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# Sinclair is Expelled by California Socialists

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Los Angeles, Calif.— Scored for announcing his intention of seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor next spring, Upton Sinclair was ousted from the Socialist Party at a special meeting of the State Executive Committee on Sept. 20 [1933]. State Secretary Harold J. Ashe made public a resolution in which Sinclair's action was condemned. The resolution says:

*Whereas*, Upton Sinclair has joined the capitalist Democratic Party, a party which he has justifiably despised, scolded, and scorned for a quarter of a century as a powerful and dangerous enemy of the working class and of the Socialist Party; and

*Whereas*, in joining such a party he has flatly broken his pledge and is in opposition to Socialist principles and the Socialist Party constitution; therefore

***Be it resolved***, by the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of California, that Mr. Sinclair be considered no longer a member of the Socialist Party, and that his action be condemned; and

***Be it further resolved***, that Socialists be warned against the futile supposition that they can use a capitalist party to further the interests of the working class.

“Sinclair,” says Asch, “technically has not been a dues-paying member of the Socialist Party since December 31, 1932, and his membership lapsed March 31, 1933. His action catalogs him as a Democrat, according to political law, and from the standpoint also of the Socialist Party national constitution, he is no longer a member.”

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