.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Konikow (Mass.)—James F. Carey; Algernon Lee.  
King (Mich.)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.  
Williams (Minn.)—Louis Gozoliou; Algernon Lee.  
Peach (Minn.)—Victor L. Berger; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Hoehn (Mo.)—Algernon Lee; Victor L. Berger.  
Behrens (Mo.)—James F. Carey; Victor L. Berger.  
Mable (Mont.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Little (N. H.)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.  
Reilly (N. J.)—Algernon Lee; John M. Work.  
Headley (N. J.)—Algernon Lee; John M. Work.  
Lee (N. Y.)—Franklin H. Wentworth; A. M. Simons.  
Arland (N. Y.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Vanderporten (N. Y.)—Algernon Lee; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Axelson (Ore.)—John Spargo; John M. Work.  
Schwartz (Pa.)—A. M. Simons; Louis Gozoliou.  
Moore (Pa.)—A. M. Simons; Louis Gozoliou.  
Maurer (Pa.)—John Spargo; Algernon Lee.  
Carpenter (R. I.)—James F. Carey; Algernon Lee.  
Knowles (S. D.)—Victor L. Berger; A. M. Simons.  
Reilly (Tenn.)—Victor L. Berger; Franklin H. Wentworth.  
Clark (Texas)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.  
Wagenknecht (Wash.)—Algernon Lee; A. M. Simons.  
Herman (Wash.)—Algernon Lee; Louis Gozoliou.  
Gillespie (W. Va.)—A. M. Simons; John M. Work.  
Thompson (Wis.)—Victor L. Berger; John M. Work.  
Heath (Wis.)—Victor L. Berger; Louis Gozoliou.  
Berger (Wis.)—A. M. Simons; James F. Carey.  
Hastings (Wyo.)—Victor L. Berger; John Spargo.

Total number of votes cast—49.  
Necessary to choose—25.  
Not voting—Work, Iowa; Canone, Sr., Ia.; Willen, Mich.; Sterns, Neb.; Klein, Ohio; Payne, Texas; Sullivan, Vt.; Herman, Wash.

Total number of votes received by each candidate—Berger, 14; Carey, 6; Gozoliou, 5; Lee, 20; Lewis, 4; Simons, 17; Spargo, 7; Thompson, 1; Wentworth, 11; Work, 12.

None of the candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot is required.

The following have not received 10 per cent of the total number of votes cast, and are not eligible for the second ballot, and their names are therefore dropped—Austin Lewis and J. C. Thompson.

The states of Florida and North Dakota, being in arrears, their National Committeemen were not entitled to vote.

Total number of votes received by each candidate—Berger, 12; Carey, 4; Gozoliou, 5; Lee, 20; Simons, 23; Spargo, 8; Wentworth, 8; Work, 12.

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**COMMENT**

**ARIZONA (RECHTEL)**—"Record me as voting no on referendum 7. A call for a conference of all labor bodies should emanate from the economic organization of the working class and the political organization should give its assistance, thus bringing two hands into the fight. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are charged with conspiracy to murder Stuenberg, and to a very large extent is implied, if not openly charged, that the Western Federation of Miners is responsible for Stuenberg's death. Therefore, I take the stand that if it is necessary to call a conference of all labor, the call should be issued by a labor organization, for, in my estimation, it would meet with prompt response."

**CONNECTICUT (HULL)**—"Comrade Work has very nearly expressed my personal views on referendum No. 7, motion No. 7. Therefore, in the absence of authoritative instructions to the contrary, I presented by request."

**CONNECTICUT (BEARDSLEY)**—"In voting no on referendum No. 7, motion No. 7, I do not wish to oppose any movement that will aid our imprisoned comrades, who are now upon trial in Idaho, that I think could be successfully carried out. I do not think our motion is one that can be successfully carried out by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist party, as I do not think the labor unions will respond to a call for a national conference coming from the Socialist party. I base my reason for thinking so from my experience of a member of a labor union and from close study of the actions of the large majority of the labor unions previous to the trials of Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. Last December a request was received by the National Executive Committee from the officers of the International and Cincinnati to appoint a committee of two to visit Samue'l Gompers and have him call a national conference of all labor organizations for the purpose of holding a national protest meeting condemning the kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The reply of the National Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor was that they did not think it desirable to call any such meeting, but would wait and do something practical. If our comrades should be convicted of the crimes charged against them by corrupt capitalist courts, I am sure the American Federation will have something practical and I am sure the labor unions will respond more readily when the call comes from a source. Let us in the meantime give the capitalist press no cause to say we are conspiring to use force, which they will surely say if this motion should pass. I think before we wait until we reach the bridge we should have plans to cross it. No one knows yet what kind of a bridge we will have to cross."

**KANSAS (MCALLISTER)**—"I am of the opinion that a call such as contemplated in this motion should be made through a medium that would reach and appeal to the sense of justice of all the workers, regardless of party affiliations. I heartily endorse the comment of Comrade Work of Iowa."

**MINNESOTA (PEACH)**—"As to referendum 7, motion 7, of May 7, I agree with Comrade Work. This is a struggle between capital and labor on the economic field to destroy the union, and the Socialists as an organization should help and strengthen the unions, but not attempt to force themselves into unwarranted prominence by trying to lead."

**MISSOURI (BEHRENS)**—"This is a matter which properly comes under the jurisdiction of the labor organizations, who, no doubt, will act promptly and effectively, should the contingency mentioned in the motion arise."

**NEW YORK (LEE)**—"I was heartily in favor of the proposition for calling a national conference last winter and regretted its failure. It is very likely that, in the event of the conviction of our imprisoned brothers, such a step would again seem advisable, yet, circumstances now unforeseen might make it unwise. Just at the present juncture we cannot well decide how we shall act in the matter some months later, therefore, I vote in the negative."

**NEW YORK (ARLAND)**—"I vote no on motion 7. I do so because I think the motion premature. We do not know what contingency may arise during, or at the close of the trial. Therefore I do not believe that the party should be bound by any set procedure. Our organization is certainly flexible enough to meet any great emergency, and our best meet such emergency by not being bound to set lines beforehand."

**OREGON (AXELSON)**—"I vote no on motion 7, for the following reasons: First, I consider it outside of the jurisdiction of the National Committee to order the National Executive Committee to call a convention of labor organizations.

Second, in case such a call was decided upon, it would by many, if not all organizations, be considered as a 'butting in' proposition on the part of the Socialists.

Third, if the holding of such a convention should become a necessity, it ought to be called by the proper officials or committees of the respective labor organizations, and.

Fourth, if a call from proper sources is made it certainly will be made broad enough to entitle any and all Socialists to participate in a convention of this kind."

**PENNSYLVANIA (SWARTZ)**—"On motion No. 7, please record me as voting yes. Should Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone be convicted I believe that such a verdict will force the Socialist party and labor organizations to act in unison to save our comrades from execution. At the same time it will show the 'desirable' President Roosevelt that all the 'undesirable citizens' are getting ready for the attempt to carry out a judicial murder."

**PENNSYLVANIA (MAURER)**—"My reasons for voting no on referendum No. 7 are that I do not think a call for a national conference of labor organizations by the National Executive Committee would have the effect that your comrades of Local Hartford hoped for. If, however, the National Executive Committee would make an appeal to all Socialists who belong to unions, asking them to go to their unions and see to it that a call for a national conference comes from the unions, then the success of the call for the conference would in a great measure be assured. Something must be done in the event of a conviction of either or all of our comrades. Just what that something is I at this time do not know. Possibly a general strike."

**WASHINGTON (HERMAN)**—"In voting no on motion No. 7, I wish to say that I fully recognize the fact that the capitalist class in order to wreck a progressive labor organization, will go to any extreme, even that of judicially murdering its representatives. I therefore recognize the good intentions of Local Hartford in wishing to prevent the execution of Moyer, Haywood or Pettibone in case of conviction.

With their judgment, however, I cannot agree. Should the capitalist class culminate their conspiracy against the W. F. of M. by judicially murdering either or all of the three men now in prison, of what avail would it be for the S. P. to carry out the intent of this motion?

The capitalist class being in absolute possession of the powers of government, national, state, county and municipal, can, if they see fit, murder the representatives of labor at their sweet will. Under this condition of affairs, we of the working class would have no other recourse to prevent said murder than that of revolt, and that would be suicidal; nothing would please the capitalist class and their hordes of blood-thirsty, unprincipled hirelings more than to turn loose their gassing guns and other implements of destruction and slaughter those of the working class who dare to question their right to rule them."

No, comrades, let us bide our time, expend our energy, time and money in educating the slaves of capital to an understanding of their interests. When this is accomplished the working class will be fit; our emancipation will be secured and for the first time in history we will have the pleasure of seeing a former class of labor skinners earning their bread by the sweat of their own brows."

**WASHINGTON (WAGENKNECHT)**—"Want to leave this matter entirely in the hands of our National Executive Committee."

The states of Florida and North Dakota being in arrears, the national committeemen were not entitled to vote on this motion.

Fraternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
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Waterbury, Conn., April 28, 1907.

Dear Comrades: The above convention has come and gone, and it was indeed a representative one, delegates being present from New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, California, Connecticut, and many other parts of the United States; but, although I labored with them to the best of my ability from the opening of the convention to its close, I could not induce them to affiliate with the Socialist party of America. In final vote they stood 12 for affiliation and 22 against; also deciding to submit the result of their decision by referendum vote to the different locals of their organization. The increased cost of affiliation with our party seemed to be the greatest obstacle in their way.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Lithuanian Socialist organizations of the United States in national convention assembled, do hereby heartily endorse and reaffirm their allegiance to the platform and principles of the Socialist party of America.

Resolved, That we implicitly believing in the innocence of our accused comrades, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, do hereby extend to them and their loved ones, our heartfelt sympathy and promise to give to them our moral and financial support.

Resolved, That on this, the International Labor Day, we witness with joy the many evidences of increasing class consciousness and growing world-wide solidarity of labor; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge upon the workers of the world that they unite under the uplifted liberty banner of Socialism, that they may hasten the day by so doing of the abolition of wage slavery, and institute in its place the system of co-operative commonwealth, i. e., the Socialist republic.

I expect in a few days full report of the convention in their language, which I will forward to you as soon as I receive same.

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L. E. LEONARD.

STILLWATER, OKLA., April 10, 1905.  
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L. GILGES.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU.

Brussels, April 17, 1907. Dear Comrades, Delegates and Secretaries of the Affiliated Parties: We have, till now, only received a little number of resolutions to be submitted to the International Congress of Stuttgart.

We would also be glad to receive from all organizations the reports on their actively since 1904, with the texts of propositions and resolutions, to be submitted to the next meeting of the bureau and inscribed eventually, on the agenda of the International Congress.

EM. VANDERVELDE, ED ANSELE, Executive Committee. CAMILLE HUYSMANS, Secretary.

The plenary assembly of the International Socialist Bureau will take place on Sunday, June 9, at the office of the secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, People's Palace, 17 rue Joseph Stevens, first floor, room 6, at 9 a. m.

- 1. Examination of the questions to be written in the provisional agenda of the Congress of Stuttgart, with the resolutions already sent to the bureau.
2. The distribution of the votes to the different national sections.
3. The proposition to convoke the Executive Committee for Friday, Aug. 16, the Interparliamentary Commission for Saturday, 17; the opening meeting of the Congress for Sunday, 18, and on Tuesday, 20, or Wednesday, 21, to assemble the editors of the Socialist daily papers in order to examine a motion of Italian comrades, who intend to create an international agency of Socialist and labor information.

EM. VANDERVELDE, ED ANSELE, CAMILLE HUYSMANS, Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE PUBLISHED BY REQUEST OF A. WAGENKNECHT, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF WASHINGTON.

Letter addressed to the Dominion Executive Committee, Provincial Executive Committee and Local Vancouver, Socialist Party of Canada: Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20, 1907. Dear Comrade—Some of the Socialist party members of Seattle have been told that Walter Thomas Mills, in a speech at Victoria, B. C., advocated the election of labor party candidates.

I write you to inquire if this is true, and if so to ask for particulars. Comrade Mills is a member of the Socialist party of Seattle, Wash. Should it be true that he advocated fusion in Victoria, I hope you will see to it that proper complaint is made to D. Burgess, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington, 2305 1/2 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

The Socialist Party of Washington has, up to now, adhered to the principle of "no compromise." No member of the Socialist party, no matter how high his standing in the movement, should escape punishment for advocating fusion.

I understand that Comrade Mortimer has written at length to Comrade Titus on this question. To resume: The Canadian Labor Party is a party opposed to and by the S. P. of C. This party nominated two candidates in Victoria, Dr. E. Hall and one Johnson. This Dr. Hall acted as chairman at the meeting at which Mills spoke.

A group of revolutionary Socialists, who afterwards became a local of the S. P. of C., nominated Comrade Watters. Note that the local was not in existence at the time of the meeting, but came into existence afterwards. Mills was brought over—probably by Mc—on a special train, and he is in the interest of the fusion outfit, and did so, in speaking to the labor party platform, calling on the audience to vote the full ticket and asking for collection for election fund. Objections were made at the meeting by some comrades who reported the matter to us and applied for a charter.

The charge was admitted by Mills at a meeting here in Vancouver, and by his supporters, who, however, plead "extenuating circumstances," which, however, cannot exist. Let me know what further information you want; we want to see this matter put through Vancouver. I have had a hard day's labor and there are half a dozen people in the house now, all talking, and a graphophone pounding.

Yours in the cause, (Signed) J. J. MORGAN. ENCLOSURE SECRETARY J. G. MORGAN'S LETTER OF MARCH 7, 1907.

Copy of charges: Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, Vancouver, B. C., March 26, 1907. D. Burgess, State Secretary Socialist Party of Washington: Dear Comrade—I am instructed by the Dominion Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Canada, and in compliance with a request made by Comrade A. Wagenknecht of Seattle, to send him a statement of the facts in the matter of the actions of one Walter Thomas Mills, while in the Province of British Columbia.

This committee charges W. T. Mills with conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement and utterly opposed to the platform and policy of the Socialist Party of Canada, in whose territory he was speaking, in that he, at a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., prior to the recent provincial elections, did advocate fusion and compromise and spoke in the interests of candidates put up by a political party (Canadian Labor Party) opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada.

This committee understands that W. T. Mills is a member of Local Seattle, and hopes that steps will be taken to discipline him. Comrade Wagenknecht has been supplied with full particulars, and I will be glad to supply you with the same, if required.

Yours in the cause, (Signed) J. J. MORGAN. Addressed to J. G. Morgan, Secretary of Dominion Executive Committee, Comrades Hawthorne, Williams and McInnis of the investigation committee: Seattle, Wash., March 26, 1907. Dear Comrade:—In the last issue of the Western Clarion I note that Comrade Hawthorne, Williams and McInnis were selected a committee to investigate the acts of Walter Thomas Mills in Victoria. You will undoubtedly send a copy of the report of this committee to the Dominion Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Washington.

The Socialist Party of Seattle, Wash., has elected a committee of five to investigate charges against Walter Thomas Mills. This committee consists of Comrades Wiswell, Winsor, Latimer, Hawker and McCracken. Do not know who the officers of this committee are, but by addressing Mr. McCracken, member of the investigating committee, 526 Thirtieth Avenue N., Seattle, Wash., and enclosing him a copy of the report of your investigating committee, you would undoubtedly favor the membership of the Socialist Party of Seattle.

Yours for no compromise, (Signed) A. WAGENKNECHT, National Committeeman for Washington. The following letter was sent to Dr. Ernest Hall, Moss McGregor, James H. Hawthorne, Williams and John McInnis, Victoria, B. C.: Seattle, Wash., March 29, 1907.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—Although not having the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, I write you asking you to kindly favor me by answering the enclosed questions. The questions are asked in an effort to get at the facts of the occurrence and the answers undoubtedly will tend to further the best interests of those mostly concerned.

- 1. Enclose self-addressed envelope for reply. Awaiting same, I am, yours sincerely, (Signed) A. WAGENKNECHT, National Committeeman for Washington, Socialist Party of the United States. The following questions were enclosed in the letters sent to Dr. Ernest Hall, Moss McGregor, Jas. H. Hawthorne, Parker Williams and John McInnis, Victoria, B. C.:
1. On what date in January, 1907, did Walter Thomas Mills speak in Victoria?
2. Was Walter Thomas Mills invited to speak in Victoria on this date by the Labor Party?
3. Was Walter Thomas Mills invited to speak in Victoria on this date by the Economic League?
4. Were either of the above named organizations affiliated with the Socialist Party of Canada?
5. Did Walter Thomas Mills advise his audience to vote for any of the Labor Party candidates?
6. Name them.
7. Did Walter Thomas Mills receive pay for this speech from the Labor Party?
8. What was the amount of this remuneration?
9. Will you kindly sign your name to verify your answers to the above questions? (Signed) Name Address

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN WALTER THOMAS MILLS AND THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

April 17, 1907. Walter Thomas Mills, care The Saturday Evening Tribune, 4130 Twelfth Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash. Dear Comrade:—I enclose a letter from the secretary, J. G. Morgan, of the Canadian Executive Committee, which explains itself. The letter is submitted to you in accordance with Rule 12, which is quoted below:

"Whenever any motion is submitted to the National Committee which affects the standing of an organization or member in the Socialist party reasonable opportunity to make a statement shall be granted to such organization or member before the ballots are sent out to the members of the committee, and such statement shall be sent out together with the ballots. All evidence must be sent through the National Office." Fraternally yours, (Signed) J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

Enclosure: 551 Barnard St., Vancouver, B. C. April 11, 1907. J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary Socialist Party of U. S. A.: Dear Comrade:—I write to complain of the actions of one Walter Thomas Mills, who is troubling the movement in British Columbia.

This individual, at a meeting in Victoria, B. C., prior to the recent provincial elections, spoke in the interests of and advocated the election of certain candidates to the Canadian Labor party, a party opposed to the Socialist Party of Canada, and which ran candidates in opposition to ours in this city. This matter the Dominion Executive Committee reported to the Washington State Committee (Mr. Mills being a member of

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Seattle local) and that local is dealing with the case.

In consequence of this action on the part of W. T. Mills, this party refused to consider a proposition made by Morgan that he deliver a certain series of lectures in this province: certain of our members were expelled (one was) and a number resigned, and have formed another party, and W. T. Mills is now periodically visiting this city and delivering his lectures against the expressed wish of the Socialist party.

This conduct is, in the highest degree, reprehensible, and this party is now preparing such evidence as will ensure that the said Walter Thomas Mills is disciplined if the Washington comrades do their duty.

I am, yours in the cause, (Signed) J. G. MORGAN, Mr. J. Mahlon Barnes, Secretary, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade—Referring to yours just at hand, and regarding the complaint of J. G. Morgan of British Columbia, I have the following to say: First. The letter was handed me just as I was on my way to Vancouver. I saw Mr. Morgan that he stated to me that his letter to you was not authorized by any action of the Dominion Committee, but, as he said, was simply a personal "holler," because he wasn't feeling good. Second. As to some of the statements I referred them to Mr. Burns, who, in reply to my request, has written me as follows: (Mr. Burns is the man referred to by Mr. Morgan as having been expelled, and with others who resigned, having organized a new party.)

Vancouver, B. C., April 25. Mr. W. T. Mills, Seattle, Wash.: Dear Comrade:—In reply to your inquiry, you are authorized to state to Mr. J. Mahlon Barnes that you took no part in the organization of the Social Democratic party in Vancouver, B. C. In fact, the organization of this party was contrary to your advice, given to myself and others, both orally and by letter. With all due regard to your experience, I think that events are proving that we took the wisest course under the circumstances. The statements that have gained publicity—that you lectured last time you were in Vancouver under our auspices, and that you are under contract to deliver a monthly course of lectures in Vancouver under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party of Vancouver—both statements are incorrect. Whenever you are in a position to give us a course of lectures, the party in Vancouver is very anxious to secure your services. Hoping that this will correct any wrong impression, I remain, Yours for the cause, ERNEST BURNS.

I am enclosing Mr. Burns' original, and am keeping for myself a copy only. Third. As for myself, I can only say that both in spirit and in letter, both as to conclusions and as to facts, so far as Mr. Morgan's "holler" is concerned, that every statement in any way reflecting upon myself is entirely untrue. Fraternally yours, (Signed) WALTER THOMAS MILLS.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST OF A. WAGENKNECHT, OF WASHINGTON. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 27, 1907. H. P. Burt, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Utah.

Dear Comrade:—I write to ask you if the Utah Socialist party organization has taken any action since you wrote your letter in answer to the letter of National Committeeman James Oneal, which charged you and other state officers and candidates with fusion. If action has been taken would you please let me know of it? If no action has been taken and if the Utah state party does not contemplate disciplining those guilty of this violation of Socialist party principles and constitution, I shall make a motion to expel the Socialist party of Utah from the national organization.

Beginning an immediate answer, I remain, Yours for "no compromise," A. WAGENKNECHT, National Committeeman for Washington. Seattle, Wash., April 18, 1907. J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary Socialist Party:

Dear Comrade:—About February 28 I sent you a copy of a letter I sent H. P. Burt, State Secretary of Utah. Below you will find an answer I received about April 13th. Kindly publish both in the Weekly Bulletin, as the correspondence was official. "I am out; convention repudiated my acts; new state committee; new secretary. Now, what you and Oneal have accomplished is this: Five or six of our best workers have become so disgusted that they have left the party, some outside entirely and some into S. L. P." "You should be proud and happy." (Signed) H. P. BURT.

Fraternally, (Signed) A. WAGENKNECHT, National Committeeman for Washington.

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Article VI. of the Constitution.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members, but no more than three members of the said committee shall be elected from one state. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be one year.

"The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by referendum vote. The call for nominations shall be issued on the 15th day of November in each year. Each local shall be entitled to nominate seven candidates. Twenty days shall be allowed for nominations, ten for acceptances and declinations, and forty-five for the referendum. The seven candidates receiving the highest votes shall be elected. Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner. Members of the Executive Committee may be recalled by a referendum vote, in the manner provided for referendums in Article XI. hereof, except that in such cases the initiative shall not be laid open for thirty days, but shall be sent out immediately."

Sec. 2. "The Executive Committee shall meet whenever it shall deem it necessary to do so." It shall supervise and direct the work of the National Secretary, organize unorganized states and territories, receive semi-annual reports from the state committees, receive and pass upon the reports of the National Secretary, and transact all current business of the national office, except such as are by this constitution or by the rules

of the National Committee expressly reserved for the National Committee or the general vote of the party.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure not inconsistent with this constitution or with the rules of the National Committee.

Rules of Order for National Executive Committee.

1. A majority of the members of the National Executive Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. The time of the adjournment and the time of opening of the next session shall be determined at each session.

3. Each session shall be called to order by the National Secretary.

4. A chairman shall be elected at each session.

5. The Executive Committee may elect the secretary of each meeting.

6. Order of business.

A. Election of Chairman.

B. Election of Secretary.

C. Reading of Minutes.

The National Secretary shall report upon the following subjects, including under the head of "miscellaneous," such matters as may not come under the other specified heads. After the National Secretary has reported, the Executive Committee shall act upon the subjects serially.

A. National Secretary's Report.

B. On State Organization.

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G. Miscellaneous.

7. Meetings may be called by the National Secretary whenever he may deem necessary or by decision of the Executive Committee.

8. The actions by this committee will be considered indorsed by the National Committee, in the absence of an amendment or motion, at the expiration of two weeks following the date of publication of the minutes.

## Business by Correspondence.

1. Between meetings all business shall be transacted by correspondence.

2. All motions or other matter submitted for the National Executive Committee, for action by correspondence, be reported upon by the National Secretary immediately after all the members have been heard from, and not later than seven days after the submission of such matters, even if all the members are not heard from.

3. All business to be transacted by the National Executive Committee by correspondence shall be submitted by the National Secretary in the form of a motion or question. The business shall be considered acted upon when at least four members have participated.

NOTE.—There is no rule or set time for the adoption, by the National Committee, of the actions of the National Executive Committee.

The practice has been that such parts not affected by a motion or amendment at the expiration of twenty-one days from date of publication, were adopted.

## Laws Affecting the National Committee as Amended.

Article IV. of the Constitution.

Section 1. Each organized state or territory shall be represented on the National Committee by one member and by an additional member for every one thousand members or major fraction thereof in good standing in the party. For the purpose of determining the representation to which each state or territory may be entitled, the National Secretary shall compute at the beginning of each year the average dues-paying membership of such state or territory for the preceding year.

Sec. 2. The members of this committee shall be elected by referendum vote of and from the membership of the states or territories which they respectively represent. Their term of office shall not be more than two years. The members of the National Committee shall be subject to removal by referendum vote of their respective states.

Sec. 3. The National Committee shall meet whenever it shall deem it necessary to do so.

Sec. 4. Expenses of the National Committee in attending meetings shall be paid from the National treasury.

Sec. 5. Between the sessions of the National Committee, all its business shall be transacted by correspondence.

Sec. 6. The National Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution.

## Rules for National Committee Referendums.

1. Any National Committeeman may make a motion. The same shall be put to the National Committee, no second being required.

2. When a National Committeeman makes a motion by correspondence it shall be published in the next weekly Bulletin. A period of ten days shall then be permitted to elapse before the ballots for the said motion are sent out. During these ten days any National Committeeman may send in his comment on said motion. If the comment exceeds one hundred words, it shall be filed for reference, but not published. Otherwise, it shall be sent out along with the ballots. When sending in the ballots, the National Committeeman may file comments for reference if they so desire but such comments shall not be published.

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3. The National Secretary may declare a motion out of order if the same is in conflict with the constitution of the party, or the rules of the National Committee.

4. A motion to lay a motion on the table shall be out of order.

5. "Motions to amend, defer, postpone or decline a motion out of order, shall be, with the exception of the comments by the originators of such motions, not commentable, must reach the National Office before ballots of original motion are sent out and ballots for such motion with comments shall be sent out with the ballots of original motion. Should more than one amendment be submitted, which, if adopted, would be conflicting, the one receiving the most votes shall be declared adopted."

6. In order that all states securing additional National Committeemen may have an equal opportunity to acquire their additional representation at the same time, the call for nominations for the election of National Committeemen in each state shall be issued after the apportionment of National Committeemen has been made by the National Secretary.

7. No motion declaratory of the principles or the policy of the party shall be submitted unless seconded by one-sixth of the members of the National Committee.

8. A National Committeeman may withdraw a motion made by himself before it is submitted, provided it is not seconded.

9. A motion ordering an inquiry into the state of the organization in any state or territory shall also set a date for the termination of such inquiry. If such motion is adopted, no other motion relating to such inquiry shall be in order before the determination of such inquiry unless seconded by one-sixth of the members of the National Committee.

10. When a referendum vote on the election of committees, etc., submitted to the National Committeemen does not result in a choice on the second ballot all names but the two highest shall be dropped when more than two candidates remain and only one is to be elected; all but three dropped where two are to be chosen, and so on, allowing of one candidate in excess of actual number to be elected before a third and final ballot is ordered.

11. Whenever a protest is lodged with the National Secretary against any comrade holding any position under the jurisdiction of the National Committee or against any comrade nominated for any such position, the National Secretary shall, before submitting a protest to the members of the committee for their consideration, give the comrade against whom the protest is directed, opportunity to submit a statement in his or her behalf should he or she desire to do so. In the case of protests against nominees for any position, this right shall belong to the nominator, whether such nominator be a party member, National Committeeman, or a division of the party duly recognized as having the right to nominate candidates.

12. Whenever any motion is submitted to the National Committee which affects the standing of an organization or member in the Socialist party, reasonable opportunity to make a statement shall be granted to such organization or member before the ballots are sent out to the members of the committee, and such statement shall be sent out together with the ballots. All evidence must be sent through the National office.

13. If, when the ballots for any motion are sent out, any state shall be three months or more in arrears in its reports or dues, the committeemen from that state shall not be entitled to vote on such motion.

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