
Jewish Socialist Federation Endorses Majority War Resolution: Calls for Expulsion of Russell, Walling, & Stokes — To Establish Socialist Schools [3rd Convention — May 26-30, 1917]

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With predictions of great achievements to come, the biennial convention of the Jewish Socialist Federation of America closed last night its 5 days of sessions.

One of the acts of the closing day was the adoption of a resolution containing a recommendation to all branches of the federation to vote for and support the majority report of the St. Louis Convention of the Socialist Party [April 7-14, 1917].

Want Russell and Others Expelled.

Resolutions were adopted calling for the expulsion from the party of Charles Edward Russell, William English Walling, J.G. Phelps Stokes, and other Socialist who have endorsed the administration's stand.

A statement issued after the convention said "participation of America in the war is unjustifiable." The convention "declared itself against the suspension of the class struggle at any time."

Whitehorn and Shiplacoff Endorsed.

The report of the Resolutions Committee opened the morning session. Amid applause the delegates adopted the first resolution offered, en-

dorsing the records of Socialist Assemblymen Shiplacoff and Whitehorn. Another resolution pledged the support of the federation to Thomas J. Mooney, under sentence of death in San Francisco, and urged the members to aid the labor leader all they can.

A resolution also was adopted expressing approval of Meyer London's record in Congress, but also expressing regret for his failure to vote against the war budget. The Socialists of Russia were greeted in another resolution, copies of which were wired to the party leaders in Russia.

To Establish Socialist Schools.

The organization of Socialist schools under the auspices of the branches, in either Jewish [Yiddish] or English, according to the nature of the conditions, was investigated by a committee and recommendations made to organize such schools. The question was debated for a considerable length of time. It was unanimously decided to both recommend and aid in the establishment of such schools, and to organize a general bureau which will aid in the formation of the schools, furnish books and pamphlets, and furnish whatever information it will find necessary.

The secretary of the federation was chosen to act as general secretary of all the Jewish Young

Socialist Leagues. There are 15 organizations of young Socialists, and the number could be increased, according to the statements made by some delegates, if proper attention was given to the work. The editor of *The New World* was instructed to aid them with publicity as much as possible.

Nominations Made.

The afternoon session [May 30, 1917] was devoted to the nomination of officers. For Secretary, Max Lulow and J.B. Salutsky were nominated, one of whom will be chosen by the membership. On the board of the direction of *The New World* were elected Dr. B. Hoffman, J.B. Salutsky, and S. Olgin. Twenty-two members were nominated for the Executive Committee, of whom 15 will be chosen.

The session and convention wound up with speeches making predictions of great increases in strength and influence. J. Baskin, General Secretary of the Workmen's Circle; Morris Siskind, editor of the *Jewish Labor World* in Chicago; Dr. Frank Rosenblatt, Dr. B. Hoffman, J.B. Salutsky, and Louis Shaffer spoke.

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