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Alfred Wagenknecht



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.

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 soem 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 resorcefulness. 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 "trusty" 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."

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. Blizzards have blown continuously, snow has blocked traffic, and thrown train service out of kilter. Zero and way below has been the rule since he entered upon his tour of the state.

Yet, in spite of these handicaps, he has continued to hold on his course and the results are indeed gratifying. Comrade Reynolds possesses a very happy and unusual manner of delivering a lecture—in fact you do not realize you are listening to a scientific discourse of what you may have heretofore regarded as dry uninteresting facts.

Whatever may be the subject Comrade Reynolds chooses for his lecture, his audience is always charmed with the manner in which he handles it. He has a peculiar ability in drawing thru his discourse a vein of humor which is especially pleasing. Every local in the state of Ohio should apply for a Reynolds date. They will never regret having done so. Comrade Reynolds will give lectures upon the following subjects:

- 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.

Comrade Reynolds' dates are as follows:

- 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; Eysville, 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. He says: "We are going to try to make this a long to be remembered affair." Writing of the Y. P. S. L. who were at his home enjoying a feed and a jolly time, he says "This bunch of youngsters will grow in numbers and influence rapidly and create interest among the new material that has never been interested before." Comrade Beery will begin organization work in his district as soon as weather conditions permit.

The campaign is on. Did you know it? The Comrades seem to have gotten throry in the notion of getting an early start this year. Comrade E. B. Eubanks writes that local Columbus agrees without a dissenting vote to follow instructions of the State Executive Committee in regards to the Million Dollar Fund. Local Columbus is another one of the locals which have nominated their candidates. Comrade Eubanks writes: "We are going to make a campaign and put up a fight, not for our candidates, but for Socialism in this district and community."

Comrade Nick Weltlich, secretary of Local Massillon, writes he has secured nearly thirty subs. for Ohio Socialist, which will be sent in soon. Subscription blanks have been sent to all locals and members at large. Members are asked to get one of these sub blanks and circulate them among their associates. This is OUR YEAR Comrades. Socialism is the question of the hour. It is in the air, in people's throats, it is the thing which is rapidly replacing the world war in the peoples' minds the world over. It is that for which we must work to build a powerful press. We can do it if we will. Let every member in this state help a little and we will have a state paper worthy of the foremost state in the vanguard of Socialism.

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, Y. P. S. L., who orders 5 copies of Marcy's Shop Talks and 25 copies of Science and Revolution for use in their study class.

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. I think the state needs a man of Reynolds' ability in it continuously. Local Toronto would like a return date in the near future. The Comrades have taken on new life and are doing fine work down here. I am trying to get the members of the old local at Empire to join with us and am having some success. James J. White.

"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." R. L. Schofield, Local Pleasant City.

"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." P. E. Rosengarten, Lorain.

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. Comrade Reynolds succeeded in selling literature to the crowd in a way that opened the eyes of our old time literature agents. He is a rattling good speaker, full of wit and wisdom." Jos. W. Sharts.

From Comrade Mrs. Neal Wanamaker comes an interesting account of the Reynolds meeting at Edgerton. "I have the pleasure of reporting the beautiful and interesting talk given by our Comrade W. E. Reynolds. Altho the weather was severe quite a large audience greeted the speaker. Comrade Reynolds held the interest of his hearers throughout the evening and all were pleased with his presentation of the truths of the Socialist philosophy.

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. Comrade Bayer says some very kind things about our State Secretary, which we are altogether too modest to repeat. All the same, they are appreciated very much.

Secretary E. R. Gebhart of Local Carromonte secured quick action on the New Years' 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. "We held a social and entertainment at our headquarters January 12th, had speaking, singing and music, and all enjoyed themselves. Are going to hold another February 2. We hope by this method to get the women interested in the movement. Comrade Walchli asks that those comrades who have any good books to spare to send them to him, as they are very anxious to make up a library for the Headquarters. Most every Socialist has a book or two about the house which they can well spare to help in such a worthy cause.

The spirit of the Socialist worker is shown in a letter from Comrade N. C. Marie 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, writes "Comrade Ellison and I organized our local here. We have tried to get the comrades interested and are still trying hard as ever. I want to do all I can to promote the growth of Socialism, but as I am only a poor working man it keeps me busy making both ends meet." Of such Jimmy Higginses is the Socialist movement composed. Of such an invincible spirit are the fighters for Industrial Democracy actuated. Through such a spirit will we win the New Time.

Local Branton 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. We have lots of work to take care of in our congressional campaign, so it's well to start early." Comrades in other congressional districts would do well to heed this sound advice.

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. They held a meeting the latter part of January at which time the field of activities was thoroughly looked over, and preliminary plans developed for the carrying on of an aggressive campaign.

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." We are a party of tremendous energy, of fast increasing numbers, of enormous resources. Right this minute the old parties are scared stiff with fear of the class conscious workers organized in the Socialist Party. They are holding all kinds of confabs where the question of whether to join hands with each other in order to defeat us is the liveliest issue considered. Chances are they will not fuse this year, for they well know that such an act will show up the rawness of the deal they wish to put over on the workers.

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 Dartnell is past 70 years of age and lives by the labor of his hands; however, this does not dampen his enthusiasm in the cause.

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. We have doubled our M. A. L. membership in the last few weeks.

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

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. We pass on to our readers the following from Comrade Alda Ford, secretary of Local Niles. "Enclosed you will find \$6.64 for which I send me supplies. As you know we are just organized and hope to get along fine; we are meeting at Comrade's home rather than rent a hall until we get a good start. We held our first meeting Sunday. Had a good meeting, nine out of fourteen, and I got five new members since Sunday. This is the work that counts. We feel so encouraged that we can work until midnight on the enthusiasm which this letter alone engenders.

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.

Every Subscriber Get Another Elected Officials Reports

This department will be a regular and going department in the Ohio Socialist. Socialists should know what their officials are doing after they elect them. We expect to make this one of the newest departments in the whole paper. It will contain the meat of reports made to the State Office by our elected officials, also feature stories, of the battles of the representatives of labor in the political field, and other interesting matter of an instructive nature. There is always something we can learn from the other fellow, therefore socialists are interested in the activities of their fellow co-laborers. Watch this department grow.

The first one to send in a report was Comrade A. Lynden Hitchcock, school board member of Cleveland. Hitchcock "spills the beans" for some of the board members at each meeting. They always find out what they are there for. If they don't seem to know Hitchcock tells them. Here are three resolutions Comrade Hitchcock has introduced for the benefit of labor and the general good.

1. A resolution to rescind a rule against teachers organizing into a union.

2. Resolution requiring the Union Label on all school printing.

3. Resolution requiring the Superintendent and Director to present all matters to be acted upon, three days before the meeting.

Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2 are on the table at present.

Resolution 2 is dead. The board members were afraid they'd learn something about school affairs if they had a little time to study the matter.

An ordinance to revise the rules, and another to increase the salaries of the office force of the Director were supported by Comrade Hitchcock and passed.

Next month we hope to have reports from other elected Socialists as reports blanks will soon be in the hands of all members holding public office.

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.

There are probably other comrades whose names do not appear upon this list who could fill occasional speaking engagements. These comrades should send their names and addresses to the state office at once.

- 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. TOTTE, 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, 3038 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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 - 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 4x7½, 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.
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 - 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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Dual Dues Stamps	11c
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Dues Book Holders, each	2c
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Application Cards, per 100	40c
State Platforms, 100 copies for	25c
Transfer Cards, 10 for	10c
Rubber Stamp, Arm and Torch, each	20c
Letter Heads, per hundred	40c
Envelopes, printed, per hundred	40c
Electrotypes, Arm and Torch, each	25c
Buttons, Arm and Torch, 10 for	20c
Buttons, International Emblem, 10 for	20c
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Organization fund	116.37	135.70
Ohio Socialist	77.05	63.15
Supplies	83.62	7.26
Literature	95.79	
Assessment, Stamps	121.50	
Total receipts	\$1202.28	\$ 568.16
Balance from Dec.	1742.65	222.31
Total receipts and balance	\$2944.93	\$790.47
Expenses, January 1917-18		
Dues Stamps	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	86.50	11.27
Organization	150.73	
Ohio Socialist	70.22	57.85
Supplies	36.80	
Literature	56.34	30.78
Foreign Branch dues to locals	22.44	44.66
Salaries	240.00	100.00
Phone and telegraph	6.76	10.50
Office Supplies	21.75	3.10
Miscellaneous (pink stamps)	\$104.74	132.47
Printing	61.15	3.50
	\$1085.16	\$376.51

Bal. on hand		
Jan. 31st	\$1859.77	\$413.96
In the Various Funds		
General	\$ 112.47	
Organization	996.98	
Defense	547.62	
Mileage	202.70	
	\$1859.77	

The membership is still taking the upward course in line with the general increase in activity along other lines, as the tables will show:

	Jan. '18	Dec. '17	Jan. '17
Regular	4098	3266	1870
Dual	340		40
Members at large	174	103	56
Foreign Br. Mem.	2563	2044	2320
Initiations	428	285	171
	7563	5698	4457

The Socialist Party of Ohio may congratulate itself upon the splendid start made for the new year. In spite of the worst winter month in a decade the number of dues stamps sold for January shows an encouraging growth since December, as a glance at the above table will show. Also notice the comparison with January of 1917. We have started the New Year right and all the evidence goes to show the membership will keep up this fighting spirit thruout the coming months, yes, and the coming years.

After a slacking up of activity, due to the holiday season, the comrades of Ohio have again taken hold of the political and industrial destinies of the state and are forging determinedly ahead.

The month of January being by no means the most favorable in the year for the carrying out of effective work, yet the results accomplished during January just past is the most assuring sign of the firm determination of the comrades who will not see "democracy perish from the face of the earth."

It will be noted from an observation of the various funds, they are all in healthy condition, the "General" having lost some of its "paleness." The case has been properly diagnosed and the correct remedy is being given, thanks to the army of social physicians in the Party. Owing to your bookkeeper having to leave in extreme haste to attend the Kennedy lecture last month the books were left out of balance, which left a discrepancy of 96 cents (which the office force could not locate,) an additional credit for the same having been given him by the bank—which was not adjusted in the accounts. The adjustment appears in this month's report by increasing the cash on hand from \$1741.69 to \$1742.65.

Comrade A. Wagenknecht stated last month that it is desired to keep the members always posted on the financial and other affairs of the organization, in which connection it is asked, that any comrade who wishes any explanation on these matters not to be backward but send in your questions.

The Statement for Jan'y., 1918. Is given in comparison with the January 1917 statement. The deductions to be gleaned from an analysis of the two reports will be self-evident and should fill every comrade with inspiration and a determination to duplicate the success of the past year during the present, so that the January 1919 records will reflect a Socialist organization influence in Ohio as will stun the master class and their politicians into political and economic insensibility.

May the results achieved be such as will be a fitting welcome to our comrades, now in political prison upon their release next January!

The work can be duplicated and may all the loyal comrades thruout the state form one great resolve, that IT WILL be done, and act at once on that resolve! With this action victory will be ours!

Following is the wonderful result achieved by our comrades as shown by the records:

Financial Report for January 1917-18	
Receipts, January	
1918	1917
Dues Stamps, reg.	\$ 409.80 \$ 187.30
Dues Sts., M. A. L.	43.50 14.00
Dues Sts., dual.	19.50 2.00

A PICTURE WITH A STORY



Remember!
We Are In Here For You—You Are Out There For Us.

Families of Imprisoned Socialists Need Your Help

Unusual Conditions Demand Unusual Measures

Many of our most active Socialist Party members are now serving terms in jail in different parts of this state. Some have been put in prisons in other states.

Some of these imprisoned members leave families dependent upon them for support. These families now deprived of their former support must be cared for. They are now OUR families and must be cared for as OUR OWN.

The months spent in prison by our Comrades must be made as pleasant as possible by supplying them with plenty of good books, magazines and periodicals and where possible, clothing and food.

The State Executive Committee has foreseen the necessity of lending assistance to the families dependent upon these imprisoned Socialists—so has authorized the printing and sale of the "Sustaining Fund" stamp.

The proceeds from which will be disbursed thru the Executive Committee.

Remember that the price of each stamp you buy goes towards a meal, a book or some comfort for those in jail. Or is used for those left dependent outside—Perhaps for some kiddie, whose daddy has the courage to stand up for his principles even in the face of imprisonment and for whose fidelity to the WORKERS' CAUSE he is called to pay the price.

Local secretaries, see that every member gets a supply of these stamps to sell to anyone who will buy them. There are thousands outside the Socialist Party who want to express their appreciation of the loyal spirit shown by these jailed Comrades. Here is their chance. Let them express their feelings in dollars and cents.

Remember, they are in there for us. WE ARE OUT HERE FOR THEM.

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FEBRUARY—
"GET SUBSCRIPTIONS" MONTH

Yes, February is "get subscriptions month." Al those on our old lists who do not renew before the next issue will not receive the Ohio Socialist. But we know there will be very few who will not renew. New subscriptions are coming in daily. We have just mailed to all local secretaries and members at large, Ohio Socialist subscription blanks. Every member should receive one of these blanks and at once get it filled with names, and send it in. Don't let this matter slip by without attention.

DON'T FAIL TO SEND IN A LIST OF NAMES TO GO ON OUR NEW MAILING LISTS WHICH IS NOW BEING MADE UP. DO IT TODAY.

A TOUR OF SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES IN OTHER STATES

What with Europe developing a scathing cauldron of revolution, it seems likely that the Masters of Europe may soon be served with a dish that tastes like this:

- MENU
- Salade Bolsheviki.
 - Soup
 - Consomme Liebknecht
 - Radish—Celery
 - Meat
 - Chicken a la Jean Jaures with Yankee Noodles.
 - Dessert
 - English Apple Pie
 - French Rolles—Butter
 - Dago Red

The Socialist Party of Washington is securing the necessary quota of names to put before the voters at next fall's election the proposal of establishing a universal eight hour day. We congratulate our comrades of the northwest upon this move. We believe from our knowledge of conditions there that they will succeed in putting the measure thru on election day. The great strike among the lumber workers of the Pacific coast during the last summer has served to crystallize sentiment in favor of the shorter work day.

Since the Appeal to Reason parted company with its reason and forsook the principles of the Socialist Party on the War, it is reaping a whirlwind of condemnation. So long, old Appeal, you may have been a good old wagon in your day, but you've done groke down.

Comrade H. G. Braun, state secretary of Tennessee, writes to the state office for the use of some cuts we have used in our organization work. We hope they prove useful in the sunny south as they did in the industrial commonwealth of Ohio.

The I. W. W. cases in Chicago appear to drag along as tho there were reasons for it. No doubt the formidable array of legal talent the Wobblies have secured may have something to do with it. However that may be the organization continues growing willy-nilly.

Its an uneasy time for our dear masters. Russia has learned how to do without them, and seems to be perfectly willing to show the rest of the world how to do likewise.

VISITORS, ATTENTION

Mrs. Wagenknecht:
Dear Comrade: I am writing you a note to ask that on the occasion of the coming of yourself or comrade Mrs. Ruthenberg or other of the Cleveland Comrades, to see our boys, that you use my residence for a stopping place as far as it will suit your convenience so to use it.

Mrs. Robertson joins me in extending this invitation and hopes that it will fall in with your plans when you come. We are located about midway between the public square and the prison, not more than about 10 minutes walk from either place. There are other of the Comrades here who will be glad to entertain you, but we consider ourselves as putting in the first claim.

I went down to the prison Friday afternoon but was not permitted to speak to any of the Comrades except Ruthenberg.

The regular visiting hours are from 1:30 to 3:30 on Thursdays. They have their established rules at the prison and while we may not be able to have them ignored as we would wish, yet I think we can manage to do quite a bit for our Comrades while they are there.

They will be allowed to have magazines and other reading matter and may do some writing. I sent some note books to Comrade Ruthenberg and a magazine to each of the others. You folks will know the magazines, books and papers they will like best and we must try and see that they are kept well supplied.

I was sorry that I could not speak to Comrades Wagenknecht and Baker when I was there on Friday but did not like to insist too much the first time as we expect to continue our efforts for their comfort.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Motion made by Comrade Jos. W. Sharts, January 15, 1918.

I move that in the event the present State Secretary is taken to jail to serve his sentence at Canton, his wife be employed in his stead and at the same salary, her term of office beginning where his activity ceases.

Voting yes, Beery, Bundy, Sharts, Clifford, Wilkins, Baker and Patterson.

Voting No, none.

Motion made by Comrade Jos. W. Sharts, January 15, 1918.

I move that the State Secretary, in his discretion, employ one or more State Organizers for the sort of work performed by Comrade Hedden, that the basis of compensation be, that the organizer receive 50 per cent of all dues collected, all profits from sales of literature and all commissions on subscriptions, that he be given a guaranty of \$15.00 per week, with a maximum of \$15.00 per week expenses.

Voting yes, Baker, Wilkins, Clifford, Sharts, Bundy and Beery.

Voting no, Patterson.

WHO MADE THE FLAG?

A flag was raised over the Jamestown worsted mills. From the owner of the mill itself we learn: The flag was made of wool from American sheep, sorted by Americans; carded by an Italian, warped by a German, dressed by an Englishman, drawn by a Scotchman, woven by a Belgian, supervised by a Frenchman, inspected by an American, scoured by an Albanian, dyed by a Turk, examined by an Irishman, pressed by a Pole.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Comrade Ruthenberg did not seem discouraged or disheartened in the least and asked for the note books which I sent. We will be glad if you can let us know when to look for you.

With the sympathy of comradeship, I am sincerely yours.

T. H. ROBERTSON,
33 Rex Ave., N. E.
State Phone 2586-L, Canton
Editor Cleveland News please take notice—

Comrade Robertson didn't say a word about these three boys wearing stripes. In truth we received a phone message that their suits are gray. Now what do you think of that?

For the enlightenment of our readers who are unable to read the Truthful News—we'd like to say that according to it Wagenknecht, Baker and Ruthenberg have been wearing stripes ever since the Supreme Court decided upon the constitutionality of the draft law.

A DUTY A DAY

Pay your Dues.
Collect dues of delinquent members.
Secure membership applications of your shop mates.
Subscribe for the Ohio Socialist.
Get your friends to do so.
Distribute Socialist literature.
Attend your local meetings.

VISITORS ATTENTION

Rose Ruthenberg, Margaret Prevey and Hortense Wagenknecht made a trip to the Canton workhouse Thursday, February 7.

Found the three convicted comrades there well and in good spirits. Greetings were sent to the many friends and comrades on the outside.

Letters and papers (except dailies) can be sent at all times, and will be greatly appreciated. All letters are opened by authorities.

Comrades should write letters of their Local's activities as these will be of greater interest than ever before, owing to the fact that the boys are unable to be in the work.

Visiting hours are from 1:30 to 3:30 on Thursday afternoon of each week. Why not pay them a visit if you live near enough? It will be very welcome.

Don't forget they are shut in a place where information of the activities of the world do not penetrate.

YIPSELLS ON THE JUMP

New Years' Activities Among Comrades of the Young People's Socialist League of Ohio Well Under Way.

Lorain Yipsells has started the New Year on the jump by holding a Pie Party January 13th, clearing \$25 and a sleigh ride to Elyria the 20th.

They are planning for the largest dance ever held in this town at Glenns Pavilion on February 7th. The Local S. P. in conjunction with the League, have arranged to bring Comrade Brady of Cleveland here to conduct a Study Class every other Sunday.

Comrades Clyde Smith of Toledo, John Tromholz of Cleveland and H. Ungelich of Lorain have been nominated for the following offices: State Secretary; National Committeeman and National Committeeman at the last business meeting.

TOLEDO

Toledo has started a membership campaign by ordering 200 membership cards and has organized an orchestra of seven pieces. Toledo has nominated Carl Ulrich for State Secretary, Ernest Everatt for National Committeeman and Clyde Smith, Lillian Prashner and Ludwig Klimbeck for the State Executive Committee.

CINCINNATI

Cincinnati Yipsells have started a Rand school class of forty-five, together with managing a ball for the Defense and Headquarters funds.

Comrade Henry Ungelich, who sends in the above report, supplements it with a letter which shows that the Yipsells are well aware of the need for laying a solid foundation of Socialist fundamentals in the minds of the new members. He says: "Perhaps the best stimulus for education was the Reynolds meeting, practically three-fourths of the Yipsells attended. If you should note another teacher don't fail to notify the Lorain League as we shall take him in case the Local doesn't. Teachers are what our members need, being just new to the movement."

We've heard she stands at the front door of the U. S. with a lantern in her hand enlightening the world. But Russia isn't looking in that direction.

DISTRICT ORGANIZERS GETTING INTO ACTION

District Organizer M. J. Beery sends the State Office five subs for the Ohio Socialist and further enthruses us with a couple of paragraphs of encouragement. To quote—"I will do everything possible to increase and build up the Ohio Socialist, in fact, personally I believe the Party owned paper should start going to every party member with the beginning of their membership as a part of their membership. In that way we would be able to educate and hold our members better, which, in turn, would create a numerically stronger, more class conscious and powerful party organization."

I have severed my connection with the labor movement in Mansfield as far as the business agent position is concerned. I will however, continue to represent the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local Union in the Central Labor Union. I have taken a new position which is more profitable, more pleasant and has less worry connected with it. As a result of this change I will be able to devote more time to the building up of the Socialist movement in this community, and that, after all, is the only work that really counts for the emancipation of the working class.

CINCINNATI

Comrade W. A. Jenins submits a report for the month of January comprising his activities for that time which shows him to be among our most enthusiastic and hard working comrades. Comrade Jenins has secured a few new members and has in progress the organization of a local at Lisbon. The comrades in the 18th Congressional district will hold their convention about the first of March and arrange their campaign. Comrade Jenins will visit Leontia February 10th and do organization work there.

With the breaking up of the worst winter in a decade, all reports and communications show that the party activities will rise with the thermometer and go soaring away on the wings of the greatest enthusiasm which ever ushered in a Socialist Party campaign. The harvest is ready, ripe for the gathering. Let every Socialist do his duty to himself and his class. To work, comrades as we have never worked before!

MRS. WAGENKNECHT ACTING STATE SECRETARY

In accordance with action taken by the State Executive Committee at its meeting of September 29th and 30th, Comrade Mrs. Hortense Wagenknecht will act as state secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio until the state secretary returns from the Canton workhouse.

Comrade Mrs. Wagenknecht has been a member of the Socialist Party for thirteen years, has held many responsible positions in the party in that time and is fully qualified to conduct the state office. The locals and branches of Ohio are asked to give her their full and loyal co-operation.

