
New Alliance is Created by Jewish Group: Loyal Socialists Organize in Opposition to Seceding Federation with Endorsement of Labor Unions: Pine Pledges Help: United Hebrew Trades Secretary Assures Delegates of Support in Movement for Strong Party.

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With the support of the Jewish trade union movement pledged to aid its efforts to organize the Jewish workers under the banner of the Socialist Party, the loyal members of the Jewish Socialist Federation yesterday [Sept. 5, 1921] reconvened in Forward Hall and laid plans for their organization under the name of the Jewish Socialist Alliance of the Socialist Party of America.

Throughout two extended sessions of the Alliance complete harmony prevailed and the plans for intensive reconstruction work were discussed and adopted with great speed. The gathering was addressed by Assemblyman Charles Solomon, representative of the City Committee of the Socialist Party; Max D. Danish of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; and a number of others of the local Socialist and labor movement.

The remainder of the Federation delegates held their convention in another party of the Forward Building. Plans for reorganization and propaganda were likewise adopted. No steps were taken toward national affiliation, the Communist Party being held objectionable because of its secret nature. A report expressing willingness to affiliate with the Communist International was adopted 43 to 3.

Louis Shafer of Chicago and Julius Wesiberg presided at the sessions of the Alliance. Benjamin

Shainblum was vice chairman. There were 36 delegates present, representing 24 branches in different parts of the country.

Fraternal greetings were received from Max Pine, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades. Pine pledged to the new alliance the support of the Jewish trade union movement of the nation in its work for a strong Socialist Party. The Jewish unions, he said, are distinctly sympathetic to the aims of the alliance and the methods which will be used by it.

Assemblyman Solomon, in his address, challenged the allegations made by the seceders' leaders that the Socialist defense in the Albany ouster "trial" had not been made on a strictly Socialist and working class basis. The Socialist Party, declared Solomon, has never compromised on the question of the class struggle, and has consistently agitated for a thorough reorganization of industrial society.

Following the adoption of the name, amidst great applause, an Executive Committee was elected. The committee includes A. Lessing, editor of *Zukunft* [The Future], Max Pine, Alderman B.C. Vladeck, Alexander Kahn, and Benjamin Shainblum. It was planned to send out a number of prominent Socialist speakers to tour the country on behalf of this alliance. These will probably include Judge Jacob Panken, candidate

for Mayor; Kahn, and Alderman Vladeck.

It was decided to issue a weekly newspaper. N. Chanin was elected General Secretary. An organizer for the Middle West and a Translator-Secretary for the National Office of the Socialist Party will also be elected. It is expected that an office will be opened in this city [New York] in the near future. In response for an appeal for funds more than \$4,000 was pledged.

The Alliance decided to seek a conference with all national Jewish workers' organizations, including the unions and the Workmen's Circle, to promote rebuilding efforts.

Hyman Schneider presided at the session of the seceders from the party. A declaration of principles, read by Moissaye J. Olgin, reviewed the history of labor since the armistice, declared that a change in tactics is imperative, declared the Federation to be opposed to affiliation with any of the American radical groups, and asserted that the organization is ready to join with any national organization subscribing to its principles. This declaration was approved.

On the question of international affiliation,

a minority report, calling for specification of the Federation's objection to a number of the 21 points laid down by Moscow as conditions of affiliation, was defeated. The majority report, expressing a willingness to affiliate with the Communist International and the desire to discuss differences after affiliation, was carried.

Dues of the organization were fixed at 50 cents a month. As a condition for membership, it was decided, the applicant must have 2 endorsers; he must wait until 2 weeks after filing his application before he can be admitted; during the first month of membership, the new member may not vote on questions of principle. No one who is a capitalist and derives profit from others' labor may join, it was decided.

H. Rogoff, acting managing editor of the *Forward*, told the convention that he would join the Federation as soon as he was relieved of his duties by the return of the *Forward's* editor, Abraham Cahan. Cahan is expected back from a European trip this week. Pledges of \$5,000 were made to the Federation.

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