

SOCIALISTS CONSERVATIVE.

Refuse to Favor Strikes, Though Unwilling to Sanction War.

Members of the New York County Socialist Party, at Lenox Casino yesterday, voted down a proposal pledging Socialists to encourage strikes and resist recruiting in the event of war with Germany.

The resolution was proposed by Leon Trotsky, an exiled Russian revolutionist, and Louis C. Fraina, two of a committee of seven appointed to submit recommendations should war come.

Morris Hillquit, opposing this radical resolution, said:

"We should be asses to tell members of Local New York that they must risk death and imprisonment rather than join the army!"

A majority of the committee urged opposition to the war, and after debate a compromise resolution was adopted, in part as follows:

"If war should come despite our efforts, we pledge ourselves to hasten the return of peace, oppose the war and the war policies of the Government, preserve the working-class movement, oppose censorship, restriction of the rights of free speech, support the workers in every concerted mass action against extortionate food prices and other sufferings of the war and against the tyranny of conscription and martial law."

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