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California State
Executive Committee
SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY
OF THE U. S. OF A.
115 TURK STREET,

San Francisco, Cal.,

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Mr. B. W. Keimard,

Dear Comrade:-
Your letters of
Jan 29 + Feb 1 came duly to hand.
Since I wrote you last about Wilkins
and "New Charter" to which your letter
of 29th ult is a reply a certain
change has come over the constitution
(membership) of the State Ex Com. I write
you this so that the Natl. Ex Com. can
comprehend the situation. The new
State Ex Com. has taken its seat and it
has accidentally, as it were, come to pass
that about three of the members of the
State Ex Com. were opposed to the "New
Charter" proposition, because they had a

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proposition of their own by which one was to be the editor of a Party organ and do the work "for nothing". The editor was to be Comrade Kingsley a bitter opponent of trade-unionism per se and who could never unite all the various elements in S. F. around him. Kingsley has by vote of the State Sections been elected State Organizer, tho' had it been left to S. F. alone he would never have been elected to that position, he got on the State Ex Com. (which is elected by Section S. F.) by one vote. I got (if I may mention it) the highest vote. The former State Ex Com. was unanimous on the newspaper proposition of Wilkins, and Section S. F. as a body has approved of it by a vote of 47 against 5 as have all other Sections in the State save Oakland and Sacramento which is due to wire pulling in the case of the former city and to certain old women of both sexes who think, (to quote them, "We think that the different aspects (see)

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of Association were already sufficiently well represented by "The People, The Coming Nation and The Socialist.") That it would be "evil" to give the paper, ^{or abolition} edited by Rev. Dr. Holt (and published ^{with} ~~at~~ our printing plant which he refuses to surrender) its quarters.

So it has come to pass that I have been officially instructed to inform you, that "The State Ex. Com. does not ^{wish to} assume any responsibility in regard to crediting Com. Wilkins with literature."

In regard to the clubbing proposition the Natl. Ex. Com. and "The People" can act as it sees fit when you see the paper.

In regard to the refusal to furnish him with names and addresses of organizers of Outings I think there is a large element

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of truth in what you say i. e. that new
papers must open new fields, etc, and I
also personally think that the request of
Wilkins was premature he should have
waited after paper was out before making
such a request.

From what I have written it will be
seen that tho' the party in this State
is clamoring for a paper the State
Ex Com. is now divided in its support
of it, several members not having
accepted defeat graciously, and this grunted
delight in placing, if possible, small
obstacles in the way of success.

Yours fraternally
Edw. T. Hunt. -

P. S. - I am glad to hear that Huber
is getting better, the fact that he
was ill, escaped me I labored under
the impression that he had gone
resting.