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# Proclamation to the Delegates and Members of the Communist Party by the National Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party

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To the Delegates and Members  
of the Communist Party.

Comrades:

The Communist Labor Party Convention by unanimous vote adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Communist Labor Party extends a standing invitation to the Communist Party to meet, on a basis of equality, in a Unity Conference, and

That we hereby instruct our National officials and committees to accept every such invitation from the Communist Party, or any other revolutionary working class organization.

The Convention has now completed its work and has adjourned. Obedient to these instructions from the convention, the National Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party addresses this letter to you.

Comrades, the organization of two Communist Parties is a crime. We have made every effort possible, short of turning traitor to the member-

ship which sent us here, to avoid this deplorable situation. But our repeated attempts to unite all the revolutionary Communist hosts seem to have been thwarted for the time being by certain elements in your Convention.

As far as we can discover, there is no fundamental difference of principle between us. The platform, program, and resolutions that our convention has adopted are uncompromisingly revolutionary. They conform to the Left Wing program and are in strict accord with the principles laid down by the Communist International of Moscow. We are affiliating with the Third International.

We hereby announce that we are ready at any time to meet your representatives to consider the question of unity on a *basis of equality*.

If certain elements in your Party make this impossible, we invite all individuals or groups who may agree with us in our desire to unite all the Communist elements of the United States into ONE party of Communist Socialism to join forces with us.

All who agree on the fundamentals of Communism, all who desire to affiliate with the Third International of Moscow, are welcome in the

Communist Labor Party.

Comrades, let us UNITE against our common foe.

***Communist Labor Party.***

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