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STATE ORGANIZER CHAS. BAKER TO BEGIN WORK

Comrade Chas. Baker, of Hamilton, who was elected state organizer at the last meeting of the State Executive Committee, will enter the employ of the Socialist Party of Ohio about the time that this paper reaches its subscribers.

He will spend about a week in the state office, assisting in the preparation of routings and in the purchase of our first organizer's automobile, and in conferring with the State secretary as to organization methods and plans.

As soon as his first month's routing is agreed upon, it will be made public and locals included in same will be requested to give Comrade Baker support and co-operation, such as is due a comrade who is fearless enough to enter the field while the nation is in a "state of war."

Locals will not be asked to guarantee Comrade Baker either his expenses or wages. Locals WILL be asked to guarantee our first state organizer all the assistance within their power, so that real, fundamental organization work may be accomplished.

And DON'T do this, locals: Don't write the state office that you CANNOT USE Comrade Baker after the state office informs you he is coming. To assure the success of this organization work, and in order that we may spend the money contributed to our \$1,000 organization fund most economically, every city, village and rural community along a certain line of travel will have to be visited consecutively; every local along the route will have to agree to co-operate with the state office, and changing of dates will hardly be possible.

Watch for the RED auto. Watch for State Organizer Baker. He'll run into your town some fine day with his sleeves rolled up, ready to give your local a boost. Help him and the boost will be the more effective.

A BOUQUET—COMRADES.

"Local Dover thinks so well of The Ohio Socialist and the able manner in which it is put up, that we want to get it into the hands of all prospects and sympathizers and then follow them up with application cards."—R. C. Ricker, local organizer.

"A Streak of Revolutionary Red."

A streak of revolutionary red splashed across the city of Cleveland on May 1st. It was Local Cleveland's May Day parade, the best and biggest ever held, and that in war time, too, when it takes real courage to carry a red flag or a sign proclaiming opposition to war.

Thousands of Socialists were in the line of march. Women and Socialist Sunday School children formed a large part of the parade. Hundreds of signs and red flags were carried and each comrade wore a red carnation. Walter Bronstrup was parade marshal.

On Sunday, May 6th, Local Cleveland, in conjunction with the S. L. P., and the I. W. I. U., held a mass demonstration for peace and against conscription upon the Public Square. Fifty thousand pieces of literature were distributed on the morning of that day announcing the meeting. Between three and four thousand people attended, and despite the rain and cold, stood for more than two hours listening to the speakers.

On May 13th a mass convention of members was held by this local. At this convention the following resolution was passed:

"RESOLVED, BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN JOINT MEETING ASSEMBLED, THAT WE DENOUNCE THE LAW PROPOSING INVOLUN-

The Can and Can't Of It

You say you can't and you can't, that's all. You say you can't and the result is you make no start, do not try, accomplish nothing. The "can't world" is a dismal world to live in. In it not a thing is ever done. It's a mighty quiet and dead place.

But if you say you CAN, then no matter how little you do, you do something by the very fact that you make an attempt to do something. This attempt to do something spurs you on to repeated attempts. Soon you begin to live in the "can world," a world in which nobody makes excuses and everybody makes good.

There are goodly numbers of "can't do it" and "can do it" Socialists in this state. The only ones we know, however, are the "can do it" tribe. You see, we never hear of or from the "can't do it" comrades. They never have anything to report.

Just to enthuse and encourage us all, and to give credit where credit is due, permit us to call your attention to a few of the "can do it" tribe. There's H. L. Bovey of Uhrichsville, grand chief. This comrade is in the sixties, if we guess correctly. That is, sixty years young, and working for Socialism is making him younger every day. He took an organization fund list in each hand, so to speak, made the rounds, and returned with a total of \$17.50 in contributions. Great work!

Comrade Mrs. Bodecker of Cleveland belongs to the Sixth Ward Branch. She has plenty of children, the usual amount of housework the wife of the average wage worker is burdened with, and yet found time to collect \$13.50 upon her organization fund list.

Comrade Adolf Harle is a new member of the Second Ward Branch, Cleveland. He didn't say he couldn't, but went ahead and did. Contributions upon his list amounted to \$5.15.

The South Slavic Branch of Akron, without the wink of an eye, voted \$11.50 out of its treasury for the organization fund.

Comrade Mrs. Maria Fark also found time outside of her home duties and the care of her children to secure a total of \$8.25 for us.

H. M. Kohr, of Dennison, sent in an equal amount, namely, \$8.25.

A. L. Hitchcock, another Cleveland comrade, went forth into the wilderness of the "well-to-do" and secured \$8.00 from eight people.

And the Scandinavian Branch of Youngstown, with only nine members, boosted our \$1,000 organization fund by \$28.00, thanks to Comrades Erickson, Johnson and Carlson, who circulated the lists.

And there are numerous others in the "can do it" tribe, but space forbids mentioning them all. There's J. M. Remy, of Greenfield; John Vehre, of Adena; Laura Crowley, of Fostoria; E. J. Huber, of Van Buren Township; and ever so many others. And why do we insist upon calling your attention to these comrades and their good works? Because we want you to go and do likewise.

We repeat—there's money waiting for us on all sides, to assist our party in its peace propaganda. Take an organization fund list and collect some of it. Join the "can do it" tribe.

THE COURAGE OF HENNACY.

A comrade left Columbus about two weeks ago with a suit case and traveling bag full of leaflets which read: "Young men, are you going to refuse to register for military service in a foreign country while the rich men, who have brought on this war, stay at home and get richer by gambling in food stuffs? We would rather die, or be imprisoned, for the sake of justice, than kill our fellow-men in this unjust war."

By the time this comrade reached the state office he had already visited ten towns, left leaflets in each town with comrades for distribution, and encouraged hundreds of young men in their refusal to register for military service.

At the state office a routing of about forty more towns was agreed upon, and the comrade is already well on his way assisting locals and Socialists in their campaign against conscription.

Such is the courage of Ammon A. Hennacy, secretary of the local at Columbus. Let his courage be an inspiration to all comrades to continue their efforts to abolish capitalism, so that this world may at last enjoy peace forever.

TARY SERVITUDE,' IN VIOLATION OF THE 13TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE FORM OF CONSCRIPTION TO MURDER OUR FELLOW BEINGS IN OTHER LANDS, AND RECOMMEND TO AND URGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND THE WORKERS GENERALLY THAT THEY REFUSE TO REGISTER FOR CONSCRIPTION, AND PLEDGE TO THEM OUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT IN THEIR REFUSAL TO BECOME THE VICTIMS OF THE RULING CLASS."

The meeting also voted to hold another mass demonstration for peace and against conscription upon the Public Square, Sunday, May 20th. Fifty thousand pieces of literature were to be distributed on the morning of this date, announcing the protest meeting and giving the local's position upon conscription and against registration.

That Local Cleveland is well favored with a "streak of revolutionary red" seems very apparent. We have read Socialist papers from all parts of the country carefully, and we do not know of another local in the party any place that has been so active and courageous in its anti-war and anti-conscription agitation and propaganda.

Local Columbus is planning a distribution of leaflets upon the question of registration and conscription, as well as a mass demonstration. There is a strong movement on foot in that city against registration.

WHO'S HERE THIS TIME?

Here are the locals that answered the roll call this month. It may be that you do not care about letting the state membership know that your local is busy in the cause. If you don't care, then we advise that you continue to fall to answer this monthly roll call. If you do care—if you want the state membership to know that your local has its fighting clothes on—then make it your business to see to it that your monthly report for May reaches the state office before the 8th of June.

LOCALS	New Members	Paid to Date	Total on Rolls
Akron	11	171	135
Alliance		15	33
Ashtabula	2	138	140
Barnesville		10	10
Belmont County	16	222	261
Bluffton	1	6	6
Canton		22	45
Cincinnati	21	300	300
Clark County	7	24	43
Cleveland	90	1400	1575
Columbus	1	39	100
Conneaut		11	14
Continental		6	6
Coshocton		16	35
Crestline		3	12
Dayton	1	89	128
Dennison		13	13
Derwent		4	11
Dillonvale		20	35
Dunkinsville		11	12
East Liverpool		12	34
E. Youngstown		17	25
Egerton		11	24
Elyria	1	11	24
Fairview		11	11
Greenfield		4	16
Hamilton		115	282
Hubbard	3	14	28
Lima	1	27	60
Lorain	2	31	41
McLuney	1	7	15
Mansfield	2	21	30
Marion		6	10
Marysville		2	9
Massillon	2	36	62
Midvale		7	10
Mt. Vernon		7	11
Newark		3	..
New Bremen		6	..
New England		3	3
North Star		4	..
Norwood	3	25	53
Portsmouth	2	56	81
St. Bernard	1	6	8
St. Marys	1	14	14
Sandusky		23	44
Seneca County	3	27	58
Toledo	5	168	280
Trimble Tp.		8	12
Uhrichsville		33	33
Wadsworth		6	9
Warren	6	66	114
Wayne Tp.	1	4	6
Winchester		5	6
Youngstown	4	20	53
Zanesville		19	27
Totals	188	3349	4417

THE STATE CONSTITUTION SAYS: No amendment, except an amendment to the original amendment to this constitution, shall be presented or considered in state convention unless it has been published in the Bulletin at least one month before the state convention, except by a three-fourths consent of the convention.

THE STATE CONSTITUTION SAYS: Locals which have not purchased dues stamps during the four months preceding the date of apportioning delegates to the state convention shall not be entitled to representation.

THE STATE CONSTITUTION SAYS: Representation to the state convention shall be based upon the average number of dues stamps purchased from the state office by each local during the year up to within two months of the time selected for holding the convention.

THAT'S FINE, COMRADES And Now, One Last Strong Pull

This has to do with that \$1,000 organization fund. It is now May 15th. We have just looked over the official receipts and find that \$127.77 has been contributed to the \$1,000 organization fund since April 30th, when we balanced the books. There is then now a total of \$629.33 in this fund.

That's fine, Comrades. And now one last strong pull to make it an even \$1,000. You may be getting tired of this constant reference to this important fund. We'd get tired of referring to it, also, were it not for the fact that it is an IMPORTANT fund. As announced on page one, the first state organizer will take the field in a few days. We want to put the second state organizer to work without delay. And if the comrades will busy themselves securing contributions upon the lists they have in hand, we'll have that \$1,000 before June 1st.

Let that be our slogan—\$1,000 IN THE ORGANIZATION FUND BEFORE JUNE 1st.

Last month we reported the following lists turned in: Slovak Branch, Canton, list 568; J. S. Case, list 342; E. J. Huber, list 282; Bohemian Branch, Maynard, list 512; Laura Crowley, list 502; Geo. D. Eynon, list 39; John Vehre, list 340; I. S. Williamson, list 341; G. A. McBride, list 343; Scott Wilkins, list 398; J. M. Remy, list 112.

The lists and amounts upon each sent the state office since last report follow: John G. Willert, list 818, \$3.25; Adolf Harle, list 819, \$5.15; Branch Bellaire, German, list 580, \$2.00; Aaron Johnson, list 543, \$10.50; Theo. Erickson, list 544, \$8.25; V. Carlson, list 545, \$9.25; I. W. Rea, list 222, \$3.10; Chas. Litz, list 221, \$2.00; Akron South Slavic Branch, list 1095, \$11.50; Maria Fark, list 807, \$8.25; M. L. Heller, list 357, \$1.00; Local Piney Fork, list 644, \$2.25; W. N. Patterson, list 247, \$6.50; Local Conneaut, list 447, \$2.50; A. Abel, list 174, \$2.50; Lithuanian Branch, Akron, list 4, \$4.80; H. L. Bovey, list 286, \$8.50; H. L. Bovey, list 287, \$9.00; H. M. Kohr, list 285, \$8.25; South Slavic Branch, Glencoe, list 630, \$3.25; John James, list 348, \$2.50; H. C. Bourquin, list 305, \$1.00; Wm. G. Klee, list 802, \$1.60; Mrs. Bodecker, list 805, \$13.50; A. L. Hitchcock, list 645, \$8.00; E. Slabe, list 621, \$2.45.

Other recent contributions follow: Lithuanian Branch, Akron, \$4.80; Local New England, \$2.50; Martin Tienv, \$1.00; Local Hamilton, \$1.20; Finnish Branch, Warren, \$10.00; Local Zanesville, \$6.50; Local Piney Fork, \$2.50; Local Massillon, \$5.50; Julius Soos, \$1.00; Local New Bremen, \$3.00; La Salle Club, Cincinnati, \$3.00; Local Tiffin, \$1.00; Local Bethel, 80c; Local Mt. Vernon, \$1.00; E. L. Hitchens, \$3.00; Local Continental, \$1.50; Jos. Vukelich, Bellaire, \$2.00; I. Ziemberger, Glencoe, \$3.25; Finnish Branch, Akron, \$1.00; Local Toledo, \$10.00; M. J. Beery, 50c; Local Barber-ton, \$2.75; Geo. Markert, \$1.00; J. S. Case, 50c; John House, \$1.00; I. S. Williamson, 50c; Local Steubenville, 75c; Conneaut, Finnish, \$1.00; Local Egerton, \$1.75; Bohemian Branch, Maynard, \$2.00; Local Warren, \$4.35; Slovak Branch, Canton, \$1.30.

APRIL DUES AWAY UP

More dues stamps were sold in Ohio during the month of April than in any other month since February, 1915. A total of \$347.80 was received by the state office for dues stamps last month. This

represents a total of 4,156 dues stamps sold.

Our "State of War" against capitalism is showing most gratifying results.

ANOTHER HISTORICAL DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, May 20—Local Cleveland's mass demonstration against conscription and for peace held this afternoon upon the Public Square eclipsed that of two weeks ago. Speakers Clifford, Baker and Ruthenberg fearlessly opposed conscription, made demand for immediate peace and advised against registration. More than 4,000 in audience. Contributions of \$125 made for more peace literature for distribution. Another meeting for next Sunday afternoon announced by Chairman Wagenknecht at the meeting.

AND NOW IT'S \$824.19

We frankly confess, we were a little nervous when we began the task of making out the financial report for the month of April. Being compelled to purchase \$200 worth of dues stamps last month; having to pay the expenses of the State Executive Committee meeting, which amounted to about \$45—all this made us doubtful as to whether we would be able to maintain our big balance to the good of \$770.63 which we reported last month.

There's not a comrade in the state with an imagination imaginary enough to imagine our surprise when we found out that we had INCREASED last month's balance by more than \$50.

Read for yourself:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1917.	
Receipts.	
Dues stamps, regular.....	\$ 232.90
Dues stamps, dual.....	12.50
Dues stamps, M-A-L.....	11.25
Dues, foreign speaking	
Branches.....	91.15
Initiation stamps.....	48.50
Organization fund.....	145.57
Ohio Socialist subs.....	3.95
Supplies.....	5.50
Literature.....	1.90
Total.....	\$ 553.22
Balance on hand March 31.....	770.63
Grand total.....	\$1,323.85
Expenses.	
Dues stamps.....	\$ 200.00
Postage.....	22.62
Ohio Socialist.....	21.44
Literature.....	3.75
Foreign Br. dues to locals.....	28.61
Wages, State Secretary.....	100.00
Telegrams.....	5.78
Office expense.....	14.21
Miscellaneous, including meeting State Executive Committee.....	92.75
Total.....	\$ 499.66
Balance on hand April 30, 1917.....	\$ 824.19
This balance is divided into the following funds:	
General fund.....	\$ 204.44
Organization fund.....	501.6
Mileage fund.....	118.19
Total.....	\$ 824.19

Ornamental Socialists are the kind that pose around, tell others "I'm a Socialist too," but who never pay dues into the party nor assist the party to power.

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'Tis Here--Maybe!

'Tis here, maybe, and maybe not. We shall try every month to present in these columns words of encouragement and notes of activity written the State Office in the course of each month's correspondence, but we'll have to skip a good many, for there is not room enough for all, by far. So, if it's not here, it's not here, that's all.

Do a little for Socialism today and Socialism will do much for you tomorrow.

Every local in the state distributed from 50 to 50,000 anti-war proclamations of our party. Cleveland comes first with 50,000 distribution. Toledo is next with a 12,000 distribution. Then come Dayton with 6,700; Columbus, 6,500; Portsmouth, 3,000; Harbor, 2,000; and East Liverpool, Elmwood Place, Tiltonsville, Springfield and Youngstown, with 1,000 each.

Local Seneca County has adopted a new constitution. It's a splendid document and should form the basis of renewed county activity.

Local Toledo is issuing a weekly news letter to its membership. The idea is to keep the members informed so as to keep them interested.

Lotta Burke reports Cincinnati's Kate O'Hare meeting a whopper. She writes further: "The reformers here have proven of the jellyfish kind. Many of their followers are disgusted. We are now reaping the harvest of our patient watching and working."

George Bundy addressed the May Day meeting of Local Columbus. This local is one of the most active in the state in distribution of anti-war and anti-conscription literature.

Isn't it great to be alive these days, comrades? Is it at all possible to experience more joy and happiness than can be found in the work of exposing the capitalist system in its iniquity?

There's a minister of the gospel in Galion who still is obsessed with the foolish idea that Socialists want to divide up. We thought the uneducated few who once believed that Socialism meant dividing up were all dead these many years.

"Our local of six members is composed of elderly men, but we are whole-souled, depend upon that."—Geo. C. Short, Winchester. That's the spirit!

"If the majority at the national convention had backed our capitalistic government instead of declaring unalterable opposition to all wars, by the great light, I would have quit the party at once."—Julius Soos. And we

dare say he meant it.

"I shall try to get subs for The Ohio Socialist at our next meeting."—Wm. A. Ellison, Dunkinsville. The state office invites others to get busy in their locals on this score.

"Note with pleasure the national convention proceedings in the last Ohio Socialist. Am very glad the delegates stood by our principles and against fusion and compromise."—Geo. W. Markert.

"Despite adverse conditions among the miners in and near Trimble Township," writes Comrade Hollister, "the organization fund lists are meeting with response."

Alex Connell reports one new member and seven reinstatements for last month. All of which means that some one is busy in and around Springfield.

"The visible supply of beans and potatoes remains the same in this section, and what I want to know is, how is a man going to 'save his bacon' in these perilous times?"—Wilbur N. Patterson, Zanesville.

Three new members at large is the May contribution to our party of R. O. Riegel of Cridersville.

"Comrade Oscar Schorn and I were talking about the state organization campaign by means of autos the other day and we agreed to give all the paint needed and labor necessary and paint the first auto that goes out a good RED free of any charge."—A. L. Volkman, Cleveland. And not a second's time was lost by the state office in accepting the offer.

Local Mansfield is busy organizing foreign speaking Socialists who speak the following languages: Macedonian, Bulgarian, Slavic, Roumanian, and Italian.

Do a little for Socialism today and Socialism will do much for you tomorrow.

"New life is showing itself in our branches, for they are beginning to call for membership cards. Besides, if our C. C. C. acts favorably, we will have another branch very shortly."—Perry Crites, Akron.

"Well, at last we have a working class revolutionary movement. No more trimming; no more concessions to political expediency; no fusion nor compromise in our struggle with capitalism. Good!"—C. Tolbert, Conneaut.

Comrade Tom Clifford was one of the speakers at the May Day celebration of Local Lorain.

"From this on, our monthly report will make a better showing and we will purchase more dues stamps at a time."—Wm. Mauntel, Portsmouth. If this means anything, it means that Local Portsmouth intends busying itself getting new members and collecting arrearages from present members.

"We look for the 'Red Special' in our town sometime this summer and we intend to co-operate so that this organization campaign by means of auto will result in organizing a local in every village in Williams county."—E. S. Potts, Edgerton.

Laura Crowley, financial secretary of Local Fostoria, in remitting a second contribution from that local to the organization fund, amounting to \$7.50, writes: "We are phdding along." Our comment is that it's much better to plod along than to back up as a few of our locals seem to be doing.

Geo. Morris, of Derwent, says frankly that he is ashamed of his local's monthly report. All of which means that there must be a number of Local Derwent members who have forgotten to pay dues.

"See by the newspapers that Cleveland is being kept on the map in regard to peace meetings. More power to that local. We have had three or four very successful meetings here."—Jos. Coope, Youngstown.

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Local Creston reports the loss of

Comrade Secrest by death. Secretary Bower writes: "Comrade Secrest was only a common section hand, but he worked and voted so that others might live better. I consider him a hero far greater than he who follows the fire and drum into the battlefield to turn this old world into an earthly hell."

Alois Hawelka, financial secretary for Local Belmont County, reports that the Neffs Branch celebrated its eleventh May Day on May 1, 1917.

Chas. Baker was the speaker at the May Day celebration of Local Akron. Secretary Crites writes that Comrade Baker gave the audience much to think about and put in some hard licks against capitalism's wars.

A JOB FOR THE SECRETARY

The state office is about ready to send a "broadside of communications" to all bad standing members in the state. The loyal assistance of EVERY local secretary is requested, so that this "make the bad ones good" campaign may meet with a maximum of success.

Locals can help to begin this work by electing a dues collecting committee at their next meeting. Then watch for a letter from the state office containing the plan of procedure. If local secretaries will follow this plan conscientiously, we will be SURE to get back into active duty many of the members who have failed to pay their dues for many months past.

WITH OPEN EYES PLEASE

Ballots will soon be sent locals for their vote upon the acts of the recent national convention. A careful reading of the propositions to be voted for and against is advised.

For instance, amendments to the national constitution include the question of raising dues to the national office from 5c per stamp to 10c per stamp. If this increase in dues is favored by the membership, it will mean that locals will have to pay the state office 16c per stamp instead of the present rate of 11c. It will mean that many locals will have to increase their dues to their members.

Many comrades have expressed themselves in favor of this dues increase and many comrades oppose it. Now the membership is to decide by referendum. Locals should discuss the question at length, so that all members may vote intelligently.

There are other matters of equal importance included in the referendums about to be sent you, which require the exercise of the best judgment of all members.

Local Coshocton "pledges its support to fight against military conscription. Conscription cannot be defended outside the minds of a war-mad people. Conscription violates every principle of liberty. It outrages a liberty loving people and insults class conscious workers."

Comrades Jos. Sharts and Edwin Blank of the Legal Committee have rendered the state party valuable service since they assumed office.

The sign at the cross-roads which points to Socialism reads: AGITATE—EDUCATE—ORGANIZE! Is your local doing all of these three things? Is it doing either one? If it's not, we'll never get there.

HERE'S A JOB FOR YOU: Go to your financial secretary at the next local meeting and ask him for the name and address of a bad standing member living in your neighborhood. Then go collect his arrearages.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Results of recent State Executive Committee referendum are herewith given:

QUESTION BY STATE SECRETARY: "Shall Comrades Patterson and Clifford meet with Local Sandusky to investigate complaint by members of that local that a comrade and member of Local Sandusky holds office in violation of the state and national constitutions?"

VOTING YES: Jas. J. White, Chas. Baker, Scott Wilkins, E. L. Hitchens, Wm. Patterson. **VOTING NO:** Geo. Bundy. Question carried.

MOTION "G," 1917, by Geo. Bundy: "That the State Secretary, in conjunction with the recently elected committee on leaflets, immediately issue a series of eight or more two-page leaflets on the 'High Cost of Living,' same to be sold locals at cost."

VOTING YES: Wm. Patterson, Scott Wilkins, Geo. Bundy, E. L. Hitchens. **VOTING NO:** Tom Clifford. Motion carried.

MOTION "H," 1917, by Geo. Bundy: "That the State Secretary secure the official figures of the elected commissioners at Sandusky, and also ascertain the standing, at the time of election and now, of the comrade who has since been appointed to this office."

VOTING YES: Wm. Patterson, Chas. Baker, Geo. Bundy. **VOTING NO:** Tom Clifford, Scott Wilkins. Motion carried.

COMMENT by Scott Wilkins: "I vote no knowing it is next to impossible to get facts by correspondence where a controversy is concerned. Leave it to Comrades Patterson and Clifford, if elected, to take care of the Sandusky situation."

Members of the committee will note that the question by the State Secretary and motion "H" by Comrade Bundy conflict. As both motions were carried (that is, granting that Comrade Bundy's motion with only three affirmative votes has been carried), the State Secretary is in a quandary. He therefore assumes the privilege of not acting upon either and awaits the further pleasure of the committee in the matter. These motions are in conflict because Comrade Bundy's comment in making motion "H" signifies that he means to have investigation of the Sandusky controversy by correspondence and not by personal investigation.

Motion "G" will be complied with as fast as the state office machinery can be brought to bear. The state office has been blessed with an unusual amount of work lately, and 12,000 anti-war proclamation leaflets are still waiting to be expressed to the locals. About 100,000 of these proclamations (the one adopted by the national convention) have so far been distributed in this state. The 12,000 above referred to were sent the state office by the national office.

Motion "I," 1917, by Tom Clifford: "I move that the State Secretary place Comrade Baker in the field as state organizer when the state organization fund shall have reached the sum of \$500, an additional organizer be routed when \$600 is credited to the fund, and that the State Secretary be given discretionary powers as to the duration of their service."

VOTING YES: Scott Wilkins, Geo. Bundy, Tom Clifford. **VOTING NO:** E. L. Hitchens, Wm. Patterson. Motion carried.

COMMENT by E. L. Hitchens: "The sum of \$500 does not give us enough margin and the \$600 proposition is too indefinite. For a second organizer we should have \$600 in the fund, not 'credited,' which might mean not more than \$100 in the fund. That's too little to go on. When we start I don't want to stop. Let's get enough to make it reasonably sure we'll keep both organizers going. We should have at least \$750 before putting out the organizer. I take the fund as a test of the DESIRE for an organizer. On the showing made, we must want

an organizer only one-half what we should." By Chas. Baker: "Since the motion by Comrade Clifford means that I may start to work at once as state organizer, I, of course, favor same, but will vote blank because same affects me."

What's Going to Happen July 20, 21, 22?

Keep these dates in mind. The state convention is called to meet in Cleveland upon these dates. Every local in the state should be represented. Just as the recent national convention was the most important national gathering of Socialists which ever took place in this nation, so the coming state convention will be the most important ever held in this state.

War-mad capitalism is forcing Socialism in double quick time. More publicity has been given our international movement within the last two months than it has received since its inception. More prejudice against our movement has been eliminated by this publicity than we could hope to eliminate by years of diligent educational work.

The coming state convention will therefore not only take stock of the progress of our state party and recommend organization improvements. It will also celebrate the advent of our international movement into world politics as an established power, to be reckoned with by the master class, yes—and to be feared by it.

Sunday, July 22nd, is the date set for the jubilation. This day will be spent in picnicking, speech-making, getting acquainted by the many delegates and comrades who will come to this celebration from all parts of Ohio.

Delegates who can afford it are asked to bring their families along to this convention and to the picnic. Comrades from all locals are invited to attend. With the assistance of Local Cleveland, this will be the biggest Socialist picnic ever held in this state.

GET READY FOR IT.

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AVAILABLE SPEAKERS.

The State Executive Committee ordered a revision of the list of available state speakers at its last meeting. Up to now, only the following names have been received: **JOHN HOUSE:** Can fill engagements Saturday evenings, Sunday afternoons or evenings in the neighborhood of Coshocton, where he lives. Address, 746 Vine street.

LOTTA BURKE: Eleven years' experience as platform lecturer in eleven different states. Especially adapted for pioneer work where locals are weak, and for street meetings. Prefers engagements in mining or industrial centers. Available at all times. Member of Garment Worker's Union. Address, 502 West Liberty street, Cincinnati.

THOMAS HAMMERSCHMITT: Member Stationary Engineers' Union. Active in local work for ten years. Grounded in Socialist fundamentals and thoroughly familiar with working class conditions. Very forcible speaker. Available Saturdays and Sundays to locals one day's travel from his residence. Address, 2118 Gilbert avenue, Cincinnati.

JOHN BRANDSTETTER: Ten years a party member. Understands Socialism thoroughly. Available for emergency dates close to Cincinnati. Address, 3111 Imperial street, Cincinnati.

Other comrades who have had hall and street speaking experience, and who feel competent to fill engagements within a certain radius of their residences, are requested to send in their names so that a most complete list of Ohio's available speakers may be had.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS LABORS.

The School Committee held a meeting May 12 and began its work of encouraging and assisting locals to make special attempts to elect Socialist school directors and school boards.

A series of questions will soon be sent to all locals by this committee and as the answers to these questions will be very important to the efficient prosecution of the work of this committee, every local is asked to reply to them at once.

The School Committee is composed of three school teachers: Alfred Bosch, Cleveland; Herb Hostetter, Dover; John W. Marshall, Lectoria.