
The Polish Socialist Federation

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The Polish Alliance of the Socialist Party was established in February, 1913, through the union of two organizations, the Alliance of Polish Socialists in America and the Polish Section of the Socialist Party. The first organization had existed for nearly twenty years “and its main aim was to prepare the revolution in Poland through teaching and organizing those that had the intention to return to Europe.” The other organization, the Polish Section of the Socialist Party, had to do exclusively with Polish affairs on American ground.

The Polish Socialist Federation has acknowledged the Socialist Party as the political party of the proletariat, and has declared war on Anarchism. It stands definitely for political action, and seeks to bring about the naturalization of as many Poles as possible, “teaching them that the vote is the modern weapon of the proletariat, considerably more powerful than the so-called ‘immediate action’ and other similar methods.” Poles are encouraged to send their children to the public schools and to patronized public libraries. Through the assistance of the Federation, People’s Universities have been established in New York, Chicago, and other cities; and the Federation has published a large number of books on Socialism by Polish and other authors. It maintains a daily paper, *The People’s Daily*, in Chicago, and two weeklies, one in Chicago and the other in Pittsburgh. The policy of the Federation is to urge Polish workingmen to join labor unions and at the same time to try “to modernize American unionism.” A large number of lecture tours has been organized, and in 1913 a correspondence school of social and political science was established for the training of agitators.

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