



THE REASONS FOR REVOKING LOCAL SEATTLE'S CHARTER

Statement of Facts Issued by the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Washington, Presenting a Portion of the Evidence on Which They Acted--The Original Charges, Acknowledgment of Their Receipt by Local Seattle, Etc., Etc.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 30th, 1907. State Headquarters. Comrade--By referendum "D" you are called upon to vote on the question "Shall the State Committee be dissolved in revoking the charter of Local Seattle?"

Under date of March 6, 1907, the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, forwarded the following charges against Walter Thomas Mills...

The Charges

"SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA, Dominion Executive Committee. "Vancouver, B. C., March 5, 1907. "Dear Comrade--

"This Committee charges W. T. Mills with conduct detrimental to the interests of the Socialist Party and with the use of force and intimidation to secure the election of Walter Thomas Mills as local secretary of the Dominion Executive Committee."

"This Committee understands that W. T. Mills is a member of Local Seattle and is supplied with full powers to discipline him."

"The Washington State Committee placed the charges on file and voted to defer action till they could receive proof from the Dominion Executive Committee referring the charges."

What the Constitution says

"Sec. 3. Any member or Local, advocating fusion, with any party or faction not representing the Revolutionary Socialist, or any Local expiring any of its members for fusion, or any member signing or depositing pledge, promising to support, partially, any party or faction, not representing Revolutionary Socialism, or

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and helped to elect both of these important officials, over the protest of some members of the local committee. The certified copy of the charges was read by R. Winsor, secretary of the local committee, who reported that his committee had not been able to find any evidence in support of the charges against Mills.

This motion, contrary to the Constitution, was put by the chairman, who was nominated by Mr. Mills. The motion carried and Local Seattle did adjourn.

State Convention Declares Mills Under Charges

On May 4 and 5, 1907, the Socialist Party of Washington was assembled in a Delegate Convention in Seattle, to which Mr. Mills was elected by the 10th Ward Branch of Local Seattle, as their delegate. His seat was such that he was not present at the convention.

Canada Executive Renews Charges

"SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA, Dominion Executive Committee. "Vancouver, B. C., April 30, 1907. "To the Washington State Committee, Socialist Party:

"In view of what took place on Sunday, April 28th, in Seattle, this committee desires to reiterate the charges it made against Walter Thomas Mills and submitted to your committee on March 5th of this year; those charges being that said W. T. Mills at a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., on the 28th of December, 1906, was guilty of "party treason," the facts being as follows:

"That said meeting was held in the interest of the Canadian Labor Party, a political party and by the Socialist Party of Canada; "That Walter Thomas Mills advocated the election of candidates put up by the said Canadian Labor Party; "That he advocated fusion and compromise by calling upon his hearers to vote a mixed Socialist and Labor ticket.

"This committee submits that such conduct is opposed to the platform and policy of the said Canadian Labor Party and detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement."

Local Seattle Again Notified

A duly certified copy of this motion together with the minutes of this meeting were forwarded to the City Executive Committee of Local Seattle on May 27th, 1907. In a letter from the Seattle Committee, replying to the demand of the State Committee under date of June 2nd, they say: "WE DECLINE TO ACT."

State Committee Orders Local Seattle Tried

On June the 23rd, 1907, the full State Committee unanimously voted that the State Executive Committee shall try the local committee for failure to try Walter Thomas Mills, as per Constitution, which says in Article IV, Section 25:

"In all trials before the State Committee either the whole State Committee shall vote to meet and try those charged, or they shall delegate to some other committee to go to the evidence in the case, and submit same, together with a statement of not more than 500 words from both those preferring the charges and those charged, to the entire State Committee, upon which the State Committee shall act."

Committee, for failure to give Walter Thomas Mills a trial as per Constitution and also more was requested to submit any evidence which they may wish to introduce, together with a statement of not more than 500 words in support of the charges against Mills. Under date of June 30th the Seattle Executive Committee addressed a letter to the State Committee, giving notice that they decline to avail themselves of the opportunity to make any "case" whatever.

State Committee Is Unanimous

The State Executive Committee ordered the State Committee to try Walter Thomas Mills as per Constitution. This proposition was duly submitted to the State Committee together with the evidence. At the meeting of the Executive Committee July 21st it was found that the vote upon the above question was unanimous in favor of the motion, and the Committee passed the following motion:

Socialist M. P. P.s Report

"Legislative Assembly, Victoria. "April 19, 1907. "J. G. Morgan, "Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada, Vancouver, B. C. "Dear Comrade--

"As requested by the Executive, we have investigated as fully as it was possible for us to do, the charges made against Walter Thomas Mills as a member of the Dominion Executive Committee. We find that Walter Thomas Mills called at the request of a Capitalist Labor Party, spoke on the platform of said party, and was guilty of the following charges:

"You are called upon, by the accompanying referendum, "D," to register your vote, which either will reverse the decision of the State Committee or will sustain the decision of the State Committee in revoking the charter of Local Seattle."

Other Evidence

A statement and affidavit signed by Comrade Mose McGregor of Victoria, B. C.; a statement from Comrade John P. Lebery of Seattle; a statement from the Western Federation of Miners; a statement by J. G. Morgan, Secretary of the Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada; an affidavit by Comrade John T. Mortimer of Victoria, B. C.; and statement and affidavit signed by Comrades E. O. Morgan, William Steven, George Oliver, H. J. B. Harper and J. C. Waters, members of Local Victoria, Socialist Party of Canada.

Up-to-Date Voting In Seattle

(Edited by J. B. Osborne, Sunday Evening, Oct. 29, 1907). Car Charleswalski Wappensteinovitch. Sits on his royal throne. And swears what'er he might thinkovitch. In Seattle must be donek.

He sealed his kuznan heartovitch, With coin from the tenderloin. "You Socialists are smartovitch, "You ain't, but I have a back ovitch. "You claim the legal rightovitch! Of speaking in the street! "I'd love you know my rightovitch! Will bring you to defendovitch. "Not constitutionalovitch? (Ha, ha, get up to datek!) It is Wappensteinovitch. And goes at any ratek. "I'll allow you no batovitch, My will it must be donek. I'll check you all in Javlovitch (If you don't be goodk)!"

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# HEADLINES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 1937

## Another Instalment of the Lively Debate On the Farmer Question—Rigg Asked to Analyze

It is difficult to debate with one who continually reasons in a circle and continually refuses to be pinned down to any definite proposition.

As I remember it, I challenged Comrade Rigg's definition of Labor Cost and Surplus Value.

Up to the present time he has done no more than to assert that Labor Cost is what the worker receives in wages and that surplus value is the difference between said wages and the amount paid by the consumer for a commodity and that therefore the consumer and not the producers of wealth are the ones exploited by the capitalist class, but has given no basis for his conclusions.

It will be remembered that in my last article I defined the terms "Commodity," value, exchange value, labor power and price" and as a result arrived at the conclusion that surplus value is extracted from the producers instead of the consumers of wealth and that labor cost is not what the workers receive in wages, but what the consumers pay for a commodity.

Therefore I request that, Comrade Rigg briefly analyze for us the causes that led labor cost to be what it is, labor cost and wages be the same thing and that surplus value is extracted from the consumers of wealth.

Comrade Rigg asserts that we agree on what Labor Cost is and that Socialism and then continues: "It will mean what the commodity sells for," he says, "and will also mean what the worker receives in wages for the production of the commodity."

I submit that I never made such a statement and I suggest to Comrade Rigg that if Socialism means anything, it means the abolition of the wage system.

Comrade Rigg says "The price paid includes not only what we (through the capitalist) pay the laborers for producing the article, but the capitalist's profits as well."

I presume by "we" he means the farmer and the working class; if so, I will say it is the first intimation that he has had that the capitalist class are the slaves of the working class and that we are so well to do that we can afford to do all the paying.

Up to the present time he has always had an idea that the only things I paid for, as a wage-worker, were the shabby clothing, the coarse food and the miserable shelter which I had to put up with the price wage I receive for my commodity—labor power; and to tell the truth, until Comrade Rigg points out just how it is possible for the working class and yet have practically nothing, I must persist in sticking to that idea.

Comrade Rigg says, "Under the present system a commodity sells for the labor cost plus the surplus value, i. e., rent, interest and profit," thereby leaving the impression that the consumers of wealth are exploited because they get less than the value of the commodity.

I say, a commodity sells for the value of labor power plus the surplus value (which is distributed among the capitalist class in the form of rent, interest and profit, according to the economic power to exploit the working class as well as each other) and that the working class are exploited because they receive less than the value of their labor. (See chapters

7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of "Value, Price and Profit.")

From the way Comrade Rigg spells out the word revolutionary, I take it that he does not consider himself a revolutionary Socialist.

I pride myself with being revolutionary and it is because of that fact that I do recognize the law of evolution and therefore do not contend—as he asserts I contend—that the cooperative commonwealth will be established until all the factors of capitalist production have been perfected and the factors making for the new economic order have been fully developed.

Right here I want to devote a moment to protest against being made to advocate things which I do not favor. For instance, I do not advocate an increase of wages as a means of abolishing the capitalist system.

I maintain that the working class are exploited as a result of capitalist class ownership of the machinery and land, collectively used in the production of wealth and that for the working class to emancipate itself it is necessary to substitute working class ownership for capitalist class ownership in the means of wealth production.

Comrade Rigg seems to forget that when we passed out of individual into social production, and otherwise ignore the law of social and economic development, else he would not, for in all other industries, the value of the commodity is determined by the possible thing of advancing the workers in one industry the full product of their toil, while the workers in all other industries receive only the value of their labor power.

## There are Socialists and Socialists

Any student of history knows that class rises or falls together.

As student of political economy knows that an increase or reduction of wages in one industry affects the wages of the workers in all other industries.

A commodity is not produced until it is in the hands of the consumer, therefore to assert that the workers in the Oil Industry are exploited of the difference between what they receive in wages and what the consumer pays for it is ridiculous—all the workers in society contribute to the production of oil as well as to the production of all other commodities.

Therefore the only way to determine the extent of exploitation is to take the social product of a nation for a certain definite period and deduct from that the total wage of the working class as well as the value of the product allowed the individual producer—such as the small farmer.

Known from experience that the only thing that the average small farmer can boast of is that he has a steady job; in fact, it is so steady that he finds it necessary to get up at a m. walk around in his field and wake the cows that left a calf the night before, milk them, do other chores, work hard all day, do more chores in the evening, up till 9 or 10 p. m., that his wife and children also work hard and that for all this they enjoy only the extreme of a beast of burden—but that does not alter the fact that the labor which he hires in an essential of his production is exploited to the same extent as the labor hired by the Standard Oil Co.

The fact the farmer is not permitted to retain his product, but is deprived of it by more powerful members of his own class, makes no difference to the wage worker.

In conclusion, I request Comrade Rigg to analyze for us the value of well as others, to define what a commodity is, what determines its value, on what terms it exchanges with other commodities and what regulates its price.

EMIL HERMAN.

## There are Socialists and Socialists

There are Socialists and Socialists and Socialists are not all alike. Besides us and our friends, there is the Socialist Labor Party. At a recent Osborne arrest, the state organizer was talking to a few friends about his comrades and as a crowd was collecting he moved on with the remark that he had better move on, otherwise he might get arrested for obstructing the street.

In this point, our friend, the Socialist Labor Party man, butted in with the question: "You claim to be a revolutionist, don't you?" Our direct actionist retorted the question three times. Although not recognized by many, the question was a gem in sarcasm. Our S. L. P. friend meant to shame the state organizer for wishing to avoid free speech as best he could. This occurrence a few of us took a walk down to the S. L. P. corner, where the few of these "only" Socialists sell the "only" Socialist paper in the U. S.

There we learned (to our surprise) that a policeman had just asked the Socialist Labor Party to discontinue their street meeting, and they did.

So three of us went to the state organizer has spent a little of his time in Seattle's hustle. Let it be said here, that up to now, in these two years that this fight for free speech has been in progress, neither the S. L. P. nor our other friends, the opportunist, have put a foot in it.

If it is true that every knock is a boost, then we consider ourselves boosted until we are sore. We have been knocked until we are considered dead. So it is reported, Dealer to dealer in the west, but in our case, "The Socialist" is dead? Why, our friends, the fopulists. They have said it many times to many comrades. Two of the last times, when Comrade Haugen of Hollingsham and Comrade Strangbaugh of Clippier. They both write: "I was surprised to learn that 'The Socialist' is still on top. Heard that it had ceased publication until I came across a copy the other day."

No, we are not dead. What it is, we are not going to die. We have bought a printing plant and not to be used for jewelry. Our paper will visit you as long as you care to pay for it.

Another difficult confronts us. Everybody does not know where we live and somebody won't tell them. Several times comrades have inquired at the Socialist Temple (Mills' hall) for the whereabouts of the "Socialist". Several times that we know of comrades have been told that there was no paper by that name and several times comrades have been directed to the "Saturday Evening Tribune" and when they wanted to see us. And when they visited the Tribune and found out that they had been fooled, it was with some hesitation that they "tribune" told them; our address. What the fopulists of Seattle gain by these tactics we do not know.

We do know that we're not losing anything for we will look for us till they find us.

In the meantime we shall continue to inform all that ask us of the correct address of the "Saturday Evening Tribune."

Seattle fopulists say they are not fopulists. We agree that some of the fopulists are not fopulists. They are fopulists because they have a personal grudge against a few of Seattle's revolutionary Socialists. Being a fopulist because of a personal grudge is not as bad as being a fopulist because of a belief in his ward; there is Comrade Parsons of Dunlap, who helped vote several hundred dollars out of the treasury of the Carpenters' Union into the barrel of the Democratic party during the last campaign; there is Comrade Olson of South East Seattle, who went into capitalist politics to his present position; there is Comrade David McClure, who told us the same time he came to inform us that he would do no more business with us that he would be a Socialist to vote for the next best party when the Socialist Party had no ticket in the field. There are others. All these comrades are supporters of Comrade Mills.

A fine job. That of sitting in a chair and calling comrades Pinkster Socialists on paper. It is so easy. We are not prepared to say what harm it does to the caller. We do know that it does not help the Socialist Party. There is a constitutional way to rid the party of Pinkster Socialists on paper. It is so easy. We are not prepared to say what harm it does to the caller. We do know that it does not help the Socialist Party. There is a constitutional way to rid the party of Pinkster Socialists on paper. It is so easy. We are not prepared to say what harm it does to the caller. We do know that it does not help the Socialist Party.

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The worst of all this is: Mills and his comrades are going to expel all those who do not agree with him and his from the Fusion Club. "The Tribune," in which this information appears, does not say that we shall be accorded a fair and impartial trial. Not having been notified that we were under charges, we can fairly assume that we are to be fired without our approval. We would like to know about this as we do for the fact that we missed the pleasure of learning just how a trial should be conducted. Our opportunist friends have always told us so much about conducting party affairs and have told us so many times that we did not know how, that they should have surely advised us by informing us of the charges against us and the date of the trial. They have done neither, so we conclude that they conduct trials in this manner.

And they now pretend that we have a pretended state committee and a pretended state constitution and other pretended things. If our state committee and state constitution are pretended, then we also have a pretended state membership who pretend to be Socialists. Two years in succession, by a referendum vote of two to one, a revolutionary state committee was elected together with a revolutionary constitution and platform. Maybe our comrades who pretend to be Socialists are all pretenses, do not believe in the referendum, do not believe in pure, democratic/anti-autocratic minority rule.

Comrade Mills is trying hard to organize a party. He is even trying to capture part of the regular organization to do so. Dues stamps are being issued to his Seattle supporters. A list of names of those who are, who they are sold for and where they come from, we cannot tell. He asks the rest of his friends, those who are still buying regular dues stamps from the state committee, to report to him of their Socialist work. If this is not trying to buy the regular party organization up in business, what is it? This trying to buy the regular party organization up in business, what is it? This trying to buy the regular party organization up in business, what is it?

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Editor "The Socialist":

In your issue of the 29th of September, your article on the "Redlight District" included a paragraph which stated that you were going to understand that none but brown with a few red spots are "Aren't you a little bit of a red light district?"

These are a few of the many questions that have come to mind since your article. Perhaps a subsequent article will tell us about the "Redlight District" and the "Aren't you a little bit of a red light district?"

Editor's Note: Fowler is now in the red light district. He is not a member of the party and cannot himself reply at this time. It may be that, as organizer of the Japanese League, Fowler has been too much "color" but we do not believe the introduction of a yellow tint to the addition to the color line we already have in the direction of intelligent evolution.

Based on the lead of Capital for such races as are fit to survive, we are not prepared to agree with the indiscriminate application of the "Brotherhood of Man" is Utopian and not scientific.

An invasion of Asiatic workmen into America would delay Socialism.

Speaking of Presidents, gather in the members, and we comrades will elect one of our very own. Every new party member brings near the day of deliverance.

The tools required for the job are a Red Card for yourself and a membership application for your friend and fellow worker. Easy, isn't it? Well, that's the way to win.

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## WAGE WORKERS & FARMERS

### Burgess Replies to Price.

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 23, 1907.

Editor "The Socialist":  
To explain why I have not sooner replied to Comrade Price, whose article appeared in your issue of June 23, would take entirely too much space. Hence I shall proceed as though there had been no delay. I would not attempt a reply even if I could see any way to honorably escape the task, for all my time is fully occupied at this writing.

Comrade Price speaks of the wage-workers as if they had been a perpetual feature of society throughout the ages, whereas this class is a modern production, the child of capitalism. Hence all that Price says about the centuries of training is not applicable.

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As a class the small property holders are cowardly, timid, disposed to compromise, to fuse, to do anything to save their property. As a class they plead for conservative action. This class are not revolutionary. They are reactionary—always pleading for things to remain as they are, fear that they may get worse, and that is all. I affirm that the farmer as a class will not accept the teachings and the practice of Socialists because to do so is to do violence to their immediate material interests. From the Socialist point of view it is class interests that divides society, and not differences of opinion as to how to attain them.

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Comrade Price denies that the workers have an historic mission, but he gives no reason for such denial. I affirm that the workers have such mission, and my reason for so thinking is the fact that the capitalist class is decadent, the middle class is disappearing, has no mission because it is but a survival of an outworn system of wealth production. The working class is the only efficient class left in the modern world. The working class is the only class that can perform all the processes of modern production. And because this is so, I believe that it is the mission of this class to administer the affairs of future society.

I am willing to admit that Comrade Price is as bold as my arguments, and I am willing to make of the argument to admit his suggestion, that boldness is an essential factor in the emancipation of our class, and yet I believe that the working class can and does surpass the boldness of any middle man. I see men working under conditions that require the very highest degree of courage. Look at the list of killed and wounded in the industrial army. What a record! That is the record of the working class, has always been regarded as exhibiting great courage, but those who do this are cheered and encouraged by every man known to them. Those who fall in the industrial war have nothing to cheer or encourage them. Their courage must far surpass that of the man with a gun in his hand. Courage, fortitude, bravery, are characteristics of the working class world over. To assert that this class is slavish, cowardly, timid, is but to slander them. I admit that there are cowards among them, but deny that this class is cowardly. It is the bravest, the most heroic class in the history of this world. This is not meant that they are bloodthirsty.

Comrade Price asserts that the working class makes up the bulk of the army and navy. I do not know that this is so, and, in fact, I doubt it, for I have made diligent inquiry among the members of the army, and I have met them and I have been inclined to think that most of the recruits come from the farmers and the independent class. I am not sure that this is so, but I have much reason for the entertainment of this belief, and I think that there are good reasons why this may be so. The middle class has been trained to look for something higher for their sons than wage slavery, and the pomp and show of military life appeals to the class that has never been behind a rifle, as have most of the wage workers. I am rather pleased to think that there is this opportunity given to the sons of farmers and small merchants to get glimpses of the causes that send men to slaughter one another. I find that many of these members of the army can be relied upon to shoot too high to kill.

If the capitalists are as dangerous as some middle class people seem to think, we may need the army when we come into the control of the powers of government. We, the Socialists, will then command the army and navy. Don't get alarmed, comrades. You are too bold to fear someone that may never have to be met. I belong to that class that you describe as having and yet not being in the army, and the navy. You see, I find that I cannot reply further to Comrade Price at this writing. My time is up, and I must close.

D. BURGESS.

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The Seattle Socialists have spent about \$150 the last month in maintaining their right for Free Speech on the streets, besides the payment of Titus' fine of \$120 by an unsolicited friend.

Osborne was arrested four times and three of his cases are to be tried on appeal from the Police Court to the County Court. These jury trials cannot be reached before November and the capitalists may postpone still later.

Meanwhile, what shall be done? Osborne has gone to Oregon and the Seattle comrades will conduct the fight without his aid till he returns for his trial. The Anti-Fusion Club of Seattle has requested the State Committee to issue a Call for Volunteers, addressed to Socialists everywhere, and especially in these Northwest states—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. There is no other way. The courts of the city are against us, supported by all brands of capitalist parties, from the Republican down to the Capitalist Labor Party.

Spring had Socialists in past in Seattle. It means cement floor in a jail from now on. Either that or cowardly surrender.  
Burgess writes: "I am in favor of saving our money; lie in jail. It is foolish to try to fight the capitalists in their own courts. As well for an unarmed man to try to fight a man that is fully armed. Eat up their substance by trying in jail. I still think we ought to call for volunteers and fill the hell hole in Seattle. If 40 of us would descend upon Wappy his backers would flinch, and besides 40 centers would be come agitated."

Will we still answer that call? We want Volunteers for the City Jail, to begin Oct. 15. Send in your names at once, addressed to "The Socialist," Box 1673, Seattle, Wash.

was being opposed to the tactics of a true member of the working class; therefore, be it "Resolved," by Local Pacific County, Socialist Party of Washington, in regular meeting of September 20, 1907, That we have a high confidence in Richard Krueger, and believe it quite impossible for him to betray the working class; and, be it further Resolved, That we demand of Walter Thomas Mills—that he show proof of his charge or admit convicted of a few more contemptible crimes, such as slander and treachery to the proletariat; and, be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Socialist press of Washington and to the Saturday Evening Tribune." (Signed)

J. A. CLARK, Chairman of Session.  
O. A. LINDSTAM, Sec. of Session.

The "Appeal" says there is no such thing as "Reform Socialism," and objects to the issue of Titus' new book on "Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism." Would the "Appeal" object to this title, "Socialism, True and False," as a nickname for capitalism, and see what you think about it.

## BORAH ACQUITTED

With great show, a brass band, banquet and speeches, even applause in the court room, the Hon. Senator W. E. Borah, was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy with ex-governor Steunenberg and others to injure timber lands for the Lumber Company. In his defense Steunenberg, who has been shown by the evidence to have put the "damned" Borah in the interests of the Lumber Company in the "Whimsey," Borah escaped by a narrow margin from the government to the "damned" and from the "damned" to the Lumber Company. He was counsel for the Lumber Company. Yet he swore he knew nothing of the fraudulent transactions; though they were all innocent and proper. He had a babe in the woods or Borah is!

Most intimate friend and adviser of Steunenberg and lawyer for the Lumber Company. Frank to the right of him, fraud to the left of him, but Borah sweetly affirms, "never touched me." That will do for Idaho idolaters, but no man of the world will ever credit it. Borah escapes by the Scotch verdict, "Guilty, but not proven."

The fifth chapter of "Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism" is crowded out this week, but will appear in the next issue. All the chapters put in handy form for general distribution as a 5-cent pamphlet will be ready November 1. Send your orders early.

## VOTE AGAINST IT

A national referendum is being voted on to amend the Constitution. Nearly every referendum carries, unless strong opposition develops, even if plainly the "No" vote has a tendency to vote "Yes."  
National Referendum "A" is a vicious proposition aimed to give control of the Party to whoever can muster the most votes, irrespective of the principles represented.  
If the National Party is to interfere with State controversies it should do so on the basis of Party Principles. Two classes in the party have existed in Nebraska at present. Suppose the opportunists can get more votes for their organization than the Revolutionaries can for theirs. Are we therefore to sustain the Opportunists?

No. It is better to have 50 straight working-class, uncompromising Socialists in a city or state, than 500 middle-class, opportunist, "Utopian" Socialists.  
But this Referendum ignores all matters of principle and makes mere numbers the sole criterion. Please. It is an attempt of Mills, Thompson and others to capture several doubtful votes in Washington. Mills is already laying foundations for an appeal to this new process. It is adopted by calling the State Organization a "pretended" State Committee, by using one-stamp of his own by appealing to opportunist Locals to go it alone.  
Referendum "A" is an opportunist proposal and should be voted down.

## PACIFIC COUNTY DEMANDS PROOF

Editor "The Socialist": The enclosed resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the members of "The Socialist" Party of this city.  
Whereas, Walter Thomas Mills has in his paper, The Saturday Evening Tribune, of September 14, 1907, charged the members of the Socialist Party, and that such action is opposing their voluntary and temporary surrender of personal liberty in defense of the people's rights of free public discussion, and that it is calculated to strengthen the cause they are supporting. He further charges that we, who repudiate the action of Walter Thomas Mills in capitulating to the enemy, by his attack on street meetings, as reported by the Seattle Post Intelligencer, are against and the unity of the Socialist Party, and that such action is opposing and not supporting the movement which he claims to be defending.  
We it further resolved, that this resolution be published in the Oakland Daily World, and that copies of the same be forwarded to the Seattle Tribune and the Saturday Evening Tribune.  
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