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C. E. Ruthenberg

THEY ARE NOW IN JAIL

Comrades Baker, Ruthenberg and Wagenknecht are now in jail.

They were taken to Canton January 31st.

They went without complaint or regret. They understand that war is WAR, and that war demands its victims.

They are "inside" now. You are "outside." They are for the time being, unable to further serve the party. But you are where you can serve it twice as much in the year to come.

Will you do it? Will you double your efforts in behalf of our organization beginning today? Will you attend local meetings regularly, pay dues regularly, collect dues from those who fail to pay regularly, see to it that the local gets into action at once by insisting that it hold a public meeting or distribute pamphlets and leaflets.

Let's resolve to greet our jailed comrades with a larger, better, healthier organization a year from now, when they leave jail again to work with us.

Will you help us do it?

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET BUSY AT ONCE!



Charles Baker

From Day to Day in the World's Events

Well, this isn't a world event, but it goes to show the idiocy to which the average person is driven during these times. The town of Berlin, Ohio, baptizes itself with the name of North Canton on account of the unpopularity of the former cognomen. We wonder if the inhabitants of that burg eat weiners.

That the proposed plan to give the railroads back to the useless owners is well under way is shown by articles appearing in the public press. It looks like a plan to put them in better shape to serve the needs of the owners while at the same time paying them fat dividends for kindly allowing the government to do so.

Hindenberg calls German strikers cowards and criminals say the daily press. The daily press of the U. S. doesn't call the strikers of Germany such naughty names. They wait until the American workers walk off the job and then vent their anathemas.

Get this, slave. Hoover's rationed out the bill of fare for the volunteer patriots among the new millionaires created since the profiteering began in war supplies.

Their hard earned menu: Meat, including fresh salted, tinned and hashed beef, mutton, lamb and veal—two and one-half pounds gross weight.

Pork—One pound.
Butter—One-half pound.
Cooking and kitchen fats—One-half pound.

Wheat flour for use in gravies and sauces—One-half pound.
War Bread—Three pounds.
Sugar for table use, cooking, candies and sweet meats, but not for canning and preserving—Three-quarters of a pound.

Articles of food which may be used "as much as desired" are: All kinds of oysters and sea food, poultry and game, cornmeal, oatmeal, rice, hominy, barley, rye, milk, fresh and dried vegetables, and fruits, and cream or top milk for table use only.

The finances of the Vatican are in an alarming condition and an international committee has been formed to devise means of raising funds. The Vatican's usual sources of revenue have been cut off by the war.

A cablegram reports that Comrade John Reed, an American Socialist writer of international reputation, has been appointed consul-general by the Bolsheviks of Russia. Reed was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York last November for alleged violation of the espionage act. He was in Russia at the time.

The Revolutionists of Finland have formed a new government according to the constitution.

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We Are Growing, Growing!

A year ago this paper was a monthly publication, about the size of a pocket handkerchief. It could only contain the official reports of the State Organization.

But as the Socialist Party took on new life and growth the need of a larger paper to give more news and publicity of our party activities was felt. The paper was then enlarged to its present size. The Socialist Party of Ohio continues its unparalleled growth and forward movement. Over twenty district organizers are in the field with lists of names of Socialist paper readers whom they will visit personally and are sure of gathering many of them into membership in the party. Organizer Hedden will continue his splendid work of organization in Ohio.

Lecturers are being routed and the State Office is in constant communication with noted speakers in other states, who will in a short time begin work in this state. The Congressional campaign is started well on its successful course. New members are being added to our rolls daily. Socialist activities are humming. The power of the Socialist Party is being felt throughout the length and the breadth of this state.

The time has arrived for another expansion of our party owned press. We must weld our Socialist work and activities into one well organized, compact and powerful machine. Nothing can do this so well as a press of our own operated by ourselves and working for the unbuilding of the movement.

The Ohio Socialist is now issued twice a month and the contents have also improved. Very soon we shall issue a weekly paper, the very best that brains and enthusiasm can produce. We ask your support. We know you shall not fail the Socialist Party. Send in your subscription today. DO IT NOW.

A BREEZE FROM CHICAGO

2444 Leland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wagenknecht, Lakewood, Ohio.

Dear Comrades:

Rotten luck, isn't it? Please accept my sympathy, or congratulations, or felicitations, whichever is most appropriate to the situation. While a year isn't as long as twenty, I can imagine that it might seem so, under some circumstances, I know it will be a wearisome trial for both of you.

Wish there was something I could do to make the siege ahead of you less disagreeable. Ralph joins me in sending the best of wishes to you both.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
JANET FENNIMORE KORNGOLD

IT IS TO LAUGH

What will become of the church under Socialism?

We've heard this question asked some thousands of times. Russia has found an answer that suits Russia. This is it. The working class government has confiscated all church property and will use it for the amelioration of the condition of the most unfortunate victims of the former capitalist system of exploitation. All government support of the church and its ceremonies will be cut off. Sky pilots who wish to continue in their capacity of steering private touring parties to the celestial regions may do so if they can find a congregation willing to pay the fare.

All this separation of preachers from their pie cards makes the heads of the church somewhat un-Christ like. The Right and Most High. Rev. Dr. Tikhon, scalled patriarch of all Russia, grows especially wrathful and threatens to place the whole country under an interdict, closing the churches, prohibiting marriage ceremonies to be performed by the clergy, placing an injunction against babies being born, preventing the hens from laying on Sunday, etc., ad infinitum, and then some.

Woe unto ye who would stop the onward march of progress.

We Are Invincible

Just a word of greeting to all Ohio Comrades.

The strength of our militant party lies in its responsiveness to the duties thrust upon it. As we respond to and accept new duties which circumstances thrust upon us, just so do we become greater in power and resourcefulness. We learn by doing. It is the best way to learn.

The Socialist Party of Ohio has had removed from its counsels and party affairs three of its highest officers and trusted workers. Their efforts for the emancipation of the working class are for the time being set aside. They leave duties which must be performed, which will be performed! The Socialist Party will not be thwarted in its work for the working class through the loss of these comrades. Other comrades of ability and courage will step into the vacancies they leave. The ranks will be closed up, we will march on to the goal of Industrial Democracy.

During the past year the state office has had as its executive secretary one of the most able comrades in the Socialist movement. His pronounced ability as an organizer, his tremendous energy and loyalty to the working class have been proven by the immense development and growth of the party in this state.

While we, who now for the time being, occupy his place, cannot claim the same great ability, we hereby pledge to the Comrades of Ohio, our most earnest efforts, an unswerving support of the principles of our party and an undying faith in the wonderful future of the working class.

We ask the co-operation of all Comrades, to the end that the emancipation of the working class may be hastened, and we may swiftly pass on to final victory.

HORTENSE WAGENKNECHT.

ORGANIZER HEDDEN AT IT AGAIN

After a rest of a few days (the holidays) Organizer Hedden has again taken the field. He began operations this time in Darke County, securing members at large in Union City, and Greenville. From Darke county he went to Miami county, where an extensive routing had been prepared for him with the assistance of Local Piqua.

January 10 and 11 in Piqua resulted in 12 new members and delinquents brought back into the fold. At Bradford 4 members at large were secured and at Ludlow Falls just one. At West Milton Hedden secured 3 members at large and at Tipppecanoe City 4. At Troy he organized a local of 24 members. One member at large was secured at Fletcher.

He made things hum while in Middletown, having reorganized the local there with 35 members. At Miamisburg four new members were secured.

PRISONERS BID BAKER FAREWELL

Comrade Chas. Baker left regrets behind in the Cuyahoga County jail where he has been serving part of a year's sentence for refusing to accept service in the draft army. Comrade Baker has been acting as a "trustee" at the jail, and that he had made himself well liked in that position was manifested when he was taken to the Canton Workhouse. The prisoners organized an impromptu singing society and bade Comrade Baker goodbye, singing "Goodbye Baker, we Hate to See You Leaving."

Many others paid up their dues. A reorganization meeting was held with prospects good for a lively campaign there this fall.

Comrade Hedden, having returned to Michigan on personal business—will continue his organization trip in this state, beginning in Columbus on February 9th, he will assist the local comrades there in finding out what's wrong with Columbus, and in applying the remedy. Will remain there until February 16 to see that his cure is permanent, then on to the following, some of whom are on the sick list—some are dead and buried but will be resurrected to new life and activities in the Socialist World.

Circleville, Feb. 17; Washington C. H., Feb. 18; Jamestown, Feb. 19; Xenia, Feb. 20, 21; Alpha, Feb. 22; Eaton, Feb. 23, 24; Oxford, Feb. 25, 26; Port Union, Feb. 27; Franklin, Feb. 28; Germantown, Mar. 1.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR LOCAL

The question is: What's the matter with your local? And the answer is another question, to-wit: What's the matter with you?

A local is made up of individual units called members. Members who are alive, full of pep and ginger, always constitute an active local. Members that are indifferent, apathetic, dead, always constitute a dead local. Is your local alive or dead? If its dead, don't blame the local, blame yourself.

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LOCALS LOUD IN PRAISE OF REYNOLDS' LECTURES

As far as weather conditions are concerned Comrade Reynolds could never have encountered a worse season to begin a tour of Ohio.

Yet, in spite of these handicaps, he has continued to hold on his course and the results are indeed gratifying.

Whatever may be the subject Comrade Reynolds chooses for his lecture, his audience is always charmed with the manner in which he handles it.

From Savagry to Savagry Again. The Evolution of the Tools. The Materialistic Conception of History.

The Law of Value. Our Mental Enslavement. Popular Misinformation. The Road to Happiness. Are Women People? Scientific Socialism. Right Living. Working Class Education.

Mansfield, Feb. 12; Barberton, Feb. 13; Canton, Feb. 14; Salem, Feb. 15; Warren, Feb. 16; Youngstown, Feb. 17; Tiffin, Feb. 19; Marion, Feb. 20; Toledo, Feb. 21; Montpelier, Feb. 22, 23, 24; Bellevue, Feb. 25; Sandusky, Feb. 27; Chicago Junction, Feb. 28; Lorain, March 1; Elyria, March 2; Akron, March 3; Massillon, March 5; Zanesville, March 6; East Liverpool, March 7; Marietta, March 8; Byesville, March 9.

Newsy Notes From Live Wires

Local Mansfield is on the job, you bet. Comrade Beery writes he has sent out calls for a Senatorial and Congressional convention.

The campaign is on. Did you know it? The Comrades seem to have gotten thoroughly in the notion of getting an early start this year.

Comrade Nick Weltlich, secretary of Local Massillon, writes he has secured nearly thirty subs. for Ohio Socialist, which will be sent in soon.

That the Y. P. S. L. is alive to the necessities of being well grounded in the fundamentals of Socialism is shown by Comrade Myers Asher, secretary of Lorain local.

A new District Organizer takes the field. Comrade John Ream has been endorsed by Local Springfield and the

WHAT THOSE SAY WHO HAVE ENJOYED A REYNOLDS LECTURE

"The Reynolds meeting was a success, we had a good audience and will probably get some new members as the outcome of the meeting.

You asked what I thought of Comrade Reynolds as a speaker, and the advisability of keeping him in the state for a year.

"We did not have a very large audience on account of the extreme cold weather. The Comrades here were well pleased with the lecture and hope to be able to hear Comrade Reynolds again at a more opportune time."

"Replying to your letter of the 9th, asking us for a report of the Reynolds lecture, I am advising you that the small audience (on account of bad weather) was very pleased with his message. He is a good teacher and we could use him again real soon."

As chairman of the Propaganda Committee of Local Dayton I wish to report that the W. E. Reynolds meeting held at our party headquarters was a decided success, altho the weather detracted from the attendance.

From Comrade Mrs. Neal Wannamaker comes an interesting account of the Reynolds meeting at Edgerton.

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preliminary foundation laid for active organization work in his district

Comrade Secretary M. Bayer of German Branch, Mansfield, writes that their branch is active in Socialist endeavor and constantly adding to their membership.

Secretary E. R. Gebhart of Local Carromonte secured quick action on the New Year's Resolutions letters and the Dues Collectors Cards and thinks they are fine, and will get results.

Local Bellaire shows the way. They show how to combine business with pleasure in such a way that will promote interest among the members and their friends.

The spirit of the Socialist worker is shown in a letter from Comrade N. C. Maric of West Union, who writes of the difficulties encountered in his community in the efforts of the Comrades to waken the workers to a realization of their economic slavery.

Local Ironton will be among the "paid up in full to date" locals in the near future, for Comrade Sec'y. H. J. Miller says so, and we believe he means just that.

Just an epigram or two from Secretary Clarence Heil, Local Ne Bremen. "Feb. 13th has been accepted for a Reynolds lecture. That's the only way to accomplish anything, to stay right with it.

The Socialist Party in the 8th congressional district is laying plans for the campaign which show an eagerness for battle with the old parties that spells no good for them according to a letter from Comrade G. W. C. Scott of Local Findlay.

Remember Comrades, the Socialist Party will be the aggressor in this campaign. We are no longer a little party fighting for a "place in the sun."

Whether they fuse or whether they don't is immaterial to us. The future belongs to the workers and their dirty camouflaging arrests our onward march not a whit.

That Comrade James Dartnell of Norwood has discovered the truth of the saying that the way to stay young is to keep active in interesting work, is proven by his letter to the state office in which he applies for membership in THE PARTY.

Comrade Geo. L. Artz, M. A. L. Wayland, sends in a quarter years' dues, orders some literature and buttons. The way our M. A. L. members pay their dues in advance is a joy and an inspiration.

"Best we ever heard," writes Comrade Leslie Ogle in his report of the Reynolds meeting held at Derwent. "We like Reynolds fine," he adds.

There is nothing the State Office receives which gives so much inspiration as a letter from a new local containing accounts of their activities which show they are in the Socialist Party to do something for the working class.

Comrade D. A. Richardson of Jefferson writes for information as to how to organize a local in his community. He states the farmers are here waking up to the knowledge of the need for a change in social affairs.

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

Terms for these speakers are \$5.00 a meeting and expenses. Locals can either write the state office for a speaker or write direct to speakers, selecting the one nearest to them whenever possible in order to save expense.

- Wm. FRANCIS BARNARD, 737 Prospect Ave., Room 406. CHAS. BAKER, 1291 Cook Ave., Lakewood. M. J. BEERY, Newman Building, Mansfield. MAX BOEHM, 180 Harbor St., Conneaut. LOTTA BURKE, 1417 Walnut ave., Cincinnati. EDWIN BLANK, 66 Public Square, Lima. JOHN BRANSTETTER, 3111 Imperial St. Cincinnati. G. W. C. SCOTT, 1009 W. Lima St., Findlay. TOM CLIFFORD, 3517 Fulton road, Cleveland. THOS. DEVINE, 1527 Starr Ave., Toledo. A. B. HOLLENBAUGH, 859 Columbus Ave. JOHN HOUSE, 746 Vine St., Coshocton. E. L. HITCHENS, 3918 Regent Ave., Norwood. FRANK MIDNEY, 247 West Scott St., Youngstown. JAS. T. MARSH, 2120 Maple Ave., Norwood. FRANK L. MARTIN, 107 Ft. Square, Marietta. E. Z. MILLER, 1228 7th St., Lorain. WM. PATTERSON, 1727 Michigan St., Toledo. MARGUERITE PREVEY, 140 South High St., Akron. WM. F. POTTING, Josephine ave., Akron. GEO. REUKAUF, 4468 Harrison St., Bellaire. HUGO RUEMMELE, 2754 Norwood ave., Norwood. C. E. RUTHENBERG, 737 Prospect ave., Cleveland. JOS. W. SHARTS, 127 South Main St., Dayton. ALBERT STORCK, 65 Dale ave., Mansfield. M. A. TOOHEY, 1520 Oakwood ave., Toledo. A. J. TOTTEN, 414 East Main St., Alliance. SCOTT WILKINS, 715 West Pearl St., Wapakoneta. CROATIAN SPEAKERS Walter Jokovich, Box 21, Yorkville. GERMAN SPEAKERS JOS. JODLBAUER, 2358 Ontario St., Cleveland. CHAS. M. PRIESTAPH, Lima. HUNGARIAN SPEAKERS M. ERDEL, 3938 West 20th place, Cleveland. LEO FRANKL, 2308 West 41st St., Cleveland. P. E. ROSENGARTEN, 319 A St., Lorain. ITALIAN SPEAKERS PETER SAMBUCCO, R. D. No. 1, Bellaire.

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- MINUTE BOOKS - COMBINATION ACCOUNT BOOKS - RUBBER STAMPS - WALLETS. Locals should take pride in minutes properly written and accounts well kept. The state office has now on hand a supply of account books, minute books and other accessories which are offered locally at most reasonable prices. Combination Account Books At \$2.50 - Contains cash received and cash expended department. Contains membership dues payment record department and will keep record of 640 members 2 years or 320 members for 4 years. Is indexed and contains ledger department for individual accounts. This book has printed on the first pages full explanations as to how to keep it. At \$1.75 - The same as above, but with one-half the space. At \$1.00 - Contains cash received and cash expended department and will keep record of dues payments of 200 members for 2 years. Not indexed nor as complete as above two books. At 75c - Same as last mentioned with one-half the space. Minute Books At 75c - Minute book containing 150 pages. At \$1.00 - Minute book containing 200 pages. Wallets At 25c - Wallet, 9x12, in which secretary can keep his bills and correspondence. At 15c - Wallet 4x7 1/2, in which financial secretary can keep dues stamps, postage and other valuables. These wallets are made of very tough paper, tie shut with tape and will help local offices in keeping dues stamps and correspondence from becoming worn and soiled. Rubber Stamps 20c Per Line - A line consists of three inches. Two lines would cost 40c and 3 lines 60c. Secretaries desiring a rubber stamp made of meeting place and time, or of their home address can now order thru the state office. Order of Business At 5c - An order of business for locals and branches. Contains suggestions for keeping the local active and explains what questions are in order under the different heads. Letterheads, Envelopes At 40c - Letterheads, 100 of them printed and padded. At 40c - Envelopes, 100 of them printed and with space for return address. Roberts' Rules of Order At \$1.00 - The revised edition, half leather. Every local should own a copy for this is the best rules of order book in print and will solve all your parliamentary tangles, such as occur at many business meetings.

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