
Call for a National Conference of the Left Wing.

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Call for a National Conference of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Party, issued by Local Boston, (Louis C. Fraina, secretary); Local Cleveland, (C.E. Ruthenberg, secretary); and the Left Wing Section of the Socialist Party of New York City (Maximilian Cohen, secretary).

The international situation and the crisis in the American Socialist Party; the sabotage the party bureaucracy has practiced on the emergency national convention; the NEC aligning our party with the social-patriots at Berne, with the congress of the Great Betrayal; the necessity of reconstructing our policy in accord with revolutionary events — all this, and more, makes it necessary that the revolutionary forces in the Socialist Party get together for counsel and action.

This call is therefore issued, for the holding of a National Conference of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Party, to discuss:

1. The crisis in the party and action thereon; the conquest of the party for the party, for revolutionary socialism.

2. The New International; ways and means to prevent the party aligning itself with the “International” of the social-patriots, of the Ebert-Scheidemann gangsters, and the wavering center; affiliation with the Bolshevik-Spartacan Communist International alone.

3. The formulation of a declaration of prin-

ciples and purposes of a national scope of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Party.

4. Forming some sort of a national council or bureau of the Left Wing for propaganda, securing of information, and spreading information.

5. To express and draw together the revolutionary forces in the party; to consider other means of furthering the cause of revolutionary Socialism.

This call is issued to locals of the Socialist Party, branches and Left Wing groups within the party. The test of admission, provisionally, will be acceptance of the Manifesto of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party of Greater New York.

Left Wing locals are invited to send delegates officially. Where a local officially refuses to participate, branches or minority groups in the party accepting the principles of the Left Wing should send delegates.

Representation — one delegate for every 500 members. No local or group should send more than four delegates. Locals or minority groups with less than 500 delegates are entitled to one delegate.

The conference will be held starting Saturday, June 21 [1919], in New York City. Each delegate will be taxed \$25 for a central fund, out of which will be paid the expenses of all delegates.

Left Wing Locals and Branches, act! Send communications to Maximilian Cohen, 43 West 19th Street, New York City.

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