
New York Locals Vote 29-15 for Party Loyalty

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NEW YORK.— With 44 branches in the assembly districts having voted and reported, it became apparent that the Old Guard has been repudiated by a vote of two to one. The score stands at 29 for Local New York and 15 for the Old Guard.

These figures do not include the 9 branches which were dissolved by the Old Guard in its effort to maintain control of the party machinery; nor do the figures allow for the vote-juggling and branch-capturing maneuvers by which members were suddenly transferred into districts to give the Old Guard a paper majority.

The week's voting saw James Oneal, editor of *The New Leader* and Old Guard member of the NEC, repudiated in his own branch, thus joining the company of Louis Waldman, Algernon Lee, Charles Solomon, and Alexander Kahn, who had also been defeated in their own districts. When the Jamaica Branch, of which Oneal is a member, voted for Local New York as against the Waldman faction, Oneal, accompanied by 4 others, walked out of the meeting to form a dual branch.

It should be noted that in the voting of the branches, members of the Young People's Socialist League, who were supposed to have been admitted to the party as of July and who have been denied their red cards by the Old Guard, cast no votes. In the Brighton Beach Branch, however, the Old Guard permitted members of the Young Socialist Alliance, the dual youth organization of the Old Guard, to cast votes in spite of the fact that they were not admitted to the party.

While the Old Guard makes claims to having won in the branch balloting, crediting to itself a string of branches that have not been meeting or functioning for years, *The Call* contents itself with publishing the list of branches that have voted:

For Local New York:

Greenwich Village (MAN)
Knickerbocker Village (MAN)
11th AD (MAN)
12th AD (MAN)
Morningside Heights (MAN)
19th/21st AD (HARLEM)
23rd AD (MAN)
1st AD (BRONX)
2nd AD (BRONX)
3rd AD (BRONX)
5th AD (BRONX)
Lower 6th AD (BRONX)
Downtown (KINGS)
East Flatbush 2nd (KINGS)
5th/17th AD (KINGS)
6th AD (KINGS)
18th AD (KINGS)
21st AD (KINGS)
23rd AD (KINGS)
Brownsville (KINGS)
Boro Park (KINGS)
Astoria (QUEENS)
Flushing
Jackson Heights
Jamaica
Ridgewood
Rockaway

Sunnyside
North Shore (S.I.)

For the Old Guard:

Chelsea (MAN)
4th AD (MAN)
5th AD (MAN)
8th AD (MAN)
Upper West Side (MAN)
Yorkville (MAN)
4th AD (BRONX)
Upper 6th AD (BRONX)
7th AD (BRONX)
Upper 8th AD (BRONX)
Amalgamated House (BRONX)
4th/14th AD (KINGS)
16th AD (KINGS)
Brighton Beach (KINGS)
Midwood (KINGS)

* The Upper West Side branch found in the Old Guard column is there only by reason of the sudden appearance of a flock of new members who had been transferred to the branch by the Old Guard. Immediately after vote, the active loyal membership collected \$200 to carry on activities as a branch of Local New York, SPUSA.

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