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# Organize National Council for Protection of Foreign-Born.

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Chicago.— The movement initiated by the Workers Party at its 2nd National Convention [Dec. 24-26, 1922] for protection of foreign born workers against the attack made upon them by the government and the capitalists has secured the support of a large number of labor organizations, and a provisional National Council is now in process of formation which will initiate a countrywide campaign.

Organizations which will likely be represented on the provisional National Council are the Farmer-Labor Party, the Trade Union Educational League, the Chicago Federation of Labor, the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and the Workers Party. National officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers have also given their approval of the campaign and this organization will very likely be included in those that have representatives on the provisional National Council.

It is expected that the membership of the provisional National Council will be announced within the next week. Immediately after its organization this body will send an invitation to all the International unions asking them to name representatives on the permanent National Council. A manifesto will be issued calling up trade unionists, labor political organizations, and all organizations of foreign born workers to support the campaign against exception laws directed

against the foreign born workers.

William Z. Foster, Secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, one of the organizations which will likely be represented on the provisional National Council stated, when asked about the proposed campaign:

“The proposed laws for registration, fingerprinting, photographing, and punishment of foreign born workers for strike activities are a blow directed at the whole American labor movement. The bosses hope by keeping the foreign workers unorganized through such oppressive measures to weaken the whole organized labor movement. The campaign for protection of the foreign born should not only be directed against these laws but to the end of drawing every foreign born worker into the unions and into the political struggle of labor.”

As soon as the membership of the provisional National Council for protection of foreign born workers is definitely fixed a call will be issued by that body for the organization of local councils in every industrial center of the country.

It is expected by thus developing a mass movement against the exceptional laws against foreign born workers to bring these workers in closer touch with the trade unions and the political organizations of labor and thus strengthen labor in its struggle against the open shop and low wages.

Leaders in the movement expect that this campaign will be one of the biggest in the history of the workers of this country through uniting all the workers in one great fighting organization in the interest of labor.

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