
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Workmen's Cooperative Publishing Association: New York City — May 22, 1919.

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A special meeting of the Workmen's Cooperative Publishing Association was held on Thursday, May 22, at the People's House, 7 East 15th Street. William Karlin was elected chairman and Joseph Weil, vice-chairman. Credentials were received from Charles Grossman, representing the 6th Assembly District and he was seated. The order of business for the meeting was:

Board of Management recommends: 1. That discussion by readers in *The Call* on the problems that confront the party be limited to principles and not to personalities.

2. It is the sense of the association that *The Call* adopt an editorial policy on the issues before the party dealing with the revaluation of the present-day policies and problems in order to clarify the Socialist Party position on these issues.

3. That *The Call* take a definite stand against an organization within an organization.

Theresa Malkiel asked permission to call for volunteers to assist at The Call bazaar from May 29 to June 1 at the Star Casino, 107th Street and Park Avenue. It was pointed out that this bazaar is to raise several thousand dollars for the *New York Call*, which *The Call* badly needs at the present time, and a great deal of help is necessary to make the bazaar a success. A number of members volunteered their services.

Max Shonberg asked permission to introduce the following motion and same was granted:

"That the Workmen's Cooperative Publishing Association declare the seats of the delegates of Local

Kings County to this association, as well as that of the member of Local Kings County on the Board of Management of the association vacant until such time as Local Kings County will rescind its action in reference to *The Call*."

After considerable discussion, this motion was carried.

Special order of business was then taken up. First proposition that discussion by readers in *The Call* on the problems that confront the party be limited to principles and not to personalities was on motion carried unanimously.

Proposition 2. "It is the sense of the association that *The Call* adopt an editorial policy on the issues before the party dealing with the revaluation of the present-day policies and problems, in order to clarify the Socialist Party position on these issues," was amended to read: "That the editor be instructed to discuss the issues before the Socialist Party on the editorial page in signed articles." The amendment to the amendment:

That the editor of *The Call* adopt an editorial policy on the issues before the party dealing with the revaluation of the present-day problems and policies, in order to clarify the Socialist position on these issues, and that in addition to the editorial discussion, the editor solicit signed articles to be published in the editorial page in the *New York Call*.

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

The third proposition of the special order of business, that *The Call* take a definite stand against

an organization within an organization was taken up. Maurice Paul moved as an amendment that *The Call* adopt a policy against the "Left Wing." This was seconded by S. John Block that *The Call* take a definite stand against the "Left Wing" Section. As a substitute for the whole, Anita C. Block moved the following:

That *The Call* take a definite stand against the organization within the organization, such as the "Left Wing" Section.

This substitute for the whole was carried by a vote of 29 to 17.

During the discussion on the second order of business Morris Zucker presented a credential from the City Committee, stating that he was elected as a member of the committee to appear before the association to present the views of the City Committee on the change of editorial policy and in regard to existing party differences. It was pointed out that the City Committee as now situated does not represent the Socialist Party organization, but is a remnant of the "Left Wing" Section, and that the State Committee had at its meeting on May 21 [1919] practically outlawed this committee, because of its violation of all party rules and state constitution, and the motion to grant Zucker the floor was defeated.

Fraternally Submitted,

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Secretary.

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