
Communist Party Mass Meeting: Douglas Park Auditorium, Chicago — Sept. 6, 1919.

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At Chicago.

Upon instructions of Division Superintendent Edward J. Brennan, I attended, undercover, a mass meeting of the Communist Party, held at the Douglas Park Auditorium this evening. From all appearances, it was a Russian Affair pure and simple, the English speakers, FERGUSON and RUTHENBERG addressing the audience for conventionality's sake, rather than with a view to convey their messages to the English speaking audience. It is a fair estimate to state that 99% of the crowd were Russian, Lithuanian, and Pol-

ish.

Ferguson, so acted as chairman, spoke at length of the "foolish attempt" of the Communist Labor Party to try to solve the problem of the proletariat, and glorified the Communist Party as the only revolutionary organization following the footsteps of the Moscow International, with the purpose of inspiring the working class spirit that will sweep capitalism out of existence and establish a peaceful and happy society under the dictatorship of the Proletariat.

Ruthenberg, the newly elected National Secretary, eulogized the Communist Convention as a response to what had taken place in Russia, when the Communist International was created, and praised "sky high" the Communist Party as an organization built upon the mass action of the workers in various industries with no parliamentarism whatsoever.

The rest of the program consisted of Russian revolutionary songs, a collection that netted \$197.00, and speeches from ALEXANDER STOKLITSKY in Russian, [A.] FORSINGER in Lettish [Latvian], and [Boleslaw] GEBERT in Polish. For details of these speeches, reference is made to the report of Agent Spolansky.

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