
Letter to the Editor of the *New York Call* by Evans Clark in New York City, March 27, 1919

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Editor of *The Call*:

Letters from Comrades [Joseph] Gollomb and [Julius] Codkind, using my name in connection with their arguments about the 2nd-5th-10th Assembly District branch, call for a statement from me.

My position is as simple as it is difficult to maintain in the present controversy. It is held by a great number of comrades. I believe that the criticisms of party theory and the general program of the "Left Wing" are, in the main, sound. I believe that they should be discussed in every branch and local. But I am heartily opposed to organized divisions in the Socialist Party.

A Left Wing is desirable, but a Left Wing Section is suicidal. Organized divisionism subordinates principles to an unseemly squabble for personal and political power. It is inevitable. Organized division breeds organized opposition, hatred, bitterness, wrangling, and utter confusion. Either the party or the division must always die, if these methods are pursued.

I am in favor of a thorough reevaluation of Socialist theory and tactics to meet the new world that is upon us. I am opposed to the use of a political machine, either to force or to side-track this or any other issue.

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