
Socialists to Vote for Left Wing Nominees: Members of the Seceding Groups Were Put on the Ticket at Primaries: State Executive Committee Calls for Working Class Unity at Polls

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ALBANY, Sept. 30 [1919].— Socialist Party members and sympathizers will vote a straight Socialist ticket at the coming elections, regardless of the fact that a number of former Left Wingers, now outside of the Socialist Party and in rival parties, are on the party ticket. This decision was taken by the [New York] State Executive Committee of the party at its recent meeting and announced today by State Secretary Walter M. Cook.

The Socialist Party had primary contests this year for the first time in its history because of the schism in its ranks. In New York the regular party triumphed over what was then called the Left Wing, the section that is now divided into two parties, the Communist and Communist Labor parties.

In certain districts in Brooklyn and Queens, however, as well as in Buffalo and Rochester, those who are now not members of the party, but are in one or the other of the communist groups, are on the ticket, and Socialists have been waiting for advice as to what concerted action to take.

Vote Working Class Ticket.

The resolution of the State Executive Committee reads:

It has come of the attention of the State Executive Committee that a situation has developed in various sections of the state where members of the Communist or Communist Labor parties have been nominated for public office on the Socialist Party ticket.

The working class must stand as a unit in its struggles against the capitalist class.

You are urged to go forward with your campaign just as vigorously as ever, regardless of the makeup of the ticket at the present moment. Whatever the personnel of the ticket may be, you will be voting for the working class and Socialism. Let us prove our devotion to our slogan: "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain!" Forget the personalities and wage the strongest campaign we have ever yet put up.

Socialist Party members everywhere will take this resolution as a mandate and follow the directions indicated. It is believed that the result of the action will be a warmer and more cordial feeling between the factions.

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