

New Leftist Group Gives Itself a Name And Elects Officers

A new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded here yesterday under the name of the Progressive Labor party.

The party, an outgrowth of the Progressive Labor Movement, was officially formed at the end of a four-day convention at the Albert Hotel, 23 East 10th Street.

Milton Rosen of New York, the movement's chairman, was elected president of the new party. He has said the movement's views parallel those of Chinese Communists.

William Epton of New York, who is under indictment for criminal anarchy in connection with last summer's Harlem riots, was elected a vice president of the party. He said the party was not connected with the Communist party of the United States or with Chinese Communism.

Morton Scheer of San Francisco was also elected a vice president of the party, and a 20-member national committee was elected to direct the party until its next convention.

The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. Rosen and Mr. Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line.

A statement by the new party said about 200 delegates from 12 states represented 1,500 members at the convention, which voted unanimously to form the party.