
Report of the Hungarian Socialist Federation to the National Committee of the Socialist Party of America, May 1913.

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To the National Committee, Socialist Party:

Dear Comrades:—

We herewith submit our first report since the Federation became affiliated with the Socialist Party, covering the period from September 1, 1912, to April 30, 1912.

At the time when our Federation affiliated with the party we had 20 branches with a membership of about 700. Now we have 34 branches with about 1,100 members. I am not able to give the exact number of members, because there are some branches which do not send their monthly reports to this office, but the reports of those regularly reporting and the occasional reports of some of the others show that we have about the membership which I have stated above.

The total number of dues stamps sold up to April 30, 1913, is 5,694 [712 per month].

The income for literature has been \$121.00. Branch Number 3 of Chicago has bought \$31.75 worth of literature, and Branch Number 5 of Chicago, \$14.00 worth. The literature was mostly imported from the Hungarian Social-Democratic Party and is very valuable for us in this country: *The Communist Manifesto*, *Evolution of Property*, *The Life of Francisco Ferrer*, *Moses or Darwin?* and others.

We translated the party platform of 1912 and printed 20,000 copies, of which 9,000 have been sold at \$2.50 per thousand. We also translated *The Growing Grocery Bill* [by Allan L. Benson] and published 20,000 copies, of which 15,400 have been sold at \$5.00 per thousand. We are just publishing the booklet *Christianity and Social Democracy* by Karl Kautsky, translated from the German by A. Loewy. We are also publishing *Why Should a Woman be a Socialist?* by Theresa S. Malkiel, translated from the English by Paul Petras.

Comrade Mary Gardos from Budapest has been making a lecture and organizing tour of the country from New York to San Francisco under the auspices of the Federation. Her work has been excellent and very satisfactory. She organized new branches in the following cities: Youngstown, Ohio, 19 members; Cincinnati, Ohio, 11 members; South Bend, Ind., woman's branch, 25; Gary, Ind., 32; Hammond, Ind., 38; San Francisco, Cal., woman's branch, 15.

The income from her tour from October 18, 1912, to April 1, 1913, was \$829.38; the expenditures, \$879.25, leaving a deficit of \$49.87.

We have literature on hand to the value of \$60.00; also office supplies of the value of about \$60.00.

The Executive Committee of the Federation has held ten regular and ten special meetings dur-

ing the past eight months. It consists of seven regular and three alternate members. They also have an auditing committee of three members.

In the regular meetings of the Executive Committee many important matters have been taken up for propaganda among the Hungarian people. The committee has decided to divide the United States into three or four districts and designate three or four district secretaries who shall act as district organizers on a basis of \$5 per week and 25 percent commission on literature sold and subscriptions taken for our press. In the near future this matter will be considered in four district conferences in the following cities: New York, Cleveland, Chicago, and San Francisco. At each conference the Executive Committee will be represented.

Besides the branches organized by Comrade Gardos, other branches have been organized by volunteer work of comrades in Chicago, New York, Cleveland, and San Francisco as follows: Newark, Ohio, 29 members; New York Hungarian-German, 8; N.S. Pittsburgh, 26; San Francisco, 30; New York woman's branch, 60; Hartford, Wis., 16; East Chicago, 20; South Chicago, 9; Columbus, Ohio, 9.

Six other new branches have been reported

as organized, but have not yet affiliated with the Federation.

The following branches have dissolved: Harrison, NJ; Brooklyn, NY; Collinwood, Ohio; Barton, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; and Schenectady, NY.

Last November the Federation established a new daily paper, *Elöre* [Forward], in the city of New York. The Federation owns 51 percent of stock in the paper. The money for this paper was collected and donated by the membership at large, nearly \$10,000. It is a good fighting gun. It is a six-page paper with eight pages on Saturdays.

We have translated the National Constitution and published it in the Hungarian language for the use of the members.

In closing, I will say that in our opinion we are on the way to get still further good results, and I hope that by the close of the present year we will have 60 branches with membership of 2,000.

A tabulation of the monthly reports of the branches is appended hereto.

Yours for the Revolution,

Armin Loewy,
Hungarian Translator-Secretary.

Tabulated Monthly Reports of Branches

From September 1, 1912, to April 30, 1913.

<i>Branch No.</i>	<i>No. of Members</i>	<i>New Members Initiated</i>	<i>Dues Stamps Bought</i>	<i>Amt. Paid for Dues Stamps</i>	<i>Donated to Our Press</i>	<i>Business Meetings</i>	<i>Educational Meetings</i>	<i>Subscriptions</i>	<i>Expended for Literature</i>
1	13	4	53	\$ 7.95	\$ ---.---	4	1	13	\$3.00
2	30	---	80	12.00	---	2	---	---	2.50
3	70	33	480	72.00	85.00	6	11	79	52.00
4	61	5	480	72.00	40.00	2	3	---	4.50
5	17	4	180	27.00	70.00	5	3	54	6.00
6	7	2	50	7.50	---	---	---	---	.25
7	---	1	---	---	---	2	1	11	---
8	33	58	70	10.50	132.00	16	10	136	3.73
9	90	20	370	55.50	35.00	6	4	41	42.24
10	32	---	150	22.50	---	4	2	18	10.00
11	11	---	80	12.00	---	---	---	---	.30
12(a)	---	---	46	6.90	---	---	---	---	---
12(b)	60	4	100	15.00	5.00	2	---	10	---
13	7	---	33	4.95	---	---	---	---	---
14	---	---	133	19.95	---	---	---	---	---
15	22	---	60	9.00	---	---	---	15	---
16	---	---	8	1.20	---	---	---	4	---
17	8	---	14	2.10	---	---	---	20	---
18	---	---	20	3.00	---	5	3	---	36.85
19	151	14	700	105.00	123.00	---	---	34	32.00
20	---	---	160	27.00	---	5	5	32	---
21	31	9	240	36.00	---	5	---	39	11.45
22	64	7	260	39.00	14.81	5	5	528	8.09
23	16	1	70	10.00	12.00	6	4	19	.35
24	100	16	640	96.00	---	6	11	22	6.00
25	12	---	120	18.00	15.00	6	6	---	13.00
26	6	2	37	5.55	---	---	4	20	.50
27	36	6	80	12.00	1.50	2	---	24	---
28	19	3	60	9.00	---	3	3	45	2.00
29	11	2	30	4.50	---	6	2	27	2.42
30	28	2	186	27.90	---	5	6	10	4.90
31	68	6	300	45.00	37.00	---	7	12	36.70
32	11	3	40	6.00	1.00	---	2	---	2.00
33	16	10	90	13.50	6.00	---	---	---	---
34	29	---	36	51.40	---	---	---	---	1.00
35	38	---	60	9.00	---	---	---	---	1.00
36	---	---	38	5.70	---	---	---	---	---
38	20	5	100	15.00	---	2	2	6	10.68
40	9	1	20	3.00	---	1	2	6	11.31
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