
Circular Letter to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America from Adolph Germer, Executive Secretary, June 21, 1919

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One thing is noticeable in all the propaganda sent out by Katterfeld, Wagenknecht, and Fraina and that is their claim that nearly 40,000 members were expelled. According to our records, it involves around 27,000.

With best wishes, I remain

To the National Executive Committee.

Dear Comrades:—

I have just received the following telegram, which explains itself:

1919 May 31, AM 12:38.

AG:EL.

Fraternally yours,

Adolph Germer,
Executive Secretary.

The State Convention,
Socialist Party of Massachusetts,
M.E. Sproule, Sec'y,
885 Washington St.,
Boston, Mass.

A crisis confronts you, comrade delegates. Seven of the 15 members of the National Executive Committee have expelled nearly 40,000 members of our party and autocratically held up the national referendums to perpetuate themselves in office. Such flagrant procedure and violation of the party constitution must not be tolerated. Help us reverse these outrageous actions with comradely greetings.

L.E. Katterfeld,
A. Wagenknecht,
Minority Members,
National Executive Committee.

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