
New York Organization Expels Hendin† and Gruss.

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(New York City)—The effort to create a factional movement inside of the Workers Party, initiated by J.B. Salutsky, who was expelled from the Party for failing to fight for the Party principles at the Conference for Progressive Political Action in Cleveland [Dec. 11-12, 1922] when the Party was under attack has come to a sudden stop through the expulsion of L. Hendin and L. Gruss, who supported Salutsky in his move.

Salutsky called a meeting in New York for the organization of a Communist Educational League, evidently intending to use this in a fight against the Workers Party. Gruss and Hendin signed the call for the meeting. By instructions of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party they were informed before the meeting that if they participated in it their expulsion from the Party would follow.

Both attended the meeting and spoke, attacking the policies of the Workers Party. The matter then came before the branches of the Party of which they were members, and in each instance the branches voted unanimously to expel them from the Party.

†- Louis Hendin (pseudonyms G. Delion, Victor) came to the United States at the end of the first decade of the 20th Century. A dentist by trade, Hendin was the leader of a faction in the Jewish Communist Federation that rebelled against the leadership of Alexander Bittelman's faction and went over to the United Communist Party, of which he was a founding member in May 1920. He later became the editor of *The Jewish Daily Forward* after the death of Abraham Cahan.

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