
Minutes of the Borough Committee of Local Kings Co., New York, SPA, Meeting of May 11, 1919.

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A borough meeting was held on Sunday, May 11, at 2 pm, at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 919 Willoughby Avenue.

Edward Lindgren was elected chairman; Abraham I. Shiplacoff, vice-chairman; and Albert Pauly, secretary.

Motion by Barnet Wolff: That the order of business be so amended that we discuss the question: "Shall we have a Left Wing organization within the Socialist Party?" Motion declared out of order. Wolff appealed from the decision of the chair. The chair was sustained by a vote of 598 to 170.

D.P. Berenberg desired to make a motion on procedure. The chair ruled that such motion would be out of order. Berenberg appealed from the decision. The vote was 647 to sustain the chair; the opposition vote was not taken.

W.M. Feigenbaum stated that Alexander Cohen was a reporter of capitalist newspapers and that he was taking notes at this meeting. Cohen stated that he would not report anything concerning the meeting.

J.A. Whitehorn, asking for information on procedure to take up manifesto and program of the Left Wing seriatim.

The meeting proceeded to the order of business at 3:50 pm. Bertram D. Wolfe speaking for the Left Wing for 32 minutes, J.A. Whitehorn speaking in opposition for 18 minutes.

J.A. Whitehorn moved: That we discuss the manifesto seriatim, paragraph by paragraph; mo-

tion seconded.

William Weinstone moved the following resolution:

Whereas, we desire to place ourselves clearly on record for, and openly and actively align ourselves with the revolutionary proletariat the world over, as expressed by the policies and tactics of the Communist Party of Russia (Bolsheviki), the Communist Labor Party of Germany (Spartacans), and other parties in harmony with them, be it

Resolved, that we pledge support, both financial and moral, to the Left Wing propaganda and organization, working to the end that the national organization conform with the policies of this program; and be it further

Resolved, that all delegates, committees, and officials of Local Kings adhere strictly to this manifesto and program; and be it further

Resolved, that Local Kings will not countenance or compromise with any halfway measures, but that the change in policies and tactics must be complete even if it necessitates the severance of relations with those constituting the Right; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be printed in full in the party press as part of the minutes of this meeting of Local Kings, with the request that other locals and branches adopt it.

W.M. Feigenbaum raised a point of order, stating that the resolution by Weinstone would choke off discussion. Point of order was not well taken. J.J. Coronel appealed from the decision of the chairman; chair sustained.

Motion by L. Sadoff: That we adjourn subject to the call of the Executive Committee. This motion was withdrawn.

Motion by M Fruchteer: That the manifesto and program be submitted to a referendum by the members of the local.

General discussion followed. M. Zucker speaking for the position of the Left Wing and A.I. Shiplacoff speaking in opposition.

The hour of closing the discussion having arrived, 5 pm, the floor was then given to one member on each side for the closing arguments. F.A. Sieverman opposed the Left Wing tactics and H. Watson argued in favor of the Left Wing position.

After some confusion the house proceeded to vote. The motion made by Whitehorn, to discuss the manifesto seriatim, paragraph by paragraph, was defeated by a vote of 299 in favor and 513 against.

Motion by W.M. Feigenbaum: That the vote on the resolution by Weinstone be taken by roll call. Previous question was called for. The chairman put the main question on this motion in-

stead of asking for a vote on the previous question. By a yes and no vote motion was carried. This resulted in a general confusion and obstruction on the part of some members, since the time for which the hall had been engaged had already been exceeded and the meeting had to be disbanded without finishing the order of business before the house.

Albert Pauly,
Secretary.

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