

WORKERS UNITE IN PHILADELPHIA FOR JUNE 17TH

City Farmer-Labor Party Is Born

By ABRAM JAKIRA.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 3.—Seventy delegates representing twenty-one labor unions and eight fraternal organizations of this city organized a local branch of the Farmer-Labor Party and elected a delegate to the June 17 convention. The Workers Party was represented by three delegates and the Young Workers League by one.

The following organizations were represented by three delegates each: local No. 1073, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; local No. 1050, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; local No. 159, International Association of Machinists; local No. 623, American Railway Express Employees, (two delegates); local No. 587, Paperhangers' Union; local No. 306, Paperhangers' Union; local No. 138, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; local No. 44, Millinery and Ladies' Straw Hat Workers; local No. 140, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; local No. 53, International Fur Workers' Union; local No. 279, Hotel and Restaurant Employees; local No. 2, Tapestry Carpet Weavers; local No. 1088, International Association of Machinists; local No. 77, Upholsterers' International Union; local No. 11, Press Feeders' and Assistants' Union; local No. 122, Upholsterers' International Union; local No. 106, A. F. W. Butchers' Union; local No. 1039, Painters' Union; local No. 1083, Painters' Union, and Workers Party of America, local Philadelphia.

Following organizations were presented by one delegate each: Joint Board Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Philadelphia District Council Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; Young Workers League; four branches of the Workmen's Circle and four other fraternal organizations.

June 17 Main Issue.

The arrangements Committee submitted a resolution containing the following recommendations:

1. To organize a Farmer-Labor Party of Philadelphia and to elect a chairman, secretary-treasurer and an executive committee to carry on the work of the party.
2. To endorse the convention to be held in St. Paul on June 17 for the purpose of organizing a national Farmer-Labor Party which will nominate its own candidates for President and Vice-president and to send a delegate to that convention.
3. To instruct the Executive Committee of the party to prepare a draft of a platform and by-laws of the party to be submitted for adoption at the next conference of this party to be held not later than Tuesday, July 8, and
4. That during this period an extensive campaign be carried on to secure affiliations of all labor organizations of this city not represented in this conference.

This resolution was the cause of a lengthy and heated debate. Charles Kutz, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Farmer-Labor Party, was present and was the first to speak against the resolution. He pointed out that the sending of delegates to June 17 convention will make it impossible for

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ROCHESTER, Minn., June 3.

the Farmer-Labor Party of Monroe statement lands telling blows on to age the St. Paul convention. Bre

My idea is that the cause of the workers will be given a tremendous impetus by the spectacular repudiation of the St. Paul Farmer-Labor convention June 17, by Senator Robert M. LaFollette as tainted with communism, if it shall serve to make a clean cut differentiation of the sheep from the goats of fundamental reform.

In a state of our civilization calling for the most heroic treatment LaFollette refuses any communion with the robust elements of labor leadership that alone have shown any real comprehension of the vital welfare and needs of the worker.

With Gompers' Gang

He foregathers with Boss Gompers, a sort of Dick Croker of the political labor machine, in blind persistence in purely political tinkering that has no efficacy for real relief of a very sick society. They love their personal prominence and power more than human liberation.

With them Mr. J. A. H. Hopkins, a millionaire beneficiary of predatory economics, financing a so-called progressive high-brow political block, called the forty-eighters, warns third party folks against St. Paul radicalism. They plan a safe and sane Fourth at Cleveland to acclaim the Pompadour Bob as the last thing in political hair-dressing. All they need is a kick-in of some of Frank Vanderlip's disgruntled millions to make a real classy jazz party.

Fear Enemies of Morgan

The plaint of these palterers is that the active spirits at the St. Paul will be subverters of our blessed Mellon-Gary-Morgan-Rockefeller free institutions in cahoots with communism and internationalism of

the local organization to affiliate with the state organization and will also prevent it from using the name "Farmer-Labor" which is now the property of the state organization.

Speaker after speaker took the floor and completely smashed the arguments of brother Kutz. They ably pointed out the difference between the "rank and file" convention of June 17 and the one called by the high officials of the International Unions. They also showed that the June 17 convention has a definite program for Independent Political Action, while the July 4 convention is wiggly-wabbling for the last two years and has no intention of organizing a Farmer-Labor Party.

Brother Baker, of the Machinists' local, pointed out that the real intention of William Johnston, the chairman of the July 4 convention, is brot out very clearly in the April issue of the official organ of the Machinists' Union. That issue carried a picture of McAdoo with the characteristic inscription—"McAdoo for President—Why Not?" Delegate A. Gersch showed that Stone, too, is not for Independent Political Action, by quoting his speech delivered at the convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The resolution was adopted with but one dissenting vote.

Officers Elected.

A. Gersch of Painters' L. U. 1083, was elected chairman and H. O. McClurg of Paperhangers' L. U. 587, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee: John Fitzgerald, Painters L. U. 1039; Walter Johns, Int. Ass'n. of Machinists L. U. 159; Jacob Wakshull, Carpenters L. U. 1073; Andrew W. Pitt, Tapestry Carpet Weavers L. U. 11; A. Jakira, Workers Party; Joseph Baldessaro, Carpenters L. U. 1050.

The conference was addressed by Joseph Kunz, secretary of the Mary- and Peoples Party, who spoke in favor of the June 17th convention. The Peoples Party will participate in that convention.

The convention adjourned full of enthusiasm and determination to make the Farmer-Labor Party of Philadelphia a powerful weapon in the hands of the workers.

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PARIS, June 3.—Joseph Caillaux may return to his former position as premier of France, as the result of the political upset at the recent elections. The fact that Caillaux was accused of treason during the

