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WITH ALL OUR FORCE WE DEMAND PEACE

We demand peace under any and all circumstances. We know war for what it is. We can see right through the flimsy pretexts upon which we may be asked to go forth to murder our fellow workers.

We know war to be in the interest of the profits of the capitalist class, and to conserve and increase these profits we are asked to get ready to murder other workingmen like us. And, tell us, who's crazy enough to do that? Not we, certainly.

All the people on this earth could stand on Staten Island, New York harbor. All of the people on earth could live well provided for within the borders of Texas, with proper cultivation and manufacture. And yet we are asked to murder each other in a quarrel for land—WHEN THERE'S TOO MUCH LAND!

The machinery of production could provide for many times as many people as are on this earth, and provide for them generously, and yet we are asked to get ready to murder each other by those WHO ROB US OF WHAT WE PRODUCE TODAY!

We won't do it, that's all. We refuse to be led forth to slash, stick, shoot, kill, other workingmen, for our hearts are not full of hatred, we are not obsessed with vile passions, we are not patriotically insane.

WE PROTEST. We are uncompromisingly against war. North, south, east and west, hundreds of thousands of Socialists and sympathisers are holding protest meetings. Yes, many Locals are holding them weekly. The capitalist press reports that the wires are hot from carrying demands for peace from Socialist Locals to Washington. Keep it up, Comrades. Burn up the wires. Shout for peace so determinedly that the capitalist class and their hirelings will once and for all know that WE ARE A POWER to be reckoned with when once we are aroused.

Let's show the world that there is at least one whole-hearted, comradely, sane force upon this miserable, fighting, lying, bloody, hellish earth of ours.

22 LOCALS AND BRANCHES TOE THE MARK

Yes, it's a race. The question is, shall we reach the Socialist Republic before capitalism "gets us" in its lust for murder and spoils?

Twenty-two Locals and nine members-at-large and individual Comrades have toed the mark for a sprint that will out-distance the enemy. These Locals and members have planked down their little change and big change and have said: "Here's something to help carry us forward with accelerated speed."

Thanks to you. But how about the rest of you? Are the other 150 Locals and Branches in the State also going to toe the mark, so that this may be a well organized race for better organization? Are they? Will all State subdivisions help us get the \$1,000 ORGANIZATION FUND?

Here are the Locals and members that have already helped: Cleveland, \$50; Slovak Branch, Cleveland, \$2; Slovenian Branch, Cleveland, \$5; Alpha, \$5; Conneaut, \$2; Mansfield, \$2; Zanesville, \$1; Tiffin, \$1; Cuyahoga Falls, \$1.25; Finnish Branch 1, Cleveland, \$25; Bellaire, \$5; Edgerton, \$1; McLuney, \$2; Sandusky, \$5; Liedertafel Club, Cleveland, \$10; Toronto, \$5; Canton, \$5; Hyesville, \$1.50; Toledo, \$5; Belmont County, \$10; Fostoria, \$3; Ninth Ward Branch, Cleveland, \$1.60; Wadsworth, \$1; E. L. Hitchens (collected), \$4.50; Orr Griswold, 90c; E. E. Boring, \$1; U. C. Engle, \$1; G. A. McBride, 90c; A. Wagenknecht (rent), \$10.

Total contributions, \$157.65. Added to this should be the money which accrues from the cent per stamp sold, which Constitutionally must be placed in the organization fund.

By the way, now that you have read thus far, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT THIS IS A CALL TO YOUR LOCAL TO HELP?

Writes Archle F. Jones: "Local Martins Ferry is going to hold a big Fair and Festival in Amusement Hall March 10th to 17th. The proceeds will be used to engage speakers and buy literature to distribute."

WHERE'S YOUR DIME?

The State Office has been showered with dimes this last thirty days. Dimes by the dollar's worth, by the five dollars' worth, have been pouring in from the "up and doing" Locals. These Locals understand that the better posted upon party matters a member becomes the more useful he is to the party, and therefore dozens of Locals have secured subscriptions for THE OHIO SOCIALIST from their good standing members and have subscribed out of their treasuries for their bad standing members.

But there are still many Locals to hear from. Is your Local lagging behind? If it is, it's probably lagging behind because you're not at the front helping to pull. Has your dime been sent to the State Office for a year's subscription to this paper? Haven't you a dime to spare?

LOCAL ALPHA IS SHOCKED

A. WAGENKNECHT.

The next time you want a THOUSAND DOLLARS don't ask so sudden like. Please break the news a little more gently. Why, you might have ruined—I mean exterminated—our little Local with one breath. We had an awful time quieting the members down after your "Wanted \$1,000" was read. You see, to one pair of eyes—especially when that pair happens to be placed in the face of a workingman—a thousand dollars looks to him like Mt. Washington looks to a three-legged bed-bug walking on a pair of wooden crutches. Nevertheless, when looked at with 4,000 pairs of eyes it looks like a mole hill. That is the reason you have already found a P. O. money order for the sum of \$5.00 enclosed, which is to help start the foundation for that \$1,000.

Wishing you all success possible in raising that \$1,000, and that we may be able to get some more for you, I am yours for Socialism,

LESTER C. COY, Local Alpha.

COMRADE BAKER ACQUITTED

Comrade Chas. Baker, of Hamilton, was acquitted in the Federal Court at Cincinnati of the charge of seditious treason.

The State Office has several dozen long, newsy, instructive, enthusiastic letters from comrades on hand which should have publicity. To publish them would fill the paper twice over, so what can we do? You say.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Dues Down but Receipts Go Up

We made so bold as to brag about the big dues receipts for December, and now we make so bold as to say that January was not the month in which all bad standing members suddenly resolved to pay their arrearages. For note—our dues receipts in December were \$239.20. In January our Locals and members at large bought only \$203.30 worth of stamps. Receipts for initiation stamps also fell off \$6.75. BUT—thanks to the hustling Locals—our receipts for last month completely swamped the total receipts for December, and our treasury and the several party funds are really beginning to look plump and rosy cheeked instead of emaciated and pale. However, even if the State Office wallet is losing some of its wrinkles and bulging a bit, please don't think we're full up. Remember, it's \$1,000 we are after.

JANUARY, 1917.

RECEIPTS.	
Dues stamps—regular.....	\$187 30
" " dual.....	2 00
" " members at large.....	14 00
Foreign Branch Dues.....	116 00
Initiation stamps.....	42 75
Organization Fund.....	135 70
Ohio Socialist subs.....	63 15
Supplies.....	7 26
Total.....	\$568 16
Balance on hand Dec. 31.....	222 31
Grand total.....	\$790 47

EXPENSES.	
Dues stamps.....	\$100 00
Foreign Branch dues to Locals.....	44 66
Ohio Socialist.....	57 85
Postage.....	11 27
Literature.....	30 78
Printing.....	3 50
Salary.....	100 00
Telephone—3 months.....	10 50
Office supplies.....	3 10
Miscellaneous.....	14 85
Total.....	\$376 51
Balance on hand Jan. 31.....	413 96
General fund.....	\$159 32
Organization fund.....	169 43
Convention mileage fund.....	85 21
Total.....	\$413 96

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Not a cent received for literature, Comrades. Why not patronize the State Office for books you need?

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Motion, by Tom Clifford: That the "Reports of Locals" no longer be published in THE OHIO SOCIALIST.

Voting Yes—E. L. Hitchens, Tom Clifford. Voting No—Jas. J. White, Charles Baker, Scott Wilkins, Geo. Bundy, W. Patterson. Motion lost.

STATE COMMITTEE

Motion 1, by John Brandstetter: That the State Executive Committee proceed at once in carrying out the wishes of the party membership in reference to the "Amendment of the Ohio Election Laws": (a) That the State Executive Committee proceed to put the proposed amendment into proper or legal form. (b) That they further proceed along the State laws of Ohio in getting out the necessary petitions throughout the State, and that same be voted upon by the voters of the State on next Nov. 6, 1917. (c) That they devise ways and means to secure the necessary funds to secure the necessary signatures that are required.

Voting Yes—E. D. Orr, Walter I. Davis, B. F. Dawson, John Brandstetter. Total 4.

Voting No—Albert G. Storck, I. H. Harding, John M. Colborn, Walter Bagby, V. O. Brown, J. P. Baker, M. H. Wolf, M. A. Toohey. Total 8.

The motion is lost. No State Committeemen changed their votes in the additional time allotted. The Yes votes of Jas. T. Marsh and A. R. Callender arrived after the time set for the close of the vote, as did also the No votes of Moses Benjamin, W. O. McClory, Jos. E. Robb and Frank Hamilton.

Motion 2, by M. A. Toohey and Albert G. Storck: That the following rules be adopted for the guidance of the State Committee in making motions and conducting referendums:

1. A motion shall require two seconds before being put to a vote.

2. As soon as a motion is received at the State Office the State Secretary shall send it out for seconds. Six days shall be allowed for State

Committeemen to second motions.

3. Comment not to exceed fifty words may be made for or against a motion by any State Committeeman before the motion is finally put and while it is before the State Committee for seconds, and the State Secretary shall send such comment to the entire State Committee, together with the motion and the ballot. This comment must, however, be in the hands of the State Secretary before the close of the time allowed for seconds.

4. Ten days shall be allowed for voting upon a motion.

5. An amendment to a motion shall take the same procedure as a new motion, and, if carried, shall modify or qualify the original motion as per intent of the amendment.

6. The State Secretary shall have opportunity to give information to the State Committee upon motions which concern State Office activities.

7. Comment sent with the vote upon a motion shall be communicated to the State Committee thru the columns of THE OHIO SOCIALIST.

8. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern where applicable and where not in conflict with these rules.

Voting Yes—Walter I. Davis, F. Hamilton, V. O. Brown, Walter Bagby, M. A. Toohey, John Brandstetter, E. D. Orr, J. P. Baker, M. H. Wolf, H. B. Pearce, W. O. McClory, A. G. Storck, Jos. E. Robb. Voting No—Moses Benjamin.

The rules are adopted.

Motion 3, by John Brandstetter: That the action of the State Executive Committee in granting the Songs of Freedom Sales Co. and the Everett Prisoners Defense Committee the list of Local Secretaries be reversed.

Voting Yes—John Brandstetter, E. D. Orr, J. P. Baker, M. H. Wolf, H. B. Pearce, W. O. McClory, Moses Benjamin, Walter I. Davis, Frank Hamilton, V. O. Brown, Jos. Robb, A. G. Storck. Voting No—Walter Bagby, M. A. Toohey.

Motion carried. The No votes of Jas. T. Marsh and the Yes votes of I. H. Harding upon the last two motions arrived too late to be counted.

WE WANT

Every Local secretary to send to the State Office a list of his Local's bad standing members.

Every Local secretary to send to the State Office the names and addresses of all Socialists elected to political office within his Local's jurisdiction.

Every Local organizer to secure the subscription of every member to this paper.

Every Local in the State to make a contribution to the \$1,000 Organization Fund.

We Want these matters attended to—not to-morrow, next week, next year or never—but RIGHT NOW.

There are 200 Party Organizers in Ohio. Every Local has one. Wonder what they're doing? Just imagine what these 200 organizers could do if every one of them would be what their office implies. Imagine!!

NEWS FROM LOCALS

The reorganization of Local Xenia has taken place, with a membership of 32.

"We have no Local here, but here's 90c toward that \$1,000 fund." Orr Griswold.

Canton will have a Debs meeting, and Debs will speak in Cleveland on March 1st at Moose Hall.

Herbert Knecht, of Byesville, was the first local secretary to give complete replies to the 1-2-3-4 letter sent Locals by the State Office.

Do not hide your light under a bushel. Let it shine bright and far. Be a "working at it" Socialist.

H. Zerkule, member at large, can show dues cards to attest his good standing in the party since 1898.

A New York medic says hunger may be relieved by tightening the belt. Now let's all buy belts and quit eating.

The Sixth Ward Branch, Cleveland, gives every new member literature upon the fundamentals of Socialism.

"Please send me more OHIO SOCIALIST sub blanks, for I want to send in a list every month." C. H. Werner, Harberton.

Toledo is conducting a series of weekly lectures, with C. M. O'Brien, C. E. Ruthenberg and Wm. F. Barnard as speakers.

Local Chevlot makes its bow with nine charter applicants and Earl C. Pickering secretary and Nathan Graham organizer.

The national office wants a full list of women members in Ohio. Send the names of your women members to the State Office.

"We are putting out 15,000 national office leaflets a month." Ammon A. Hennacy, Columbus. That's what we call "working at it."

"Am instructed by my Local to subscribe for 100 or more of The Ohio Socialist and send them to backsliders." Jos. Coope, Youngstown.

"We approve the plan of purchasing an auto for use of State Organizer." Ora Taylor, Norwood. All right. All we need is the money.

"Read the letter of F. W. Goll in last issue, and agree with him that if we educate the workers they will vote right." Wm. D. Loucks, Tiffin.

"We appreciate the letters received from the State office lately. They sound good; breathe pep and confidence. Keep it up." F. E. Fleck, Sandusky.

Ohio was one of the twenty-six States that gained in membership in 1916. Our total membership for 1915 was 4278; total membership for 1916 was 4,690.

H. Bovey writes that Local Uhrichsville is busy trying to reorganize Dennison. That's the kind of voluntary work that counts big in adding to our power.

"Hope to hear soon that you have that \$1,000 all safely in your treasury." L. B. Myers, Alpha. We're waiting to tell that same good news, Comrade Myers.

Tiltonsville was no more than organized when its hustling secretary, Calvin Johnston, wrote for a list of other county Locals to perfect a county organization.

"We will elect a visiting committee, whose duty it will be to visit delinquents between meetings." George D. Fynon, Cambridge. Other Locals please follow suit.

If you will increase the activity of your Local by two your members will think twice as much about Socialism, will work twice as hard for it, and we'll get it twice as fast.

Local Hamilton has elected a "field man" to assist the organizer, and will return to its former rule of holding an educational meeting once a month, writes Secretary Charles Manny.

"Comrade C. M. O'Brien's lectures are clean, clear-cut Socialist arguments, and we are arranging to continue them for many Sunday afternoons to come." T. H. Robertson, Canton.

"Although the sleep of indifference is upon our members, we are determined to keep in good standing, meeting or no meeting." Chas. Bonsall, Salem. Yes, we'll hear from Salem again.

"I realize that if we ever expect to make headway we will have to keep our books right, make out our reports promptly and keep our members in good standing." A. W. Humes, Seneca county.

A letter from Walter Robb, Dover, ordering \$3 dues and 12 initiation stamps, followed by his monthly report showing 62 dues stamps sold. Must be something up somebody's sleeve in Dover.

"I am only sorry we can't donate the whole \$1,000 you are asking. Read your letter at our meeting, and we surely agree with the methods of organization you propose." Lester House, Coshocton.

The State Office sold \$54.50 worth of initiation stamps in 1916, showing that about 2,200 members were admitted last year, and yet our membership gain for the year was only 412. What's the matter?

Local Toledo says: "Here's \$25 for the \$1,000 Organization Fund." Honestly, comrades, we did not know there were so many good Locals in Ohio, nor can we fathom the generosity of so many of them.

"The straight Socialist ticket for me. I hope there are no Socialists so foolish as to support so-called non-partisans and their reforms, and of the latter we have plenty here." Geo. Markert, Cincinnati.

That "Mit Partel Grubs" from Alois Hawelka, Belmont county, reminds us of the letters father used to write in the days when Socialism was mostly German and when we didn't know it from a dog's bark.

"Our Local nearly went to pieces, but it seems as if our members are again being imbued with the revolutionary spirit." Norman Nice, Kenmore. Which means that Kenmore is by no means on its last legs.

We like to hear from Secretary Perry Crites, Akron. His letters are usually chuck full of questions. It proves that he does not intend being a "drifting" secretary, but knows his port and has set sail for it.

"We are all pleased with the new bulletin—THE OHIO SOCIALIST." Rae Curl, Alliance. And some day it will be a still better paper, for it will grow with the organization and the organization is going to grow.

Take that little red dues book out of its hiding place; brush the dust from it and take a good look at it. It connects you with the greatest organization on earth—provided it contains a stamp for the current month.

"Of course we favor a red flivver and a thorough awakening." Dan Wallace, of Trimble Tp. And E. S. Potts, Edgerton, writes: "Here's a little to go towards purchasing a little Ford, and we don't care what color you paint it so it's red."

"Accept my hearty support in your efforts to bring the bad standing members back into the fold." H. Hestler, Wayne Tp. And we'll make a superhuman effort to "make the bad ones good" if Locals will mail us a list of their bad standing members.

"It is to be hoped that the Locals will realize what can be accomplished by organizers with automobiles, and that you will soon have the money needed," writes Fred Walchli, secretary Belmont county, at the same time remitting \$10 toward the \$1,000 fund.

Feb. 22d is the date of the "house warming" in celebration of Local Dayton's new headquarters. Comrades in the vicinity are invited to attend. It is not every day that a Local of our party dedicates a \$10,000 home.

WARNING TO LOCALS

The membership is about to vote on Referendum "A," 1917, for the election of two National Committeemen. Will your Local's vote be counted? Will your members be disfranchised because of sheer negligence and carelessness?

Do you know that no member can vote on a party referendum until the expiration of sixty days from joining? Do you know that each member must vote HIS OWN ballot and sign HIS OWN name thereto? Do you know that a standing committee of three, together with the secretary, shall tabulate the vote of the members THREE DAYS BEFORE the expiration of the time allowed for voting? Do you know the wording of the certification that must accompany the vote of your Local when sent to the State Office? Do you know that if your Local fails to make its monthly report its vote will be thrown out?

Do You KNOW THESE THINGS? Do you know there is a Sec. 5, Art. 9, in the State Constitution which should be read at your next Local meeting?

The State Constitution is THE PARTY LAW. The party law MUST BE OBEYED. The State Office WILL obey. WILL YOU? Will the report of your Local be in the hands of the State Secretary BEFORE March 8th, or will your Local be disfranchised in the vote for National Committeemen? YOU CHOOSE.

OPPOSE "VICTORY FUND"

Local Cincinnati, in session assembled Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, unanimously disapproved of the purpose for which the Nat. Ex. Committee is trying to raise a \$50,000 fund.

We take the initiative in this matter, and demand that a referendum of the party membership be taken on this question, and we further demand that all contributions thus far received (for the Victory Fund) be withheld until the result of the referendum on our motion is known.

Motion, by Local Cincinnati: That instead the sum of \$50,000 be raised for the establishment of a National Party Headquarters and a daily paper, same to be located in some small town in the central part of the United States, and that the local executive committee proceed by all means to secure a referendum of the party on this important question.

We do hereby demand that this be given proper publication in "The American Socialist" and THE OHIO SOCIALIST, so that all Locals may be notified of our action.

Locals favoring this action should send their seconds at once to the Nat. Ex. Committee and also to Local Cincinnati, Socialist Party.

Where's Your Local's Report--Missing?

If the name of your Local is not in this column, then walk up to your secretary at the next meeting and, with a smile in your voice, ask him why. Mind you, 125 Locals in the State and only 40 reporting! Isn't enough to shake a little of the red out of the best of us? No—it's not. It's just enough to make the best of us more determined than ever to have a hundred per cent organization or work ourselves to death in the attempt.

LOCALS REPORTING FOR JANUARY

LOCALS.	New Members	Paid to Date	Total on Roll
Alliance	12	34
Alpha	2	24
Barberton	1	7
Byesville	2	15
Canton	3	33
Cincinnati	11
Clyde	5	9
Conneaut	3	11
Cuyahoga Falls	10	13
Dayton	83	162
Dillonvale	3	18
Dover	2	8
Edgerton	9	24
Elyria	9	23
Greenfield	4	16
Greenwich	8	14
Hamilton	1	95
Lorain	26	34
McLuney	2	8
Mansfield	1	20
Marion	6	24
Marysville	2	9
Massillon	31	65
Middletown	2	10
Midvale	8	12
Mt. Vernon	1	7
North Star	4	10
Norwood	30	52
Portsmouth	1	24
Sandusky	1	28
Seneca Co.	23	53
Steubenville	12	41
Tiltonsville	12	12
Toledo	12	131
Toronto	25	68
Trimble Tp.	9	23
Wadsworth	6	9
Uhrichsville	12	29
Zanesville	11	30

PARTY SUPPLIES AND LITERATURE FOR SALE BY THE STATE OFFICE

Locals and members are asked to patronize the state office in ordering literature at retail prices, or supplies. An increase in the receipts of the state office will place into our hands more money to prosecute state organization work.

SUPPLIES

Dues Stamps, each	11c
Initiation Stamps, each	25c
Dues Book and State Constitution	3c
National Constitutions, each 5c, 25 for	50c
Application Cards, per 100	40c
State Platforms, 100 copies for	25c
Transfer Cards, 10 for	10c
Rubber Stamp, Arm and Torch, each	20c
Letter Heads, per hundred	40c
Envelopes, printed, per hundred	40c
Electrotypes, Arm and Torch, each	25c
Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for	20c
Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for	20c
Red Flag Pins, each	25c

LITERATURE

Socialist Songs, with music	10c
Marxism and Darwinism, Pannekoek	10c
The Socialist Movement, Rev. Vail	10c
Our Mental Enslavement, Caldwell	10c
Communist Manifesto, by Marx and Engels	10c
Shop Talks on Economics, by Marcy	10c
What to Read on Socialism, catalog	5c
Value, Price and Profit, by Marx	10c
What's So and What Isn't, by Work	15c
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Engels	15c
The Class Struggle, by Kautsky	25c
Common Sense of Socialism, by Spargo	25c
Industrial Problems, by Richardson	25c
Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vail	25c
Evolution, Social and Organic	50c
Socialism for Students, by Cohen	50c
Socialism and Modern Science, by Ferri	\$1.00
Poverty of Philosophy, by Marx	\$1.00
Theoretical System of Karl Marx, Boudin	\$1.00
Philosophical Essays, Dietzgen	\$1.00
Positive Outcome of Philosophy, Dietzgen	\$1.00
Physical Basis of Mind and Morals, Fitch	\$1.00

The supply of literature will be increased as the demand increases. Next month we hope to advertise many additional pamphlets and books for sale.

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