
New York State Committee, Socialist Party Resolution on the Left Wing Section, Adopted April 13, 1919.

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The following resolution was adopted by the State Committee of the Socialist Party, New York State, at the Annual Meeting held at Albany, April 13, 1919:

“Whereas the Constitution of the Socialist Party of the State of New York provides (Art. 1, Sec. 3) that members and locals of the Socialist Party must adhere and conform to the National and State platforms and constitutions, and,

“Whereas the spirit and machinery of the Socialist Party provides adequate channels for the fullest and freest discussion of ideas through branch and party meetings, the party press, conventions, referendums, representative bodies, and other mediums for the full interchange of opinions and sentiments, and

“Whereas in violation of the spirit of the constitution an organization calling itself the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party has been formed, endeavoring to force the party to take certain positions without making use of the existing channels, thereby diverting its energies and funds and paralyzing its activities, therefore be it

“RESOLVED: That the New York State Committee of the Socialist Party is definitely opposed to the organization calling itself the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party and to any group within the party organized for the same or similar purpose, and be it further

“RESOLVED: That the State Committee instructs its Executive Committee to revoke the charter of any local that affiliates with any such organization or that permits its sub-divisions or members to be so affiliated.”

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