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# Killing the Socialist Party:

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Do you remember the repeated assurances we received a few months ago that the Socialist Party was on its last legs; that members were deserting it by the thousands that its principles were being repudiated; that we were but a corpse awaiting burial?

Well, we've been buried — under an avalanche of orders for dues stamps, supplies, and literature, though, and not by the venal capitalist press and the masters it serves. A very lively corpse we are, comrades. A corpse that places orders for 12,616 dues stamps in one month in Ohio alone, must be very red of cheek, sturdy and kicking.

Mind you — 12,616 dues stamps sold in one month in Ohio to the membership. This constitutes the largest dues stamp sale, to our knowledge, for any one month in the history of the Ohio Socialist Party.

Here are sales per month in comparison:

	1917	1918	1919
<b>January</b>		3,479	12,516
<b>October</b>	6,514	5,205	
<b>November</b>	6,523	4,610	
<b>December</b>	6,815	6,757	

Other states show equally encouraging increases. During the month of January 1919, New York sold 17,066 dues stamps; Wisconsin, 13,277; Illinois, 10,202; Pennsylvania, 8,362. Ohio ranking third in sales.

To the comrade still “bringing up the rear,” this article is especially addressed. Get into line. March abreast the rest. Keep step. Pay up!

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