

WISCONSIN CUTS OUT THE CLASS STRUGGLE

Compare the Two Pledges

Printed herewith is the fac simile photographic reproduction of the application blank used in Wisconsin, for admission to the State Organization of the National Socialist Party, known in that State as the Social-Democratic Party. It contains no reference to the Class Struggle.

"All persons joining the Socialist Party shall sign the following pledge: 'I, THE UNDERSIGNED, RECOGNIZING THE CLASS STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE CAPITALIST CLASS AND THE WORKING CLASS AND THE NECESSITY OF THE WORKING CLASS CONSTITUTING THEMSELVES INTO A POLITICAL PARTY DISTINCT FROM AND OPPOSED TO ALL PARTIES FORMED BY THE PROPRIETED CLASSES, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE SEVERED MY RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER PARTIES, THAT I ENDORSE THE PLATFORM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLE OF POLITICAL ACTION, AND HEREBY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO SAID PARTY.'"

Compare that with the pledge used in Wisconsin, of which we give an exact reproduction below. In the discussion in the Convention, Gaylord, of Wisconsin, asked "whether the adoption of this would compel the Social Democratic Party of Wisconsin to use this form. What would we do? The name of our Party is the Social Democratic Party." And Wagenknecht, of Washington, who had introduced the constitutional amendment embodying this pledge, replied to Gaylord in these words: "Use the pledge with 'Social-Democratic' in it." But Wisconsin does not use that pledge and thus the members of the Party in Wisconsin are not constitutionally inside the na-

tional organization, not having fulfilled the explicit provisions required by the Constitution.

But the point we wish to make is even more important than the anarchistic disregard of the National Constitution. The significant thing is this, that the Wisconsin Party does not care to include any reference to the Class Struggle in its pledge. The fact is, the Class Struggle is not emphasized in that State. The Social Democratic Party of Wisconsin is composed largely of the Milwaukee Proletariat, but for all that, the Class Struggle in which they are exploited out of all they produce above a mere subsistence, is not made the main pillar of their platform nor the central feature of their program.

They are so "respectable" in Milwaukee they will not hold street meetings because the party would lose prestige, would lower itself to the methods of the Salvationists and street factors and be unable to hold the respect of the public.

The revolutionary spirit which Marxian economics inspires in the Proletariat, the Class Struggle based on the extraction of Unpaid Labor, the very things Socialism has always stood for since Marx and Engels analyzed modern Capitalist production, these are concealed from the Wisconsin Proletariat by those so-called Socialists who substitute Reform Measures calculated to secure Middle Class support. Imagine the Social Democrats of Milwaukee adopting the name, "Wage Labor Party," and you will scarcely be able to imagine what a loss in votes would follow. Why? Because it is not a Wage Labor Party, except for purposes of votes and Bourgeois Reform. The Class Struggle Pledge is omitted for the very good reason that, the Socialists of Wisconsin don't want it.

And we are strongly of the impression that the Party as organized in that State would be more consistent with their real principles, if their pledge was modeled after this Wisconsin form.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO, SECRETARY BARNES?

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 14, 1920.
1. Motion picture, 150 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

Comrade: With reference to the late unpleasantness and contest for the office of State Secretary in this state you are hereby advised that this contest with reference to its effect upon the Socialist Party of Washington and in particular its State Committee and State Secretary, H. Krueger and in so far as they are concerned, is ended. Enclosed herewith you will please find certain copies of various documents headed as follows:
1. Original Complaint.
2. Krueger's Affidavit.
3. Court's Order.
4. Waynick's Answer to Court's Order.
5. Waynick's Answer to Complaint.
6. Krueger's Reply to Waynick's Answer to Court's Order.
7. Krueger's Reply to Waynick's Answer to Court's Order.
8. Krueger's Reply to Waynick's Answer to Court's Order.
9. Krueger's Reply to Waynick's Answer to Court's Order.

In conclusion I will draw your attention again to Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Socialist Party of Washington, which reads: "The Socialist Party of Washington shall be a political organization for the working class in this state."
I, you so choose, write recognition and I will write money if required for 100 day stamps.
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Not Confidential

We believe that the United States is economically so much in advance of Europe that Socialist methods there cannot form any rigid example for us to follow here. Anyhow, we fight our fight as best we can, right here where we live. We are not fighting windmills. We are not "squabbling" over non-essentials. If Article 4, Section 1, and Line 5 of the State Constitution forms the basis of a legal contest between Krueger and Waynick, it is no more important, and is less important, than the insignificant "Concord Bridge" where was fired "the shot heard round the world." It is not the place nor the section that counts. It is the issue which divides the combatants. Luther at Worms was not important. His thesis were not important. But Capital grasped the person of that defiant monk. Ernest Tetermann could not be able to penetrate beneath the seeming insignificance of the occasion and to recognize what he here refers to in his sight, that the "Wage Class" is struggling to organize itself intelligently by eliminating those Middle Class elements, who, consciously or unconsciously, serve as spies and traitors to the Proletariat rank.
Come and live with us, Untermann, study us at firsthand, as Korngold has the last two weeks, and we believe that you will be able to help our articles, will stay to praise and help

Another thing which made me look twice to be sure we were not mistaken was the fact that the same seven members on the State Committee who claimed they could, and did, remove Krueger on April 18 (when Krueger was absent) without any charge, or notice, or trial, claimed that Waynick was still State Secretary because no charges in writing as specified by Sec. 17, Art. 4 of the Constitution, were ever served upon Waynick, etc. (See Par. 4 in "Waynick's Answer to Court's Order" in "The Socialist" August 14.)

Will not then these seven explain by what process of reasoning they can state that Krueger was removed on the one instance and Waynick was not removed in the other?
Consistency, thou art a Jewell!

"Democracy is what we want, Down with ring name" "waic ring, Comrade, 'Tus' Ring or Mills' Ring?"

One of the delegates at the convention admitted he might be mixed up on a few things, but he was sure of one thing—he was down on Ring Rule for a moment suspect that members of the "Ring" stood for, or how the "Ring" got its name. He didn't question his source of information. He didn't for a moment suspect that members of the Mills' Ring told him these things, and he was wholly unaware that he became a new member of a ring himself when he didn't take time to investigate for himself!

The fact is, we have two distinct elements in the Socialist Party in Washington, one representing open and Scientific Revolutionary Socialism, and the other representing a conglomeration of everything—some of them Socialists and some masquerading under the name of Socialism.
The Ring Leaders of the latter, representing the Middle Class or Mills element, call ALL the rest "the Titus Ring." This Titus Ring includes some very strange members, like Mrs. Armstrong of Charleston, who has never seen or heard of Titus, and like many another who has read Marx, Engels, Liebknecht and others, and who believe in the same kind of Socialism that Marx, Engels, Liebknecht, Titus and others believe in.
Look out, comrade; you better not believe in what Marx taught or you'll belong to the Titus Ring!
But why not call it the Marx Ring? Now that poor Marx is dead, nobody could get their feelings hurt by saying "He belongs to the Marx Ring!"
Get what! What's in a name, anyhow!
If it is true that there is a Titus Ring, then it is also true there is a Ring in opposition, and it is the Mills Ring that is in opposition.
If there are two Rings, one standing for Marxism and Socialism and the other for all kinds of "Socialism" what are you going to do about it?
T. H. W.

Where Money Went

1st. Brown had made too many breaks in some (not all) of his speeches on Socialism for the speakers' committee to recommend him to the party.
2nd. Brown wanted to get back the old fusion bunch. And that is how we came to the meeting of the "Socialist" and "Local Social" what both disagreed with Brown on these vital questions and now Brown comes to the Everett convention a personal vindication. And why should it be? It was planned and engineered in his office by Brown and a few assistants. His office, his stenographer, his files, his books, his office boy, D. Burges boy, D. Burges what by the way, wears a uniform with

Original (This blank must be kept by Central Committee's Secretary.)
Application for Membership in the Social-Democratic Party of Wisconsin
Amount dues paid
BRANCH
I, the undersigned, subscribe to the principles and endorse the platform and constitution of the Social-Democratic party; and, renouncing allegiance to and severing all connections with all other parties, do hereby apply for membership in the Social-Democratic party, and agree to pay the regular dues.
Proposed by (and three month's dues paid to)
Name
Residence
Occupation
Where have you applied for membership in this party before?
Were you accepted or rejected? If accepted, why did you leave the party organization?
Central Committee Action: Accepted Rejected
Date 1920

Brown's Dental Parlor' all over the (uniform) were at the service of those who would support Brown.
Think of the noble head of D. Burges going as a mere rat track to carry hat to advertise Brown's Dental Parlor!
Mrs. Irene Smith also thinks the former convention was for the express purpose of vindicating Irene Smith, but she is only partly correct; she will have to divide the honors with Brown.
Some of us are just beginning to find out what the Socialist Party is for!

We have Brown's Dental Parlor and Brown's Socialist Party (including former temporary State Secretary Waynick) both sheltered under the same roof.
And Burgess and Barth and Bostron and—others!
How doth the busy B improve the shining hours in Brown's Dental Parlor?
But the paper still lives, and it isn't going to die, even if the Party dies!

Now, Brown & Co. you wanted too long before you struck.
Now if you'll tell us where you get the money to print "Suppressed Facts" some of the party members will appreciate it, for they would really like to know.
T. H. W.
Not a Mills Supporter in Washington who is not with the Brown-Burgess-Barth outfit. "Nuf sed."
Sadder complains "The Socialist" does him injustice in lining him up



With what he calls "That Bunch of Frocks in Arcade Hall," the independents, the Brown-Burgess-Barth Group, now in control of the Gag Party of Waynick, Bostron and Barnes. Well, Sadder, like others, must be known by the company he keeps. He has chosen his bed and mustn't kick his bedfellows.
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