

SOCIALIST SHOWING IS HAILED BY PARTY

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Here by One of His Group,**

THOMAS MAY GET 1,500,000

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State Vote.**

The Socialist party appeared to have increased materially its vote in the nation yesterday, with a total of perhaps as much as 1,500,000 votes for Norman Thomas, its candidate for President, and James H. Maurer, his running mate.

The vote received by Mr. Thomas in 1928 was 300,000.

In New York City, Morris Hillquit, candidate for Mayor, polled an indicated vote of more than 250,000. Mr. Thomas's vote in the city, however, was only 120,486. His vote in the State, on the basis of early and incomplete returns, will be about 160,000.

The last-minute rush to Joseph V. McKee cut Mr. Hillquit's vote considerably below pre-election estimates but it remained, nevertheless, the biggest vote ever cast for a Socialist in New York City or any other American community.

Vote for Governor and Senator.

No clear picture of the vote cast in the State for Louis Waldman, Socialist candidate for Governor, and Charles Solomon, candidate for the United States Senate, was available at midnight, but indications were that the Gubernatorial vote would not be much above 150,000 and that Mr. Solomon's vote would be about the same.

As his home at 40 East Sixty-sixth Street Mr. Hillquit, speaking as national chairman of the party, said:

"From incomplete returns it would appear that the Socialist vote in the Presidential election has established a new high record. In the face of the fierce contest between the two major parties we have every reason to be satisfied with the result. Yet the main significance of the election so far as the Socialist vote is concerned does not lie so much in the increase of the vote, which is very considerable, as in the striking growth of Socialist sentiment and sympathy all over the country.

"We have carried on a serious educational campaign. We have stressed the vital social and economic problems that face the country, and laid the Socialist program before many millions of attentive citizens. We have brought about a better understanding of the Socialist philosophy and aims and have created a friendlier feeling toward the Socialist movement. We emerge from the campaign with enhanced political standing and prestige.

"In the next four years we shall continue our work of political education and shall make every effort to build up effective organizations in all States of the Union. In 1936 the Socialist party will be an important factor in the national election."

City Vote Pleases Hillquit.

Regarding his own vote, Mr. Hillquit said he was glad that "the last-minute movement in favor of Joseph V. McKee has diverted the pure protest vote from me, thus leaving my vote purely a vote of Socialists and Socialist sympathizers."

Socialist leaders gathered at party headquarters, 7 East Fifteenth Street, last night, expressed gratification with the Socialist vote and proclaimed its significance for future elections.

Mr. Waldman, commenting on the returns, said:

"The results of the national election show only one thing: That the country blames Hoover and the Republican party for the present collapse of capitalism. The voters have voted overwhelmingly for Roosevelt as a gesture of revenge against Hoover and with perhaps some hope that Governor Roosevelt will make good on some of his innumerable vague promises.

"The Socialist vote is the most gratifying and the only significant thing in this election."