
To Prevent Disruption of the Party

[Motions by Local Cuyahoga County,
Socialist Party, June 1, 1919]

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The following motions to prevent the disruption of the party by an executive committee which is bound to rule or ruin have been initiated by the joint membership meeting of Local Cuyahoga County.

The arbitrary usurpation of power by the [National] Executive Committee to expel or suspend sections of the party which have adopted the Left Wing position should be promptly rebuked. Every local which desires to preserve the party against the efforts of the Executive Committee to disrupt it, should send their seconds to these motions to the National Office. In sending your endorsement to the National Office, 220 South Ashland Blvd., Chicago, be sure to state how many members in good standing you have in your local or branch.

Resolution.

Resolved, by the Joint meeting of the Members of the Branches of Local Cuyahoga County, representing an average of 1,821 members in good standing for the year 1918, that we initiate the following motions, to be submitted to the party membership of the United States:

Resolved, that the act of the National Executive Committee in expelling the Socialist Party of Michigan from the Socialist Party of the United States, a state with 6,000 members, without giving the state a trial or even a hearing in its own defense, is hereby rescinded and annulled and the Socialist Party of Michigan restored to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Socialist Party of the United States.

Resolved, that the action of the National Executive Committee in arbitrarily suspending the Russian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Lettish [Latvian], Polish, South Slavic [Yugoslav], and Hungarian Federations from the party is hereby rescinded and annulled.

Resolved, that the action of the majority of the National Executive Committee, which is largely composed of candidates for re-election in the recent referendum, in holding up and refusing to tabulate the vote on Referendum B and C for the election of the National Executive Committee, International Delegates, and International Secretary, and calling a National Convention, is hereby rescinded and the National Secretary instructed to immediately tabulate the vote and to declare the candidates receiving the highest number of votes elected, in accordance with the National Party Constitution.

Resolved, that the action of the National Executive Committee in preparing to place the property of the Socialist Party in the hands of a board of directors, three to be elected for 3 years, three for 6 years, and three for 9 years, these directors not being subject to recall either by the National Executive Committee or the membership of the party, be reversed and rescinded.

C.E. Ruthenberg,
Chairman of the meeting.

Carl Hacker,
Recording Secretary, Local Cuyahoga County.

Cleveland, June 1, 1919.

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