

BULLETIN

of the
MARXIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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TROTSKYIST ORGANIZATION SPLITS AT CONVENTION

"To the National Convention of the Socialist Appeal Ass'n:-

"The Marxist Policy Committee - nationally organized revolutionary wing of the Socialist Appeal Association - herewith breaks all organizational ties with the centrist Appeal majority.

"Because the bureaucracy of the Appeal is unable to fight marxism politically, it is compelled to suppress the marxist grouping organizationally. This system of suppression has now culminated in flat denial of the MPC's right to present the line of revolutionary marxism on the convention floor.

"The denial of this fundamental right is a categorical proof that this organization is dead - bankrupt of any possibility of ever adopting a marxist program, the program of the working class. The so-called "new revolutionary party" is still-born. At its founding convention it has demonstrated itself completely the enemy of marxism and of the working class.

"We call upon the serious comrades in the rank-and-file to split from this bankrupt centrist sect and to join the Marxist policy committee.

FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY FOURTH INTERNATIONAL !

FOR THE WORLD PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION !

FOR THE WORLD COMMUNIST SOCIETY !

Marxist Policy Committee,

per C. Becket & A. Hamsum,
National Exec."

TROTSKYIST CONVENTION DEMONSTRATES IRREVOCABLE BREAK WITH
MARXISM!

The Marxist Policy Committee was organized to fight for a Marxist policy against the centrist line of the Socialist Appeal Association. For five months we have carried on this struggle, by every possible means, over the issues of Spain, China, 2nd & 3rd "Internationals", "Labor" Parties, USSR, oppositionist orientation, independence of the Marxist vanguard, class nature of the state, class collaboration, social-patriotism bourgeois democracy, and the Permanent Revolution.

The Administration, Fearing the MPC line, suppressed our viewpoints by denying our democratic rights as much as it possibly could. But the MPC continued the fight with the object of making a final struggle on the convention floor for the adoption of a revolutionary program.

However, the packed national convention flatly refused even to hear the position of the MPC. This culmination of the system of suppressing the revolutionary viewpoints demonstrated once again that the organization was irreformably crystallized on an anti-Marxist political line. For a day and a half the representative of the MPC, comrade Becket, was even barred from entering the room where the convention was in session on the pretext that Becket had been expelled.

The MPC, by exclusion of its representative, immediately went before the convention's "Grievance Committee". There we presented our demand that the MPC, as a nationally organized grouping in the Appeal, holding principled political differences with every other grouping, and the only group fighting for a Marxist line, be granted the right to state its position on the convention floor. The "Grievance Committee" flatly refused to recommend this. Instead, it voted to recommend the expulsion of Becket because the MPC would not in advance promise to accept a centrist program.

The convention was just about to pass a motion to expel Becket on this basis when Cannon through in a surprise "substitute" motion reflecting the power of the MPC fight, and the weakness of the line of the bureaucracy, Cannon moved to instruct the Chicago Executive to give Becket a legal trial! (This trial was not to take place until after the convention had adopted its program.) The docile, hand-picked convention instantly turned against the original motion and voted for Cannon's counter-motion. Thus the highest body of the Appeal was forced to admit that the so-called "expulsion" of the MPC secretary had been nothing else than an attempt to keep the MPC viewpoint from the membership.

This vote washed away the pretexts for barring Becket from the room. Once admitted, the MFC representative demanded the right of the Marxist tendency to present its position on the political issue confronting the convention. This demand was CATEGORICALLY REFUSED!!

This open denial of the right of the revolutionary minority to counterpose the line of Marxism to the leadership's centrist line at the national convention, conclusively demonstrated the organization's rejection of Marxism.

Therefore the Marxist Policy Committee announced that it was breaking all organizational connection with the bankrupt centrist sect of Trotskyism, and in spite of the noise of the hecklers read to the convention the statement printed on page one of this bulletin.

We call upon all serious comrades to break with this centrist organization and join the Marxist Policy Committee.

AGAINST THE CENTRIST APPEAL ORGANIZATION!!!

FORWARD TO A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY ---

the Fourth International\$\$\$
