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N. E. C. CORRESPONDENCE

July 19, 1920.

To the National Executive Committee,
Dear Comrades:

I am herewith submitting a number of communications for your consideration.

The following statement has just been received from Comrade Debs with the request that it be given publicity at once:—

STATEMENT

"The press dispatches announce that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, at its meeting in Detroit, decided to renew the appeal in my behalf to President Wilson. If this be true, I wish to say that while I appreciate fully the good intention of the Board, I object emphatically to any further appeal being made for me to the present occupant of the White House. I have absolutely nothing to ask at the hands of the Wilson-Palmer-Burleson administration."

(Signed) EUGENE V. DEBS.

Atlanta, July 11, 1920.

COPY

July 17, 1920

Eugene V. Debs,
Federal Prison,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Comrade Debs:

The National Executive Committee Meeting in Detroit was very successful in all respects, and as I stated in my telegram to you at that time, we are planning as aggressive a campaign as it is possible for us to make. We had some most remarkable meet-

ings in Detroit, and are having them in all sections of the country.

I am enclosing copy of the National Platform as prepared for distribution, and the printer promises to deliver eight additional leaflets today.

The Labor Party Convention here in Chicago was a strange gathering of widely different opinions and irreconcilable principles. Instead of forming a united party, as they had hoped to do, they split into almost as many different groups as they were before the gathering.

The Labor element, composed very largely of Socialists and ex-Socialists, insisted upon a class name and class character for the new Party, which resulted in alienating most of the so-called Liberal and Progressive elements among the other groups. Your name was placed in nomination as candidate for President, and received a tremendous demonstration. This, however, was after they had begged LaFollette for three or four days to accept the nomination and he had refused to do so.

A situation arose about midnight on the last day of the Convention where I felt that it was necessary that some statement be made regarding your nomination. It was impossible to communicate with you at that hour, and a statement, if any, had to be given immediately. I took it upon myself to speak in behalf of yourself and the Socialist Party. This, of course, was not without consultation with local comrades and full knowledge of the attitude and wishes of our National Executive Committee, as the matter had been quite thoroughly discussed at the Detroit meeting.

The matter had been discussed and considered from every possible angle. First, there was the proposition that if you were in touch with the proceedings, you would not allow your name to be placed in nomination by an aggregation that had been doing their utmost to get LaFollette to accept same, and which was not sufficiently and aggressively a revolutionary class party. On the other hand, we considered the advisability, if possible, of uniting the real working class elements in the convention in support of your candidacy and the principles of Socialism.

The situation was likewise considered from the standpoint of the effect upon the Party in case certain contingencies occurred. For instance, the nomination of you for President and some non-Socialist Laborite or Progressive as Vice-President. Also the situation that would exist in case they nominated Debs and Stedman, we would have to decide whether or not the nomination should be accepted and

the names of yourself and Comrade Stedman appear on the ballot as the nominees of the Farmer-Labor party as well as of the Socialist Party.

In case we decided this was impossible and refused the nomination after it was given, it would have caused bitter resentment and antagonism on the part of the Farmer-Labor Party and of your friends and supporters in that Party. If, on the other hand, we could have seen our way clear to accept the nomination, it would have meant the making of the Farmer-Labor Party at the expense of the Socialist Party.

A million or more protest votes which will be cast for Eugene V. Debs next November would have been cast for him in the Labor Party column instead of the Socialist Party column. Most of these votes would have been straight votes for the entire ticket which would mean the proportionate lessening of the Socialist vote for State, County and Congressional candidates, and perhaps our defeat in some instances where we will otherwise elect.

It is true that it is primarily the Socialist Party that we are interested in, but the cause of Socialism; that we could well afford to sacrifice the interests of our Party if thereby we build a larger and better party standing for the same principles.

This, however, is not the case with the Labor Party as it exists at the present time, despite the very excellent working class platform. It is composed of too widely divergent elements, and as yet too uncertain as to its future plans and principles as to justify the sacrifice of our party interests that would have been required.

There was naturally considerable difference of opinion as to the proper course, and as stated, we considered every possible angle and contingency. As a result, we decided that it was hardly possible to secure your nomination by that Convention, and under the circumstances, inadvisable to do so even if it were possible.

I therefore took the platform about midnight on Wednesday, the last day of the Convention, and asked them to withdraw your name as a candidate.

I congratulated them upon their splendid convention, the class-conscious position which had been taken on many issues, and expressed our desire for their success in reaching the working class with their propaganda.

Stated the position of the Socialist Party and that we were glad to recognize them, also, as a Party of the working class. Expressed the hope that, while our respective principles and position did not permit of amal-

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Contributions National Campaign Fund

		MONTH OF JULY, 1926	
Name and Address—	Am't		
E. H. Stuart, Broadhead, Wis.	5.00	Ind. (Local Ft. Wayne)...	5.00
Cook Co., Chicago, Ill. (Waldman dates).....	30.00	T. H. Doty, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. M. Brown, Galion, Ohio (D. & O.)....	5.00	Collections May Harris Mainland meeting.....	7.44
Unknown, Hoquiam, Wash..	1.28	C. Culman, Maplewood, Mo. (Local Maplewood).....	11.50
Edw. F. Ludwig, Washington, D. C. (O'Hare meeting)...	100.00	H. Laliz, Chicago, Ill. (Donations)	20.10
Geo. W. Snyder, Columbus, Kans.	3.00	W. M. Brandt, St. Louis, Mo. (Stedman meeting).....	100.00
Il. F. Kendall, Boston, Mass.	10.00	G. J. Braun, Memphis, Tenn.	12.00
Dr. S. M. Neistadt, Baltimore, Md. (O'Hare meeting).....	100.00	K. Ginneji, Chicago, Ill. (International Ass'n Machinists)	50.00
John M. Stewart, Chicago...	5.00	J. Wulf, Manchester, N. H.;	5.00
C. A. Morrow, Valley Junction, Iowa (Debs Fund)...	1.00	Julius Gerber, New York City, N. Y.	44.00
Julius Tomer, Philadelphia, Pa. (Central Jewish Br.)..	17.55	H. Burma, Aplington, Ia.	10.00
Leon Saunders, Key West, Fla.	1.00	Aug. Swensen, Rockford, Ill. (American Branch).....	6.50
Geo. Aspden, Grand View, Calif.	1.00	Alletha Hart, Richmond, Ind.	5.00
Louis Pauls, Schofield, Wis. (Local Schofield).....	10.00	Max Lutsky, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50.00
John Schneider, Manitowoc, Wis.	10.00	Franklin H. Wentworth, Boston, Mass.	100.00
Walter Price, Outlook, Wash. (Debs Fund).....	6.00	W. A. Stafford, Minneapolis, Minn. (Waldman meeting)	55.00
Wm. Weatherly, Greensboro, N. C. (O'Hare meeting)...	78.60	August Schlafer, Bourbon, Mo.	1.00
Joe Rhoden, Atlanta, Ga. (O'Hare meeting).....	100.00	E. Splittstossa, Meyers Cove, Ida.50
Emma Hey, Dixon, Ill. (Local Dixon)	10.00	Geo. E. Campbell, Norwich, Conn. (Local Norwich)...	5.00
Wm. J. McConnel, Cedar City, Utah.	2.00	Mrs. Carl Kleist, Milwaukee, Wis. (W. Side Womans Branch)	5.00
Dr. Van Essen, Pittsburgh, Pa. (O'Hare meeting).....	150.00	Joseph Spevacek, Manitowoc, Wis.	2.00
John W. Ring, Waterbury, Conn. (Local Waterbury)...	5.00	Harriet Paice, Chicago, Ill. (7th Ward).....	5.00
Mary & Mildred Hicks, Baenbridge, Ia.	15.00	U. A. Welchons, Falls Creek, Pa.	1.00
Frank Stuhlman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (Local Mt. Vernon)...	4.00	J. M. Stevens, Falls Creek, Pa.	1.00
Ellis L. Fox, Cresco, Ia. (Snow meeting).....	1.50	Herman F. Keller, Greenfield, Mass.	10.00
J. R. Barrett, Dallas, Tex. (Local Dallas)	5.00	B. Greenberg, Devils Lake, N. D.	5.00
M. L. Matthews, Austin, Tex. (Local Austin).....	10.00	Alex Davidson, Glen Campbell, Pa.	5.00
Henry C. Bieling, Syracuse, N. Y. (Local Syracuse)...	25.00	W. H. Fletcher, Hadley, Pa. .	1.00
Irwin St. John Tucker, (Iowa meetings)	102.70	T. Louis Majors, Ellwood City, Pa. (Local Ellwood)...	5.00
Zugmunt Piotrowski, Chicago, Ill. (Polish Soc. Alliance)	100.00	L. J. Kalvig, Kanowhee, Ia.	1.50
C. Crully, West Newton, Pa.	4.00	J. Plovana, Lucerne Mines, Pa. (International Branch)	0.00
E. J. Hewitt, Ashtabula, O. (Local Ashtabula).....	5.00	Max C. Zapler, Colo.	5.00
Joash Critchley, Edwardsville, Ill. (Local Glen Carbon)	4.00	H. J. Kendall, Boston, Mass. (Boston Central Branch)...	25.00
Wm. Elliot, Edwardsville, Ill.	1.00	J. J. Losh, Grove, Okla.	2.50
Chas. Zuehlke, Horicon, Wis.	5.00	D. F. Welden, Dover, N. H. .	1.00
A. H. Kell, Chicago, Ill. (18th Ward Branch).....	5.00	Freda Hogan, Okla. City, Okla.	25.00
Al Chambers, Emporia, Ks. (Local Emporia)	5.00	I. Paul Taylor, Detroit, Mich. (N. E. C. meeting & Stedman lecture)	500.00
John Br...		Frank Pittner, Penn's Sta., Pa. (Local).....	5.00
		Wm. Mueller, Two Rivers, Wis. (Local No. 1).....	5.00
		Wm. Mueller, Two Rivers, Wis. (Local No. 2).....	5.00
		Nat Hayes, Smithton, Pa.	1.00
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		Mary R. Sanford, Old Bennington, Vt.	50.00
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		John Slezak, New York City, N. Y.	3.00
		D. H. Baker, Morton, Pa. (Morton Branch).....	10.00
		Aug. Claessee, N. Y. City, N. Y. (Collections).....	24.30
		Thirteenth Ward, Chicago, Ill. (Tuvim).....	25.85
		Wm. Brandt, St. Louis, Mo. .	20.00
		F. J. Faulkner, Schenectady, N. Y.	2.00
		Wm. Newmann, Chicago, Ill. (Eleventh Ward Branch)...	10.00
		D. K. S. Schaffer, Santa Ana, Calif.50
		Wm. Feigenbaum, Chicago, Ill. (Collections at Goshen, Ind.)65
		Mary Winsor, Haverford, Pa. (Local Montgomery).....	5.00
		Jos. J. Kohl, Omaha, Nebr. (Omaha Bohemian Branch)	10.00
		Samuel Lewis, Washington, Pa.	2.00
		Michael L. Levin.....	5.00
		L. A. Young, Rockaway, N. J. (Branch 1).....	2.00
		H. F. Beverforden, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	3.00
		F. L. Burdick, Mandan, N. D.	5.00
		A. J. Wolk, Omaha, Nebr. .	10.00
		Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections)	60.00
		Louis Uffner, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Local New Rochelle)	6.00
		Irwin St. John Tucker, (Indiana meetings collections)	17.00
		Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections)	29.00
		Max Meyers, Duluth, Minn. (Ladies Aux. Workmen's Circle Bra. 353).....	100.00
		S. L. Hoover, Washington, D. C.	10.00
		Myer Tubor, Hartford, Conn.	25.00
		Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections at Montpellier, Ind.)	23.00
		R. T. Stritmatter, Howuiam, Wash.95
		R. E. Howe, Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Campaign Conference)	1,000.00
		Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections at Elwood, Ind.)...	42.65
		R. E. Wilson, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sixth Ward Br.)...	5.00
		John L. Weaver, Hagerstown, Md.	5.00
		F. Antics, Brandtwood, Wis.	5.00
		F. B. Patterson, Connellsville, Pa. (Local S. Connellsville)	

Jacob Goetz, Mt. Olive, Ill. (Stedman meeting).....	20.00
Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections at Dayton, Ohio).	20.00
Bohemian Branch, Endicott, N. Y.....	10.00
Oscar K. Edelman, Dayton, Ohio (Tucker meeting)...	50.00
I. Hillquit, New York City (Committee of Eight)....	2,000.00
Irwin St. John Tucker (Collections at Columbus, Ohio)	68.00
Irwin St. John Tucker, (Massillon, Ohio, collections)..	16.75
J. Fads How, St. Louis, Mo.	25.00
W. C. Head, Flint, Mich....	10.00
John Rutkowski, Milwaukee, Wis. (Fourteenth Ward Branch)	5.00
John Hagel, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Stedman meeting)	500.00
A. F. Gower, Cedar City, Utah	2.00
David Tennant, Frostburg, Md.	5.63
Ernest Loomis, S. Manchester, Conn.....	6.00
Chas. Anderson, Livingston, Mont.	5.20
Henry C. Bieling, Liverpool, N. Y. (Local Syracuse)...	60.00
Leo Burow, Horicon, Wis..	4.00
F. L. Johnson, Oakland, Cal.	12.23
Chas. W. Young, Allentown, Pa. (Central Branch)....	6.00
Ruth Stewart, Detroit, Mich.	17.50
Gustav A. Polterman, Hamburg, Wis.....	10.95
E. J. Hewitt, Ashtabula, Ohio.	13.15
Martin T. Cook, Rochester, N. Y. (Local Rochester)...	20.00
Chas. T. Schenck, Philadelphia, Pa.....	42.22
John P. McCarthy, Ansonia, Conn.....	9.75
C. A. Kennedy, Ogden, Utah (Local Tooele).....	6.15
Elmer Hager, Dayton, Ohio.	6.00
Victor Sancier, Marksville, La	5.00
A. Carlson, Story, Wyo.....	18.50
Ida Cross, Chicago, Ill.....	7.50
E. Persons, Chicago, Ill. (Thirteenth Ward Branch)	3.75
Martin Catlas, Salem, Ohio..	3.75
Carl P. Swanson, Attleboro, Mass.	4.69
Walter Polokowski, Milwaukee, Wis.....	8.88
Chas. H. Shaw, Meridian, Conn.	3.75
Andrew Macdonald, Flat River, Mo.....	4.50
Fritz Feddersen, Cudahy, Wis.	10.50
Alvin Schuettli, San Antonio, Tex.	3.75
Angeline Hilger, Superior, Wis.	9.45
Louis Schlarstein, Jr.....	11.44
E. Perilla, Fitchburg, Mass. (S. S. Osasto).....	9.23
T. P. Breitlow, Milwaukee, Wis. (Seventh Ward Br.)	20.75
Louis Uffner, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Local New Rochelle)	5.00

Deward F. Smith, Albany, N. Y.....	27.49
Edmond T. Melms, Milwaukee, Wis.....	8.95
Victor Kivi, San Francisco, Calif.	1.70
Emil F. Koepke, Milwaukee, Wis. (Twenty-first Ward Branch)	71.25
Finnish Branch, Phielps, Wis.	5.90
Mrs. Lewis Miller, Muscatine, Ia.	3.75
H. F. Kendall, Boston, Mass.	5.00
Wm. Martin, Milwaukee, Wis.	9.70
Ruth Stewart, Detroit, Mich.	21.00

Total for July.....\$ 6,896.28
 Previously acknowledged.. 11,706.31
 Total to July 31....\$18,602.59

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gamation or united action at the present time, nothing would occur which would create bitterness or undue antagonism between our respective organizations.

That, under the circumstances the only practical way in which they could support your candidacy was to refrain from making nominations of their own and to let their members either individually or as an organization, support your candidacy on the Socialist Party ticket.

That I felt sure you would understand and appreciate the spirit and motives of the comrades who had placed your name in nomination, and assured them that I was speaking in the same spirit of comradeship and good will. And that it was in this spirit that I asked to have your name withdrawn.

Your name was not formally withdrawn on account of an objection raised from the floor and on the first ballot you received sixty-eight electoral votes, the convention voting by States and each State casting as many votes as it has in the electoral college. I am satisfied that the course I pursued was best under the circumstances, and I trust will meet with your approval.

We had the advantage of the demonstration with which your name was received, and by my asking to have your name withdrawn, avoided a bitter attack which would have been made upon you by some of the ex-Socialist leaders of the convention in case there had appeared a possibility of your being nominated. At the same time your supporters in the convention are no less your supporters now. I am satisfied that the great majority of them are going home to work for Debs, Stedman and the Socialist Party.

It is significant that the capitalist papers generally throughout the country carried no mention of the enthusiasm with which your name was received from a large number of the

delegates. Both United and Associated Press reporters covering the convention played this up in their reports. It was certainly one of the most striking occurrences and one of the best "stories" of the convention. The Press generally, however, saw fit to kill mention of this feature and merely reported you as among those who "also ran."

I was not surprised at the outcome of the convention. I expected no other result but in spite of that fact, I was somewhat disheartened to see so much real class-conscious, revolutionary enthusiasm wasted in a futile attempt to amalgamate with divergent if not actively hostile groups. The fine group of labor delegates supporting your candidacy was entirely without capable and efficient leadership of its own. They were largely under the control of certain ex-Socialist Party members who withdrew from the Party on account of the St. Louis declaration or the Party's continued support of that declaration, and who are bitterly antagonistic to the Party and to those who remained in it.

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I am just in receipt of your statement expressing a desire that no further appeals be made to President Wilson in behalf of amnesty. I appreciate fully your position, and do not know but what you are quite correct so far as our appeals might apply to you individually. Your communication is being forwarded to the Executive Committee, and I have no doubt that in case you insist upon it, we will refrain from sending further committees or delegations to either Wilson or Palmer.

I would suggest, however, that the appeals so far made, and our plans for future appeals, have never been for you alone, but have always been in behalf of all political, industrial and religious prisoners.

Naturally, as the best beloved and most prominent of such prisoners, you have been individually named in many of the protests, petitions and memorials that have gone to Washington during the past eighteen months. However, there has never been a single instance in which petitions or memorials were prepared by Socialist Party representatives in which it was not clearly stated that our appeal was for a general amnesty for all political prisoners and not for you as an individual.

I know that this position has met with your approval and I cannot help but question the correctness of your objection at the present time. The point I wish to make is:—that we cannot well send delegations to Washington in behalf of amnesty without prominently mentioning you as one of the chief victims of their policy and one of those in whose interest we are speaking.

It appears to me that if you insist

upon your position, it will be necessary for us to abandon such delegations in behalf of amnesty altogether. There is a question in my mind whether in view of the large number still in prison and, in whose behalf we speak, we would be justified in doing this.

I would agree whole-heartedly with you in your position not only as to your own release, but as to that of all other prisoners, if our purpose in interviewing Palmer or Wilson were to secure clemency or pardon, in the common acceptance of those terms. But on the contrary, our petitions and memorials, while couched in the customary language, are not in the nature of petitions, but rather in the nature of protests and demands. We are not asking for mercy, but for justice. This is understood by both the people presenting them and the people receiving them.

The purpose in securing such interviews and presenting such requests is not so much to influence Wilson or Palmer as it is to create a public sentiment and a public demand for amnesty which will influence them. A delegation to Washington that gets into all the capitalist papers and is filmed by the News Service and shown in ten thousand movie shows throughout the United States, calls the existence of political prisoners and the question of amnesty to the attention of millions of people in all sections of the country. It keeps the agitation for amnesty alive and constantly in the public mind, more successfully than we can hope to do by any other means.

I assure you that delegations are sent to Washington with the hope of influencing the public rather than with the hope of influencing the particular officials to whom we appeal. It is with this purpose and in this spirit that all former appeals have been made and in which we intended to make the fut ones. It is as far from our intention as it would be from yours to beg or cringe before the White House autocrat, or his despicable underling in the Department of Justice.

Your steadfast courage in refusing to bend your knee before that bunch of pusillanimous politicians, or to retreat one step backward from the position you have taken, is the inspiration of the entire movement at the present time.

We would not consider for one moment making any appeal in your behalf which would indicate any retreat or weakening on your part. I do not think that anything we have done so far has given Washington that impression, and I am sure that we do not intend to give them that impression in the future.

As already stated, your communication has been transmitted to the National Executive Committee, and will be sent out in the National Office

Press Service to all Socialist and Labor papers on our mailing list. If, however, in view of the explanation given here, you feel that it is not incompatible with your position for us to continue these demands for your release in connection with that of other political prisoners, I should be glad to have you so express yourself when the opportunity affords.

I do not see how we can go to Washington asking for the release of all other "politicals," and not for you, and on the other hand, I do not see how we can get as much publicity for amnesty by any other means, as we could be these delegations and memorials.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally,

(Signed) OTTO BRANSTETTER,
Executive Secretary.

August 3, 1920.

National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades:—

The following is a letter received from Comrade Theodore Debs:

July 29th, 1920.

Otto Branstetter,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Branstetter:—

I have your very kind letter of the 23rd with its enclosures. I have read your enclosures and your statement to the National Executive Committee with deep interest and entire satisfaction. The matter of Gene's protest is handled in splendid fashion and has his full approval as you will note from a statement in a letter to me and which has just come with your telegram of July 13th, and your communication of July 17th. Relative to the matters of which you have written so fully he wishes me to say for him that in the matter of the continued appeal to the president that the press dispatch read that the appeal was to be made for him personally—the rest were not mentioned—and it was upon that press report he based his protest. Of course, he did not mean to interfere with any action of the Board looking to general amnesty and he meant to be understood as speaking for no one but himself. However, he takes into account what you say in regard to the advantage of publicity and whatever you and the Executive Committee may conclude to do will have his whole-hearted approval. Gene feels however, that everything has been done that can with dignity and consistency be done, and that any further plea will not only be futile but will place us in the attitude of fawning at the feet of a capitalist president for clemency which we should spurn.

Your inspiring telegram was read with eager interest and whole-hearted approval and appreciation, and under its appealing influence Gene felt himself transported to the very heart of the party's campaign activities. He has been reading from day to day of

the Detroit meeting of the National Executive Committee in the press dispatches, and he is delighted with the ambitious program which has been laid out for the campaign and every step taken has his hearty concurrence and his only regret is that he is having to shirk the part of the work the comrades in their confidence and partiality assigned him. Gene wishes me to tell you that his heart will be with you all during the campaign, that he anticipates great meetings and great results for the gods of battle are with the Socialists this year.

The course pursued by you relative to the Labor Convention at Chicago has Gene's hearty approval and he commends the excellent judgment that guided our comrades in maintaining the integrity of our party while at the same time avoiding the pitfalls and dangers which might have had disastrous results. You did exactly the right thing in withdrawing Gene's name and you did it with rare tact and in the right spirit and he wishes not only to commend your action but to personally thank you warmly for the service rendered to the party as well as himself.

Gene wishes me to say that he is feeling better and stronger with the progress of the campaign and that his heart is with you in everything that is done to make this a WINNING YEAR!

Thanking you over and again for Gene and myself for the pains you have taken in writing so fully and wishing you well in all things, I am

(Signed) THEODORE DEBS.

To the National Executive Committee.
Dear Comrades:

In reply to my communications addressed to the South Slavic Socialist Federation, copies of which were submitted to your committee under date of July 26th, I am in receipt of the following:

Your letter of the 26th inst. with the motion of your Executive Committee, containing the rulings relative to the affiliation procedure of Foreign Language Federations which withdrew from the Socialist Party since May 1917, has been received and was read at the meeting of our Executive Committee July 30, 1920.

The rulings of your Executive Committee in the question of re-affiliation of our Federation were concurred in and an immediate referendum ordered to our members for adoption of a resolution, which will cover the requirements laid down by your N. E. C. July 11th, 1920 at Detroit, Mich.

The result of this referendum will be submitted to your office not later than September 20th, 1920.

(Signed) FRANK PETRICH,
Sec'y.

South Slavic Socialist Federation