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## BOURGEOIS SOCIALISM

In "Hampton's Broadway Magazine" for January there is an article by Charles Edward Russell on "The Growing Menace of Socialism." It contains many good things and several not so good. Some of our Magazine Reporters, quick come to Socialism, attempt to outline the subject for popular consumption before they are half delivered from a lifetime of bourgeois thinking. The frequent result is a mess, mostly Middle Class, like Russell's: "Calm your selves, dear friends; the kind of Revolution that Socialists think of would never disturb your grandmothers." And here is the sudden Socialist's definition of Modern Socialism:

### Russell's Definition

And what is, in fact, this terrible monster that thus causes the cheek of statesmanship to pale and shivers with terror so many hearts of valor approved upon the battle-field and the hunting ground? Also just what is this movement that in our own times has arisen from nothing to such a commanding position in the world? What is this Socialism that has won so many millions in so many lands to its support, and continues day by day to win others?

Two terrific propositions and no more, to-wit:

1. All men are brethren, not merely brethren in name but brethren in fact, with a common blood, common destiny, common interests, common cause. The welfare of one of us is the brotherly concern of all of us, and being brethren, all war and strife and hatred should cease.

2. The things that men need in common should be owned in common and supplied for the Common Good, not for private profit; there should not be private ownership and control of other universal necessities any more than there is private ownership of air. That is all. Isn't it awful?

### Public Ownership

He further assures his readers the Socialist position is as follows: "If the supplies of the great essentials of man's life on earth—such, for instance, as land, water, fuel, light, transportation, were owned and controlled by the public and for the public, there would be an end to all Monopolies, an end to the gathering of disproportionate fortunes, an end to the cruel and despotic industrial system that now makes Need the prey of Greed, and an end of Poverty."

He quotes New Zealand as having "a government of very strong Socialist tendencies," and as having "gone further than any other nation toward adopting a full Socialist programme."

He also tells us that Socialism is already a great force in Great Britain and cites as "significant evidence of that fact, 'the rapid spread of the public ownership of public utilities through all the British cities.'"

### Magazine Socialism

All this is pure bourgeois Socialism, though even the New York "Call" refers its readers approvingly to Russell's article, due doubtless to careless editing.

Mr. Bryan or Mr. Hearst will agree to all this and so will most Christians and Reformers generally.

We heartily wish this Holiday Socialism was practicable. The Class War disappears in all this brotherhood and easy transition into the Millennium.

But the Proletariat is no better off in Glasgow or London where the Water, Light, Transportation and other public utilities of Magazine Socialism are "publicly owned."

When our Superior Socialists get hold of Karl Marx and learn the A, B, C, as the Proletarian Socialists know it, there will be less of this Middle Class drivel.

The victory and emancipation of the Proletariat will not come as by making them public servants, as on the Railways of Prussia or in the Tobacco factories of Russia, and thus putting "an end to disproportionate fortunes" and reconstructing the proportionate fortunes of the Middle Class, but by the Proletariat constituting itself the Public Master and distributing wealth and power according to its own will. That will be a Revolution which may even disturb our Capitalist or Puritan grandmothers in their very graves.

But our Magazine Chef has some fine ingredients mixed into his pot-pourri.

Here is one which states the well known Surplus argument in fairly good shape:

### The Unconsumed Surplus

The Socialists feel also that if there were no other causes at work the spread of the Doctrine of the Unconsumed Surplus would in itself carry the world to Socialism. They believe that the instant a man comprehends that doctrine he becomes a Socialist, no matter what his prejudices may have been, and that understanding of the doctrine is certain to reach sooner or later every competent mind.

The Doctrine of the Unconsumed Surplus or of Unconsumed Values may be roughly stated like this: The United States of America, let us say (although the illustration would hold good of every civilized nation), produces every year, about four billion dollars of wealth. Labor receives in wages two billion dollars. Consequently labor can consume only one half of the total wealth production, because it can consume no more than its wages will purchase. But, as the laboring class is very much the greater it is obviously impossible that that small capitalist class (comprising the remainder of the nation) should consume the remainder of the wealth or any considerable part of it. Hence there is left two billions of wealth that is shipped abroad. It goes to England, for example, in the shape of wheat and food. But England is, in exactly the same condition of produc-

ing more than she consumes. Hence our unconsumed surplus and England's unconsumed surplus are exchanged in to cloth and steel and coal and shipped somewhere else. But every nation in Europe is in the same condition of producing more than it consumes. Hence while the unconsumed surpluses of England and the United States are exchanged into the unconsumed surpluses of other nations, yet the surplus remains always unconsumed. Eventually this unconsumed surplus alights upon a country that is not developed, a country that consumes more than it produces, a country like India with its famines, or South Africa, or South America with its untold wastes, and there the surplus from the developed countries is finally consumed and disappears.

Good. But the number of undeveloped countries is steadily diminishing and is narrowly limited. One hundred years ago, or thereabouts, we were consuming the surplus of other nations; now we are adding enormously to the world's surplus because we have meanwhile been developed. Argentina used to be a consuming country, it is now a surplus-producing country, and there is slowly accumulating this mass of unconsumed surplus with which the world knows not how to deal.

The obvious remedy is to limit production to the world's consumption, which, under present conditions is what is sought when mills shut down and factories cease to produce. But inasmuch as under present conditions every such interruption of industry is accompanied by vast suffering and actual starvation, the Socialists feel assured that here again evolution will bring about the triumph of their cause, because Socialism is the only system so far devised that would adjust production to consumption, just as it is the only system that would abolish child labor, intemperance, and prostitution.

## FREE CAPITALIST ADVICE

### A Daniel Come to Judgement

When a wise general, after a campaign and gets licked, he stops, squats down, takes notes of conditions, then plans a new set of tactics.

You of the national committee and managers of the campaign have got licked, badly licked, and now it is time to take note and get wise. You are the kind of men who at least ought to learn something when "knocked down by the logic of events."

First, then, your appeal has been almost exclusively to the wage workers; they have been told over and over that this is a "workers' movement," a "workingman's party," a "working-class" cheese. You have slobbered over union labor in season and out of season. Mr. Debs made his appeal almost exclusively to the head and heart of labor; but labor has no head or heart. McKinley took the right measure of the wage worker when, with a promise of the "full dinner pail," he appealed to his belly and got his vote. That is the outside limit of the wage earners' ambition. The men to whom Debs made his appeal, and to whom the Daily Socialist appealed, are simply the units of the mob—the unstable, unreliable mob. They will shout "Hosannah to the King of the Jews" one day and the next will say, "Away with Him! Crucify Him!" Today they hurrah for Debs and tomorrow for Taft. And in your zeal to make it appear that Socialism belongs to this mob class you have held off an element that would be a real strength to us. To please the mob you have thrown mud at "Injunction Bill," when nine-tenths of the people believe in the injunction—i. e., nine-tenths of the reliable people. (Honest and stable, but not yet fully informed.) You have tried to paint Bryan as greased by Standard Oil, when nobody outside your office believed your lying, slanderous picture.

Almost your whole appeal has been to the mob, and you now find the party in the soup. THE LOSS OF VOTES CONDEMNS YOUR METHODS.

Now let me suggest that henceforth you make your appeal to a higher, more reliable element—to the farmer, to the home owner, to the moral and religious citizen. One of these will be worth a thousand in an emergency.

I have been all summer associated with railroad men, workers who are intelligent and right up to the front in their knowledge of political and industrial affairs. We have talked Socialism from every point of view; but these men have said all the while that the very fact that our movement is a "working class movement" condemns it, because the working class is not reliable. "When the vote is counted you will see it," was their prediction. One of them said he had worked with men in all capacities on the railroad, and the mass of them is simply a mob without intelligent anchorage.

Well, the present lesson is enough—if our leaders are wise.

L. D. RATLIFF.  
Salem, Ore.

To the Editor of The Socialist:  
We read in a recent issue of "The Daily Socialist" of Chicago a letter entitled "A Daniel Come to Judgment" from one R. A. Ratliff of Salem, Oregon, whose utter lack of class-consciousness permits him to make an appeal to the dying middle class for Socialist votes instead of the Proletariat, and he herewith offer com-

ment on his advice to the leaders and officers of the Socialist movement.

"Whipped Socialist Party"

We find the cry of a whipped Socialist party and a loss of votes made at the very outset; when we have made a healthy increase under the double-crossfire of Gompers' attempting to deliver the vote of the unions to the Democratic party, whose nominee was an ex-radical leader, and of the disfranchisement of a large per cent of the Socialist voters who were hating for the job lost during the recent panic; both of which are exceptional features of the late election.

### RED SUNDAY EDITION

Next week "The Socialist" will devote its chief attention to the Russian situation, with especial reference to the Pouran and Rudowitz cases.

Original articles by Russian and Lettish exiles will be a feature. A story entitled "Incidents of the Baltic Revolution" will contain details by an eye-witness.

All will be contributed by Workingmen.

Jan. 24th will be celebrated by thousands, if not millions, as the Sunday nearest to Jan. 22, the exact date of the terrible "Red Sunday" itself.

Orders for this "Red Sunday" special will be filled at the usual rates, but must be sent in immediately to secure attention.

from Esquimaux to Cook's Island. For the first time the world feels the pinch. Development has changed one country after another from surplus-consuming to surplus-producing countries, and there is slowly accumulating this mass of unconsumed surplus with which the world knows not how to deal.

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### A Problem that Demands Solution

What is the world to do when this process has been carried only a little further and there are no more surplus-consuming countries?

Indeed, that is an acute problem this very moment. That is what is the matter with the commercial world, that is a main reason why there is one bitter complaint of business stagnation from London to Hongkong and

### RED SUNDAY EDITION

of the profit of his effort through an increased wage, a temporary expedient, but who are interested in how interest may be regulated, taxes reduced, railroad rates modified, and income and inheritance taxes be imposed on the wealthy to the advantage of the small "home owner and farmer."

He also appeals to the "moral and religious." He appeals to the moral whose morality supports a system that robs all mankind through rent, interest and profit with a special feature for destroying motherhood and the lives of women, girls and little children in factories and sweat-shops. Please deliver us from any such Capitalist morality. He appeals to the religious. God save us from this Lazarus dope of dog-licking-sores here and a good time after we die. We want right conditions here and now and the best conditions here is the only possibility of the best conditions hereafter. All consistent Capitalists are religious, even President-elect Taft believes that "God Knows."

"Capitalist Pharisees"

The church is and always has been the handmaid of Capitalism. With its Rockefeller-hired clergy it plays on the superstition of the masses and holds the people while the system skins them. Its God is not only its own "belly," but is also the possession of the necessities of the "belly" of the other fellow whom he holds in wage slavery. A twentieth century Capitalist Pharisee is no less a Pharisee than was the Jewish Pharisee in the time of Christ. We heartily favor a religion of the Working Class that will strike the shackles from their lives and let right conditions exist here and now.

All of this is free advice, we get it galore, and it does not affect us in the least. We have no objection to those of the propertied interests helping us to emancipate all classes, but they must meet us upon our own basis of economic battle line if they would aid us in overthrowing the profit system.

Farmers not Unified

The different environments of farmers and of working classes (unions) are not fully in the same stage of development and therefore not capable of receiving complete comparison. The natural environment of the rural districts forbids the economic advancement of its subjects contemporaneously with that of the thickly populated industrial centers. Scientific and intensified farming is in its infancy as compared with the advanced mechanical devices of manufacturing. Their constituency is not made up of an advanced social relation that invites Socialism. Their several subdivided individually owned and operated interests do not tend to develop the necessity for unification as does co-operative factory labor. Each sees only his

"Homes and Farms"

He objects to our appeal being made exclusive to the (wage) "working class" and invites us to go over to the middle class who have "homes and farms," who are really small Capitalists and who are not interested in how the wage earner may retain more

### UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM IN OTHER LANDS

The United States Congress is perhaps the only national legislative body in the world which takes no cognizance of the unemployed problem.

It has been discussed in the English Parliament, the French Chamber of Deputies has paid its respects to it in debates, the German "Reichstag" was recently the battle ground of a very extensive discussion on the subject, and even the Prussian "Landtag," generally recognized as the most reactionary legislative assembly in the world, has been forced to recognize it.

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It was remarkably well received by members of all other parties who evidently recognized the danger of opposing the measure. This speaks well for Denmark when compared with the recent debates in the German Reichstag and the Prussian Landtag.

Too Many Shoes

It can be no secret that the unemployed problem is a fault of our diseased social order and that we will never solve it until we all become both consumers and producers. There are products and wealth enough, but those who need them can not gain access to them. The conditions may be illustrated by the following conversation between a man and a little barefooted boy:

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### Membership

Given by States as a Basis for the Annual Apportionment of Membership in National Committee.

Maine	154.35	257	1
Maryland	150.00	250	1
Massachusetts	1,066.75	1,778	2
Michigan	712.90	1,188	2
Minnesota	1,102.70	1,837	2
Missouri	981.00	1,635	2
Montana	426.80	711	1
Nevada	204.40	340	1
New Hampshire	131.20	218	1
New Jersey	850.00	1,416	2
New Mexico	185.85	308	1
New York	2,075.00	3,458	3
North Dakota	137.55	229	1
Ohio	1,293.55	2,156	2
Oklahoma	1,346.20	2,242	2
Oregon	554.50	924	1
Pennsylvania	1,584.40	2,640	2
Rhode Island	121.00	201	1
South Dakota	184.80	308	1
Tennessee	74.00	123	1
Texas	922.29	1,537	2
Vermont	205.00	341	1
Vermont	20.25	50	1
Washington	950.90	1,584	2
West Virginia	124.50	207	1
Wisconsin	977.10	1,628	2
Wyoming	319.75	533	1

Nevada began to pay dues as an organized state in the month of July. To the end of June 1929 was received as dues from Nevada, and for the balance of the year \$84.10, making a total of \$204.40.

New Mexico began to pay dues as an organized state in the month of October. To the end of September \$160.85 was received as dues from New Mexico, and for the balance of the year \$25.00, making a total of \$185.85.

Under this apportionment Indiana is entitled to an additional member, that is, two instead of one. The representation of the following states is reduced as noted below: Arkansas has had two members, is entitled to one; Colorado had two, is entitled to one; Illinois had four, is entitled to three; Iowa had two, is entitled to one; Montana had two, is entitled to one; New York had four, is entitled to three; Ohio had three, is entitled to two; Oklahoma had three, is entitled to two; Oregon had two, is entitled to one; Pennsylvania had three, is entitled to two; Wisconsin had three, is entitled to two. The National Committee is therefore composed of fifty-nine members. The respective state organizations have been notified of the changes and requested to furnish this office with the names of the accredited committees.

Praternally submitted,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

### National Finances

National Secretary's Financial Report for Month of December, 1928.

National Headquarters,  
Socialist Party,  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31st, 1928.

#### RECEIPTS.

Alabama	\$ 14.00
Arkansas	40.00
Arizona	20.00
California	150.00
Connecticut	20.00
Idaho	21.50
Illinois	150.00
Indiana	76.50
Iowa	50.00
Kansas	25.00
Kentucky	15.00
Louisiana	20.00
Maine	16.00
Maryland	20.00
Massachusetts	96.50
Michigan	57.95
Minnesota	139.65
Missouri	45.00
Montana	42.00
Nevada	15.00
New Hampshire	11.80
New Jersey	100.00
New Mexico	12.90
New York	200.00
North Dakota	12.55
Ohio	105.90
Oklahoma	125.00
Oregon	21.00
Pennsylvania	84.00
Rhode Island	25.00
Texas	190.70
Utah	15.00
Vermont	3.00
Washington	84.30
West Virginia	10.00
Wisconsin	30.00
Wyoming	15.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,010.20</b>

#### Unorganized States.

Delaware	\$ 10.00
Georgia	8.00
Mississippi	2.00
Nebraska	27.20
North Carolina	5.00
Hawaii	4.00
South Carolina	1.20
Virginia	5.50
Members at large	6.72
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$2,079.92</b>
Supplies	219.48
Literature	146.21
Buttons	17.30

Campaign Fund	59.21
Red Special	246.52
Refund on H. McKee Tour	3.75
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,772.29</b>

#### EXPENDITURES.

Exchange	\$ 5.64
General Expenses	38.45
Express and Freight	70.07
Postage	211.88
Telegrams and Phones	39.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$332.80</b>

\$732.80 \$ 732.80

#### Speakers.

John W. Brown	\$ 90.00
Samuel Clark	26.00
Stanley J. Clark	45.97
John Collins	50.00
Eugene V. Debs	325.00
J. L. Flitts	26.30
Geo. H. Goebel	50.00
J. J. Kral	41.30
Geo. R. Kirkpatrick	54.38
T. Koonowicz	70
Mrs. F. L. J. Linn	30.00
T. J. Lewis	90.00
Geo. W. Slater	1.91
Dan A. White	46.45
M. W. Wilkins	81.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$960.48</b>

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#### Printing Literature and Supplies.

Literature	\$ 343.63
Office Equipment	2.14
Rubber Stamp	.65
Buttons	77.85
Stationery and Mimeo. Supplies	23.30
Press Clippings	20.04
Light	6.18
Rent (December)	100.00
Ben Hanford (Expenses)	19.25
New York Call	500.00
International Dues	121.88
Balance Rex Tours	146.30
National Executive Committee Meetings	
Morris Hillquit	\$ 60.00
J. G. Phelps Stokes	50.00
Carl D. Thompson	19.90
John M. Work	29.00
A. H. Floater	76.70
Victor L. Berger	19.90
A. M. Simons	9.00
Meals and Hotel	5.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

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#### SUMMARY.

Balance on hand Dec. 1	\$2,002.21
Receipts for month	\$2,772.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,774.50</b>

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#### EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

Balance on hand Jan. 1 '29	\$ 408.92
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#### Washington Finances

Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report, Nov. and Dec., '28.

#### RECEIPTS.

Local Dues	Sup.	Lit.	Mia.
Alder	\$4.00	.30	.90
Arlington	1.75	.75	.75
Aberdeen, No. 1	8.75	1.50	
Aberdeen, No. 2	7.00		
Bellingham	10.00		
Buckley	3.90		
Bay View	3.00		
Blaine	5.00		
Brush Prairie	4.50		
Clayton	8.55		
Centralia	10.00		
Darrington	4.00		
Dunn	1.00		
Everett	25.00	1.45	12.40
Ellensburg	10.00		5.75
Edmonds	4.75		
Echo Valley	7.15		
Elma	7.50		
Friday Harbor	4.00		
Grand View	2.50		
Georgetown	3.75		
Houliam	14.00		
Iwaco	1.05		
Independence	2.50		
Liberty	5.00		
Lopez	6.75		
Langley	7.75		
Little Rock	2.50		
Mukilteo	5.00		
Mt. View	2.50		
McNeil Island	5.75		
Marblemount	16.00	.30	
Mossyrock	4.65		
Morton	5.00		
North Yakima	9.40	.25	.50
Outlook	3.75		
Olympia	10.00	.60	
Oryville	5.25		
Pearson	2.50		
Port Angeles	7.50		
Puyallup	10.00	.90	
Prosser	2.25	.81	
Pogue Prairie	2.40		
Roslyn, No. 1	1.26		
Roslyn, No. 2	.30		
Silvana	2.00		
Seattle, No. 1	38.30	2.50	
Seattle, No. 2	17.50		
Silverdale	3.00	.30	
South Bend	10.00	.90	2.15
Sedro-Woolley	13.50		
Sumas	2.50		
Spokane, No. 1	2.50		
Spokane, No. 2	7.00		
Sunnyside	5.75	1.50	
Tacoma	35.00	5.25	
Vancouver	3.00		
Wilkeson, No. 1	1.75		
Wilkeson, No. 2	7.50		
Wickersham	2.50		
Walla Walla	5.00		6.15
Yelm	1.50		
Members at large	53.35	2.50	1.00
Emil Hendrickson		2.60	
E. J. Brown		7.70	
Emil M. Horn'n		15.85	16.55
Jesse Day		3.20	1.00
W. E. Tibbits		3.20	
G. R. Emmerling		2.75	
Geo. E. Beomer		5.30	
F. Patterson		1.25	
Clark Smith			.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>499.71</b>	<b>15.25</b>	<b>40.55</b>
Cash on hand Nov. 1st			\$ 563.08
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,180.45</b>		

#### EXPENDITURES.

Office exp. and salaries	\$179.78
Nat. office, state dues	150.00

Printing and supplies	275.40
Postage	13.05
Express	1.00
Literature	17.00
Agitation and organization	119.43
On note, W. E. Tibbits	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$760.56</b>
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1929	419.89
In funds as follows:	
Delegate expense	\$160.00
Organization	204.17
Literature	116.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$480.58</b>
Deficit general fund	60.79

\$419.89

#### Praternally submitted,

R. KRUEGER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Comrades:

The word "deficit" appears for the first time on the present secretary-treasurer's financial report, due to the fact that thousands of State Constitutions have been received from the printer, the bill paid for, and Locals still doing business in violation of Sec. 9 of Art. III, providing as follows: "Every applicant for membership to the Socialist Party shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and Platform upon admission to membership."

Demand a copy of the State Constitution from your secretary, point out that nearly the whole of Art. III deals with the duties of secretaries, in particular with reference to monthly reports, duplicates of accepted applications, also that a full roster of your Local's membership is now due and should be made out at once and submitted to the State Secretary.

You are advised that Mrs. Bessy Fiset, Organizer of the Women's State Committee, is now ready to do effective organization work in the state, and for the purpose is routing Mrs. Hattie Titus, the lecturer for the Women's Committee, with reference to dates address all communications to Bessy Fiset, West Seattle, Wash. Fraternally yours,

R. KRUEGER.

### WASHINGTON NEWS

HALE ELECTED.

The Socialist Party of Washington, Office of State Secretary.

Seattle, Wash., January 16th, '29.  
To the State Committee, S. P. of Wash.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted report on State Committee Referendum "A" on the proposition to elect a member of the State Committee to serve on the State Executive Committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Comrade Russell.

C. L. Whiting of Snohomish and C. C. Hale of Puyallup being the candidates.

**Voting for C. C. Hale:**  
A. Jonas  
C. L. Whiting  
C. C. Hale  
A. H. Barth  
Wm. K. McNeil  
A. Roeder  
Ada Gatchell  
A. Jonas  
Total, 8.

**Voting for C. L. Whiting:**  
Anna Steele  
J. W. Morris  
Franz Bostrom  
Emil Hendrickson  
L. W. Longmire  
Total, 5.

**Not voting:**  
E. E. Martin  
Tom Russell.

C. C. Hale of Puyallup is therefore elected a member of the State Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Tom Russell, resigned.

Fraternally submitted,  
R. KRUEGER,  
State Secretary.

**KRUEGER SUSTAINED.**

To the State Committee, S. P. of Wash.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted report on State Committee Referendum "B" upon the proposition to remove the present State Secretary, R. Krueger, from office immediately, initiated by himself and ordered submitted by the State Executive Committee at a regular meeting Dec. 28th, '28, upon a resolution adopted by Local Tacoma, sent to all the Locals in the State, though prohibited to do so by the State Executive Committee on account of a State Committee referendum pending upon the question.

**Resolution Adopted by Local Tacoma.**  
Resolved, That we, Local Tacoma, Socialist Party, petition of the State Committee the immediate removal of Comrade Richard Krueger as State Secretary, because of his demonstrated incapacity to properly fill so important a position adopted by Local Tacoma, sent to all the Locals in the State, though prohibited to do so by the State Executive Committee on account of a State Committee referendum pending upon the question.

**Proposition:** "Shall State Secretary R. Krueger be removed from office immediately?"

**Voting "Yes":**  
Franz Bostrom  
Total, 1.

**Not voting:**  
A. Jonas  
Emil Hendrickson  
Total, 2.

**Voting "No":**  
C. C. Hale  
J. W. Morris  
L. W. Longmire  
W. W. Smith  
C. L. Whiting  
Tom Russell  
A. Roeder  
Ada Gatchell  
E. E. Martin  
A. H. Barth  
Anna Steele  
Wm. K. McNeil  
Total, 12.

**Motion to remove State Secretary R. Krueger from office immediately therefore is lost.**

**Comments by E. E. Martin.**  
(a) When Comrade Krueger's treachery to the Working Class is shown; his alliance with capitalist enemies is proven; his misconduct or embezzlement of funds, etc. are in evidence; his lack of brain or brawn to carry on the correspondence or bookkeeping of the State Office, I will not object to his immediate removal.

(b) Some Locals or members have found fault with the opposite action: too much "DIPLOMACY."

(c) Fault would undoubtedly be found with Jesus Christ or ("John D.") God—if occupying the Washington State Secretaryship.

(d) It has been my experience that the person who creates no critics or enemies by his official acts, rarely does anything worth while.

Fraternally submitted,  
R. KRUEGER,  
State Secretary.

#### BROWN'S PROPOSITION REJECTED.

To the State Committee, S. P. of Wash.

Comrades: Herewith is submitted report on State Committee Referendum "C" initiated by the State Executive Committee owing to charges preferred by E. J. Brown et al. against Local Seattle No. 1, and determining the following questions:

**On Proposition No. 1:** "Do the charges presented by E. J. Brown et al. constitute sufficient cause for action by the State or its Executive Committee?"

**On Proposition No. 2:** "Shall the whole State Committee meet and try those charged?"

**On Proposition No. 3:** "Shall the State Committee delegate the State Executive Committee to get the evidence in the case, and submit same to the State Committee upon which the State Committee shall act?"

**Proposition No. 1.**  
**Voting YES:**  
A. Jonas  
W. W. Smith  
F. Bostrom  
A. Roeder  
W. K. McNeil  
A. H. Barth  
Total, 6.

**Voting NO:**  
E. E. Martin  
C. L. Whiting  
J. W. Morris  
Ada Gatchell  
Tom Russell  
Anna Steele  
Total, 7.

**Not voting:**  
C. C. Hale  
Emil Hendrickson  
Total, 2.

**Proposition No. 2.**  
**Voting YES:**  
W. W. Smith  
C. C. Hale  
A. Roeder  
W. K. McNeil  
A. H. Barth  
F. Bostrom  
Total, 6.

**Voting NO:**  
A. Jonas  
E. E. Martin  
C. L. Whiting  
J. W. Morris  
Ada Gatchell  
Tom Russell  
Anna Steele  
Total, 7.

**Not voting:**  
L. W. Longmire  
Emil Hendrickson  
Total, 2.

**Proposition No. 3.**  
**Voting YES:**  
A. Jonas  
E. E. Martin  
C. L. Whiting  
J. W. Morris  
Ada Gatchell  
Tom Russell  
Anna Steele  
Total, 7.

**Not voting:**  
L. W. Longmire  
Emil Hendrickson  
W. K. McNeil  
A. H. Barth  
Total, 4.

**Result on Proposition No. 1:** This proposition therefore is as a whole rejected. The State Committee holding that cause for any action does not exist.

**Result on Proposition No. 2:** Proposition for the whole State Committee to meet and try those charged therefore is rejected.

**Result on Proposition No. 3:** Proposition to delegate the State Executive Committee to get the evidence in the case and submit same to the State Committee is therefore rejected.

**Comment by Ada Gatchell.**  
State Secretary Krueger:  
I vote "NO" on all charges, there being no appeal to Socialists to support capitalists or capitalist interests; on the contrary, the appeal is to those just beginning to tire of slavery, but not fully convinced. The card and stickers with explanation was necessary, disfranchised as we were. It was a just decision by Local Seattle.

**Comment by A. Jonas.**  
R. Krueger, State Secretary, Socialist Party.  
Dear Comrade: Please find enclosed ballot State Committee Referendum "C." For voting as I did, will say that I wished all facts in the case be investigated so that the State Committee can not be charged as being lenient and favoring certain members.

After reading both sides over several times, I can not see that the Constitution of the Socialist Party or Socialist principles have been violated; although I am personally opposed to such vote catching tactics as used in the 42d and 45th legislative district in Seattle in the late campaign.

For a clear-cut Proletarian Socialist Party and tactics, I remain, Fraternally yours,  
A. JONAS,  
Member of State Committee.

**Comment by E. E. Martin.**  
**On Proposition No. 1.**  
(a) Charges fail to show where parties charged entered into open or secret alliance with other political parties.

(b) As the National Convention and General Membership saw fit to adopt a (to my mind) nonsensical string of immediate demands—which I fought in National Convention—some of them skin to the action complained of in these charges; while I consider the action getting as close as possible to danger limit without actual overstepping same, I could not call it Party Treason, considering precedents set by both National and State Immediate Demands, resolutions, etc.

(c) I also see herein a bit of personal jealousy. One professional small Capitalist and labor exploiter, who wishes to supplant another professional "Savior of the Party." I believe it

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**BROWN'S LETTER TO STATE COMMITTEE.**  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22, 1908.  
J. W. Morris, Arlington, Wash.  
Dear Comrade: At the last Sunday  
meeting of the State Executive Com-  
mittee, charges against Local Seattle  
which were signed by 35 members of  
the Local, and which was endorsed by  
Local Tacoma, Local Aberdeen and  
Local Sedro-Woolley, were presented  
to the State Executive Committee.  
Inasmuch as the Constitution pro-  
vides that each member of the State  
Committee shall be required to vote  
for the State Committee meeting to  
try the charges, otherwise, the trial  
would have to be had by presenting  
the case in a 500-word printed or type-  
written document; I write this letter  
to say to you that it will be impossi-  
ble to present this case in its true  
light, so that the State Committee  
and the rank and file will never know  
just what has happened in a printed  
document at all. This trial should by  
all means take place at a full meeting  
of the State Committee. I believe it  
is the most important and its influ-  
ence will be the most far-reaching of  
any incident that has ever taken place  
in the State of Washington since the  
Socialist Party was instituted here.  
Because the question now is, Is the  
Socialist Party going to be a really  
ragged, bull-dozed and buffooned out  
of the principles of Socialism and in  
the interest of some ambitious self-  
appointed leader and savior, or is the  
Socialist Party of the State of Wash-  
ington going to adhere to the princi-  
ples based on the class struggle and  
revolutionary, scientific, uncompromis-  
ing, non-fusion Socialism.  
I do not hesitate to ask you to vote  
for a meeting of the full State Com-  
mittee to convene in Seattle at the  
time designated and try this case.  
Please inform me whether you un-  
derstand the trial to be on Sunday,  
Jan. 17th, 1909, or do you understand  
that to be the day on which the refer-  
endum will be decided as to whether  
the case will be tried by a committee  
meeting or by the printing of evidence  
and submit to the State Committee  
the same.  
Sincerely yours,  
EDWIN J. BROWN.  
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is high time to dump all our intel-  
lectual "Saviors" into the dust of obli-  
vion, and in Seattle—especially at this  
time—there should exist a Local of  
strictly WORKING CLASS mem-  
bership.  
(a) I see in this what was 2 or 3  
years ago openly admitted by ex-Com-  
mitteemen J. C. Robbins, W. H. Cook,  
Julian W. Smith et al., a veiled threat  
to involve the state organization in  
debt and thereby disgust the general  
membership.  
(b) As direct FUSION or PARTY  
TREASON has not been plainly  
shown, I think Local Seattle should  
fight out its own internal differences,  
and same should not involve the State  
Membership. Plain violation of Party  
principles should be rigidly dealt  
with.  
(c) The cost of a full State Com-  
mittee meeting would be prohibitive  
at this time, especially to allow legal  
and medical lights to show off their  
oratorical ability, flights of fancy, etc.  
On Proposition No. 3.  
(a) The State Executive Com-  
mittee are near the war and can,  
I think, be trusted to gather evidence,  
and submit same in a 500 word sum-  
mary, as provided by the constitu-  
tion.  
(b) If justice can not be had by this  
less expensive and recognized constitu-  
tional way, it is time the State Execu-  
tive Committee were recalled and oth-  
ers chosen in whom the Party mem-  
bership can repose confidence. In a  
sense this special request for an en-  
tire State Committee meeting im-  
pugns motives of State Executive  
members.  
(Signed) E. E. MARTIN,  
Member of S. E. C.  
Fraternally submitted,  
R. KRUEGER,  
State Secretary.

**UNDERHAND INFLUENCES.**  
The Socialist Party of Washington,  
Office of State Secretary.  
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 15th, 1909.  
To the State Executive Committee,  
S. P. of Wash.  
Comrades: Upon a matter to my  
mind of vital importance to the So-  
cialist Party of Wash. and the Nation,  
I beg to advise that at a meeting of  
the National Executive Committee held  
in Chicago on Dec. 20th, '08, the fol-  
lowing action was taken, is a matter  
of record appearing on the minutes of  
the meeting of that day, and is as  
follows:  
"From Max Weller, of Rainier Beach;  
Chas. T. Dover, of Port Angeles; H.  
O. Fuhrberg, of Seattle; W. B. Math-  
ews, of Prosser; Kate B. Lewis, of  
Seattle; J. T. Oldham, of Seattle, and  
others of the State of Washington, re-  
ferring to the condition of the state  
organization and the increase of the  
party dues to 40c per member per  
month."  
Motion.  
"That owing to the nature of the  
controversy in Washington the National  
organization send no organizer or  
lecturer to that state for the present."  
Adopted.  
With reference to the various cor-  
respondents, upon whose report above  
action is based, and only in part are  
named in the minutes, I beg leave to  
report as follows:  
H. O. Fuhrberg, of Seattle, is what  
is known as a common rumseller, is  
part owner of two saloons, one a  
common rumshop and conducted for  
the benefit of its owners to accommo-  
date the most unfortunate victims of  
capitalist society to get rid of their  
last nickel to fill up with booze; also  
is part owner of a resort of very  
questionable repute, frequented by the  
women of the streets in lay for most  
likely victims. Max Weller is one of  
Fuhrberg's barkeepers. Recently there  
appeared in one of Seattle daily pa-  
pers an article, headed "Rumshop So-  
cialism." H. O. Fuhrberg was the  
hero in this article. Both Weller and  
Fuhrberg are expelled party mem-  
bers; the latter has succeeded in get-  
ting back into the party, while the for-  
mer has not because of his known po-  
sition favoring party treason when  
committed in a foreign land.  
J. T. Oldham was expelled from the  
Socialist Party several years ago for  
conspiring with others to deliver the  
trade union vote of Seattle to the  
republican party in a municipal elec-  
tion, has justly been on the outside  
of the party ever since, has, as the  
editor of the Seattle "Union Record"  
bitterly fought the Socialist Party in  
this State for years and during the  
late campaign; was also retained a  
beneficiary on the pay rolls of the re-  
publican state committee in the late  
campaign, but to the credit of the  
A. F. L. he it said that since the  
late campaign J. T. Oldham has been  
fired as the editor of their official  
organ, but it seems has now succeed-  
ed to occupy a conspicuous position  
in the official organ of the National  
Party, and probably being aware of  
the weakness of our National Execu-  
tive Committee, is now making an ef-  
fort to conduct the affairs of the So-  
cialist Party in this state.  
Kate B. Lewis is a recent arrival  
from Philadelphia and upon transfer  
affiliated with the party in this state  
about two months ago and in the  
opinion of our National Executive  
Committee is now well fitted to report  
to that body the affairs of the party  
from this state.  
Of the others named in the minutes  
it can only be said that they are  
members of Locals in the towns named  
as their addresses.  
It should be considered that the  
Party in Washington has the largest  
dues paying membership of any other  
state in proportion to population, and  
in the same proportion has cast a  
larger vote than any other state with  
the possible exception of Nevada with  
its proletarian population, has regu-  
larly paid dues for nine years, has at  
all times loyally supported the  
National Organization in any and all  
emergencies and under adverse cir-  
cumstances and conditions, notably  
during the late spectacular tour of  
the "Red Special," a phase of the late  
campaign which possibly appealed less  
to the Proletarian Socialists of this  
state than any other. If the National  
Secretary will take the trouble to  
compile the contributions received  
and segregate the items by  
states, it will be found that Wash-  
ington is first of all the states in  
amount of its contributions to the  
"Red Special," in spite of the fact  
that the sums collected were the re-  
sults of many dimes and quarters  
from the wage workers and farmers  
in the state, and not the result of  
several hundred dollar checks from  
a few individuals.  
Why then this shameful and in-  
sulting attitude of the National Ex-  
ecutive Committee towards the Wash-  
ington state organization? Is it  
probably due to the fact that Wash-

ington perhaps stands first by reason  
of the organization's fighting qual-  
ities and ability to know what it  
wants, and knows how to get it. Is  
it a dishonor to fight when fighting  
is forced upon us? Be that as it  
may.  
Whatever controversies there may  
have been in the state of Washing-  
ton, while the National Executive  
Committee can not be held responsi-  
ble for these, and while that body  
can certainly not be charged with  
initiating them, it may safely be  
charged that that body has been the  
one factor which by its unwarranted  
and high handed actions, formerly as  
well as now, has certainly prolonged  
all our controversies, and constantly  
on various occasions has fallen into  
traps set for them, has been and is  
the easy victim of any person, hypo-  
crite and scoundrel enough to ad-  
dress the National Secretary as  
"Dear Comrade." This endearing  
term alone seems to be the test of  
party loyalty, regardless of whether  
or not the correspondents are party  
members or not, regardless of  
whether or not they are known to be  
Democrats or Republicans, and even  
when they happen to be persons  
known to have been at least as late  
as the last National Campaign, in  
the pay of the Republican Party.  
It seems that in view of the such  
deplorable and shameful facts, it is  
high time that the Socialist Party of  
Washington take proper steps to as-  
sert its unquestionable rights and  
demand proper recognition, perhaps  
not from our present National Execu-  
tive Committee, but from the National  
Party.  
To the credit of National Execu-  
tive Committeeman Comrade Morris  
Hillquist be it said that he was not  
present at this particular meeting  
of the National Executive Committee  
on December 20th; it may also be  
safely said, had this comrade been  
present, this or any other disgraceful  
action would probably not have  
been taken, at least not without a  
vigorous protest being heard, for it  
is he who alone has been able and  
willing to take a clear view of the  
situation in this state, has fought  
for our rights without having the sup-  
port of any other member of the  
National Executive Committee, car-  
ried the day and forced other mem-  
bers to decent action.  
In conclusion I will say that both  
our National Committeemen, Comrades  
Herman and Jensen, have taken that  
course of action in the matter, which  
in their judgment will give us relief  
from the encroachments upon our  
rights, by submitting a motion of cen-  
sure, a motion the National Com-  
mittee will shortly vote upon. How-  
ever, in the opinion of your secretary  
the Socialist Party of Washington is  
now confronted by an emergency.  
Instead of inquiring of your com-  
mittee with reference to party af-  
fairs in this state, reports with re-  
gard to these matters are considered  
as authentic enough coming from  
persons wholly irresponsible, but in  
the opinion of our National Execu-  
tive Committee important enough,  
to believe themselves justified vir-  
tually to slap and spit in our faces.  
And so it seems it is high time for  
the Socialist Party of Washington to  
take a square stand. Let it be  
known to the world that we are a  
Proletarian Socialist Party in this  
state and that we will remain that in  
spite of the obstacles the National  
Executive Committee may place in  
our path.  
Fraternally submitted,  
RICHARD KRUEGER,  
State Secretary.

Above report of Krueger was adopted  
by State Executive Committee on  
January 17 and referred to full State  
Committee for their action.

From above letter it is plainly to be  
seen that E. J. Brown's charges of un-  
derhanded methods to influence the  
vote of Committeemen, referred to by  
Comrade Bostrom, have certainly a  
solid basis. This letter is a carbon copy  
and it is evident that more than one  
of them was made and evidently used  
for the same purpose as this particular  
one, and from all the evidence at hand  
at this time it is evident that only the  
one who charges that underhanded  
methods were working to influence the  
votes of committeemen, is really  
guilty. Instead of other comrades so  
far unnamed by E. J. Brown.  
Inasmuch as this method to influ-  
ence voters on a party referendum  
vote has always been and is consid-  
ered a gross violation of Party prin-  
ciples and tactics, I deem it my duty  
to make this report for the following  
reasons:  
First, E. J. Brown makes certain  
charges, which I hold are groundless  
and underhanded against some one  
not named by E. J. Brown, thus heap-  
ing injury and insult upon the Party.  
Second, The above letter from E.  
J. Brown to John W. Morris proves be-  
yond any reasonable doubt that E. J.  
Brown is guilty of underhanded  
methods, is himself guilty of treason-

able conduct he has charged others  
with, but would not dare to name  
them.  
Third, With reference to referen-  
dum "A" and the vote thereon which  
is charged by E. J. Brown has been  
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**COME ON UP, WISCONSIN & CO.**

The report of the National Secretary on the annual apportionment of the National Committee affords splendid food for thought for the Revolutionary as well as for the Opportunist Socialists, and especially for the members of the N. E. C.

The comparisons here are based on the estimates of the population in the various states as published in the World Almanac for 1908. These estimates credit Washington with a population of 900,000, while the entire country is given \$8,912,058.

It is interesting to know what the membership would be in the states with 1,000 or more members if the same ratio between party membership and population prevailed in these states as in the state of Washington. In the following table this information is given:

STATE—members.	Actual number of party members.	No. if Wash. ratio prevailed.
New York	3,458	14,920
California	3,100	3,520
Illinois	2,972	9,838
Pennsylvania	2,640	12,144
Oklahoma	2,243	2,464
Ohio	2,156	8,920
Minnesota	1,873	3,872
Massachusetts	1,778	5,475
Missouri	1,635	6,839
Wisconsin	1,628	4,004
Washington	1,584	1,584
Texas	1,537	6,336
New Jersey	1,416	4,138
Kansas	1,291	2,957
Michigan	1,188	4,674
Indiana	1,075	4,714
Oregon	924	968
U. S.	about 41,000	about 156,000

It will be seen that the Eastern States, with their populous industrial centers, all have an insignificant membership when compared with Washington.

It may be stated in this connection that the state organizations which have been insisting on a Party with a proletarian basis have enjoyed the greatest increase during the past year, while Wisconsin, representing the most pronounced Reform Socialist movement, has suffered a decrease of 45 members.

Perhaps, after all, the "narrow," "sectarian," "dogmatic" and "impossibilistic" cry of "Proletarian" and "Revolutionary" is a little more than wind. Perhaps, the American Wage Worker after all has as much confidence in the Proletarian organizers in the State of Washington as in Rev. Carl D. Thompson, Rev. Harvey Dee Brown and Rev. Winfield Gaylord of Wisconsin.

Whatever may be the cause, the party in Washington evidently contains certain qualities which Wisconsin lacks, qualities which promote growth of the party in spite of the many obstacles placed in its way.

If Berger should go on a tour of investigation he might find that the difference lies in the fact that in Wisconsin the Social Democratic Party teaches middle class Reform Socialism through its middle class organizers, while in Washington the Socialist Party teaches Proletarian Revolutionary Socialism through its Proletarian organizers.

John M. Work of Iowa might possibly learn something by studying the above table. It might be a good plan for him to use part of the time, now occupied in studying Esperanto, for investigating the subject of organization. Perhaps he would learn enough to step aside and give room for some one who knows of the class struggle by experience and not alone through reading about it. Besides, the time spent by Comrade Work in studying Esperanto is very likely to be wasted as he may not be elected a delegate to the International Congress.

In conclusion I would advise the members of the N. E. C. to carefully

**NEWS NOTES**

Seattle, Wash. Jan. 15th, 1909.  
George E. Bodmer may be assigned to locals north of Seattle for a week or so beginning with the second week in February. Terms for lectures will be regular state rates \$3.00 per lecture and expenses. Locals desiring the services of Comrade Bodmer, should make their wishes known at once. The fact that some locals on a former occasion have expressed the desire for a return date can not now be considered evidence that you desire his services. Let your application for dates roll in.

O. A. Lindstrom, former secretary of Local South Bend reports that he as well as comrade Prieket of the same Local have taken the oath of office as wreckmaster and constable respectively. Both comrades were "sticker" candidates in the last election of Pacific county.

The present slump in Socialist activity is evidently due primarily to the fact that some locals have allowed themselves to be occupied with the ambitions (of doubtful character) of individuals instead of attending to the affairs of the Party on the whole; due also to the wide spread industrial depression; an other factor which also in a measure accounts for the inactivity is of course the unpleasant weather with the large amount of snow covering the country roads.

If you think that your present membership is sufficient for your Local, get to work then and make those you now have better members. Organize yourselves. Discuss matters of Party tactics. Arrange debates on the question of low or high (sufficient) dues. How to make your local so that the same will appeal to the members of the working class, and especially organized labor. Should the women be members of the Party, and if so, then how can we best reach them? There is plenty of material and subjects to be discussed for the education especially of new members, interesting in itself and of great benefit to your local.

Here is an actual vote for National Executive Committee, as announced by an ingenious comrade. He says he wished to be entirely impartial and secure a truly representative committee:

Revolutionary Socialist: Titus.  
Opportunist Socialist: Berger.  
Christian Socialist: Elliot White.  
Negro Socialist: G. W. Slater.  
Intellectual Socialist: A. M. Simons.  
Woman Socialist: Milla T. Maynard.  
Millionaire Socialist: Phelps-Stokes.  
Who says Socialists have no sense of humor?

**Call for Referendum**

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which has for years opposed the Party in this state and which is still alive but helpless without allies within the Socialist Party, and

Whereas, This same minority has repeatedly caused referendums in Local Seattle, all of which decided against them by overwhelming majorities, and has succeeded in keeping up the fight there by tricks and cunning, and is now making its last stand in an effort to involve the state organization, and

Whereas, Under similar conditions years ago, sympathizers with the same element depleted the treasury in this state with repeated referendums and stopped all party work by continued contentions, and

Whereas, It is undoubtedly the intention of the dissatisfied element in Local Seattle to submit numerous referendums, one after another, with the effect of stopping the progress of Socialism in this state for another year, if a sufficient number of Locals throughout the state can be found to assist them by misrepresentation or otherwise, be it

Resolved, First, that we consider the points raised in the communications etc. signed by Dr. Brown and others, now before the State Committee relating to Local Seattle's conduct of the recent campaign, to be groundless and so weak as to reasonably arouse suspicion as to the good faith of Dr. Brown (who was under charges in local Seattle at the time the charges and communications were filed with the State Committee and has since been expelled) and his associates.

Second, that any further action into which the Party or any of its Locals may be drawn in assisting this minority are absolutely uncalled for and only inspired by a desire to retard the progress of the Party.

Third, that we have faith in the revolutionary Socialists of Seattle, who, with their wives and babes, repeatedly went to jail in a two years' fight for free speech in the streets, and that we believe that they can safely be trusted to settle those difficulties which in a greater or less degree must arise in any live city local, therefore be it further

Resolved, That we Local Arlington, a Local of the state of Washington in good standing, without any other interest than that of promoting the progress of the Party, endorse the following question to be submitted to a state referendum:

Proposition.  
"Shall all matter with reference to

Local Seattle and its internal affairs now under consideration by the State Committee be indefinitely tabled?"

January 10th, 1909  
M. M. McCULLY  
Chairman of Sessions.  
PHIL CRAWFORD,  
Secretary.

(Seal.)  
Unanimously endorsed by Local Liberty.

VAL V. BUCKETT  
Chairman of Sessions.  
H. D. HARKNESS,  
Secretary.

Sec. 1 of Art. VI. State Constitution of the Socialist Party of Washington provides as follows:

"Any question involving a change in this Constitution, a question of Party tactics, the official act of any State, County or Municipal office of the Socialist Party, or his removal from political office, the calling of special State Conventions, OR ANY OTHER PARTY MATTER, shall be submitted to a Party vote, if called for, by five locals."

Sec. 3 of Art. VI. provides as follows: "The State Secretary-Treasurer shall in his reports, give notice of all new propositions for Referendum."

In conformity with above constitutional provisions I herewith submit for your consideration to be submitted to a state membership referendum the following proposition:

"Shall all matter with reference to local Seattle, No. 1. and its internal affairs now under consideration by the State Committee be indefinitely tabled?"

Fraternally Submitted  
R. KRUEGER,  
State Secretary.

**MR. BOOST**

Lulu Ault.

Boost! Hasn't the word a familiar sound? I went through all the dictionaries I could find but could see no other word that would take the place of our friend, Mr. Boost. It is such an old and much used word that I thought we ought to get something new. However, as nothing else can be found we must take what we can get and make the best of it.

I suppose you wonder why I want to bother about the old word anyhow. Well, I will tell you.

You know that the Mailing List, the Cards, Oliver the typewriter, and myself meet every week to compare notes. This week they were not so cheerful. I did not pay much attention to it at first, but when they continued to look gloomy I asked them what was the matter.

"Well," said the Mailing List, who always managed to make himself heard, "I saw the business manager walking back and forth for a long time the other day without saying even one word and when he does that I know that money is scarce or something like that. I just wish I could get a hold of that Dollar who thinks he is so smart. I'd fix him. That was about a week ago and today I heard him say that if we didn't get some money right away the paper may have to be suspended for a while. I don't want to be suspended and I won't! So there!"

Then Oliver and the Cards all spoke up at once with: "Yes, he did say it, we all heard him—and, oh, don't let them suspend the paper now."

To say that I was dazed would be expressing my feelings mildly. I knew of this but could not realize the seriousness of the situation until it was thrust upon me in such a manner that I had to realize it.

So at first I was quite unable to think clearly about it but when I could think, I thought hard I can tell you, and have come to the conclusion that the best way out, would be to get you comrades and friends to boost, and boost just as hard as you can. The paper shall not be suspended if I can help it, and with your help I know it shall not happen.

So, Comrades and Friends, I am calling upon you to boost. Boost and boost again just as much as you can. Bustle up some subs—send in what you can, whether you take the paper or not. We can make use of the money. If you want to see us demonstrate the fact, send in some and we will show you.

The Mailing List is still growing, that's true, but no one can run a paper on the subscription money alone. We have been depending on orders for printing, but lately they have begun to get scarce; so it is up to you people to boost "The Socialist" if you do not want to see it die—and the Mailing List says he does not want to stop now. It would be a shame to stop now when he is getting so healthy and big and I don't blame him for feeling so bad. I feel rather bad about it myself, and intend to do all that is in my power to prevent any such action. So if you people can't help me I guess I will have to go it alone, for I will not give up. I think the paper is too good a one for us to let it go under just because of that snub the Wave of Prosperity and his friends, the Dollars, gave us.

So it's: BOOST! BOOST! comrades and friends, BOOST! and BOOST! again. If we all give one big boost at the same time and at once we will tide "The Socialist" over so far that it can't slide back, and the only way to boost is to send in the dollars, dimes and nickels, and we'll make that Wave of Prosperity come to terms.

**THE WOMAN** :: BY :: BESSY FISET

The Woman's Committee of the State of Washington is notifying all Locals throughout the state to set aside Sunday, January 31st, as "Stamp Day." Very neat, pretty stamps have been gotten out with the price marked on each. There are three different prices, 15c, 25c and 50c, so every comrade can find something to suit his own particular pocket book!

No objections will be found with selling all the stamps possible before "Stamp Day." In fact, the comrades are urged to do so. And there will certainly be no protest against those who have previously bought stamps, buying more when "Stamp Day" comes around.

When there was "Tag Day" (for charity) in Seattle, the man or woman who had his person or his automobile covered with tags was most decidedly "it," as compared with the man or woman who had one tag hanging from his buttonhole. Just so with the women's stamps! We want to give you every opportunity for showing your appreciation of woman in her familiar walks and your hope that she may become an intelligent force in the Socialistic Movement.

The Revolutionary Socialists have looked askance at the affiliation of the Socialist Women's organization with the suffrage movement, and it certainly comes as a surprise that the National Executive Committee should set aside May day and a day in February for active work for the suffrage.

As I understand it, the N. E. C. have expressed disapproval of separate women's organizations and I suppose by that it meant study clubs under the direction of the Locals, as well as any other kind of organization.

That any kind of clubs for the study of Socialism should be under the direct supervision of the Local and should be kept in as close touch with the Socialist Party as possible, no one will gainsay, but to disapprove of any separate organizations and then, not only sanction, but advise women's meetings for the purpose of aiding a purely middle class movement to secure the ballot, is inconsistent to my mind.

I am not against suffrage for women. I think women should have it and that no one has the right to say they shall not. However, I am in the Socialist Party, not to work for women, but to work for the entire working class, and when ever the women of the Proletariat rise up and put forth concerted organized effort to secure the ballot, I shall be there. But have the women of the working class, outside of the Socialist Party, shown any eagerness for the ballot?

In Seattle, at the recent so-called non-partisan school election, almost without exception the proletarian women who voted were Socialist women, every other woman voter being middle class, and in that election two candidates stood unequivocally for the wage workers.

Now if the middle class women want the suffrage to protect their property rights, which is primarily what they want it for outside of an ethical reason—why let the middle class women work for and secure their suffrage!

The Socialist Party is teeming with work to be done, and like every other movement, it has some members who would shirk if they could. So there is work in abundance for every Socialist woman and man in the country without going outside to find it.

Our business is to show the women of the Proletariat how to use the ballot in their own interest, just as we work all the time to educate the men to use it in their own interests, and the two are the same, for the interests are identical!

The men wage workers of the country have had the ballot for years and don't know how to use it yet, and the women will have the ballot for years, before they will know how to use it.

It is certainly true that when woman has the ballot she will begin to inquire how to use it, and our propaganda will become easier than it is now, but in the meantime it behooves us Socialists to so lay our plans, so improve our methods, so organize ourselves that we can economize our efforts and be able to do the most effective work with the least resistance.

Comrades of Washington! Keep in mind the dates set for these women's meetings and begin to lay your plans now. Do not have a lot of twaddle about woman's right to the ballot, but have some good discussions on the best methods to employ by which women can come to a realization of her place in society. What Socialism will mean for the down trodden female slaves. Why woman is in the position she is in, industrially, and what Socialism means for the industrial workers. That we may have the ballot until doomsday and never improve the condition of the worker, but the contrary, unless the men and women awaken to what is their real interest. The Ballot? Why the women will get the ballot just as the men

did. The Ballot will be here and take care of itself. What we are concerned with is this great Proletarian movement and the best ways of arousing the men and women of the Proletariat to the realization of the fact that the Ballot is Theirs! All they have to do is to use their

brains in their own interests, seize this Ballot, this thing so formidable against them, and use it as a gigantic battering ram, with millions of men and women behind it, to crush down the hither-to impregnable walls of Capital.

**FUNNY COLUMN**

It is not often National Headquarters news furnishes such additions to the gayety of nations as the following. We are really indebted to Comrade Work at last. He has struck his gait.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN JOHN M. WORK OF IOWA.**

"I move that our International Secretary be instructed to make an aggressive effort to get the International Socialist Bureau to adopt Esperanto as the official language for the International Socialist Congress of 1910."

**WORK'S COMMENT.**  
"A common language would marvelously increase the efficiency and usefulness of the congress. It is also directly in line with our ultimate aim, for universal brotherhood is almost impossible without a universal language. Esperanto fills the bill admirably and can be learned by a delegate between the time of his election and the date of the congress. It is to be regretted that we have permitted other organizations to get ahead of us in encouraging its use."

have heard them from Proudhon and from Andrew Carnegie. But as Longuet and other "Marxists" (as opposed to the "Proudhonists") pointed out at Lausanne forty years ago, you can no more make a language than you can make a nation. The only international language the world will ever know is that language which the economical development of the world makes indispensable to all who trade. At present it seems likely to be English. It will never be an artificial language like Esperanto, Volapuk, or any other similar invention. Really, comrades, the Socialist Party has something more important to do this year than bothering with Esperanto! We might just as well go into the business of "cultivating internationalism" by contributing to the international universal exchanges, or of aiding the general world-culture by pushing color-photography. This last has quite as much to do with the work of the National Committee as the other. Comrade Work's motion is but the ghost of Proudhon which every now and then stalks across the stage. Let it rest."

**COMMENT BY GUY WILLIAMS, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF MINNESOTA.**

"There are several reasons why the passage of this motion would prove detrimental to the movement. The comrades whom we wish to send to the International Congress are the ablest members. Our ablest men are generally the busiest. It will most likely be impossible for many a delegate to give up all the other work he has in hand to learn Esperanto 'between the date of his election and the date of the congress,' as Comrade Work hopes. No matter how great their ability these comrades would be practically barred from the Congress, and we would find ourselves represented by comrades of much less ability, who had more time to throw at the birds.

**COMMENT BY JOHN SPARGO, NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF NEW YORK.**

"Marx begins his 'Eighteenth Brumaire' by quoting that profoundly wise saying of Hegel, that 'all great historic facts and personages recur twice,' and says that Hegel forgot to add, 'Once as tragedy, and again as farce.' When at the congress of the old International at Lausanne, in September, 1867, Guillaume, one of the secretaries, trotted out his pet idea that phonography would tend to promote internationalism, and should therefore be aggressively advocated, and was followed by the French delegates with Proudhon's nostrums, simplified spelling, a la Roosevelt, and universal language, a la Zamenhof, there was some excuse for all. But for us to go to the International Socialist Bureau, or to the International Socialist Congress, forty years later with similar propositions would be to re-enact as a farce what the men of forty years ago acted with tragic seriousness.

Frankly, this motion from Comrade Work astounds me. There might be some justification for proposing that Esperanto be made one of the languages of the Congress, that its use be permitted, but to make it the official language of the Congress is the acme of absurdity. The next logical step would be to say that only those members of the party who speak Esperanto (Query: Why not Volapuk?) shall be eligible for election as delegates to the International Socialist Congress. Had this motion come a year or so ago it might have been accounted for, but it comes when Esperanto is being universally discredited, going apparently, the same way as all the numerous artificial international languages since Proudhon's time. There has already been developed the usual shoal of 'Improved Esperantos,' 'Rationalized Esperantos' and so on. The 'fourishing New York Society,' backed by Colonel Harvey and the Harpers' publications, has been abandoned, its leaders having come to the conclusion that Esperanto is really a very complex language, after all, and that its practical use does not warrant the trouble.

Comrade Work, like a true Utopian, sets out to show us a short cut to universal brotherhood. What could be simpler? Barriers of language make universal brotherhood 'almost impossible,' therefore let us remove the barriers and adopt a language all can understand and learn over night! All beautifully simple. Logically flawless are these utopian arguments! We

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The debates at the International Congress are not child's play. A thorough knowledge of the language used will be necessary.

I do not believe Comrade Work, for instance, would like to take the floor in the presence of the greatest intellects of all the world, and be required to express himself in any language except the one he is accustomed to use every day, not to mention a merely academic language which he only uses when he has his "Sunday go to meeting" clothes on, and which he might have to learn "between the date of his election and the date of the Congress."

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