
Call to the Convention to Organize a National Labor Party in the United States. [to be held Nov. 22, 1919]

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Pursuant to instructions of delegates representing state and city Labor Party organizations in Illinois, Ohio, New York, Kansas, Indiana, California, and Connecticut, together with other organizations in sympathy with the movement, and after mature deliberation and unanimous agreement, we hereby call upon all Labor Parties and bona fide labor organizations (including city central bodies) and cooperative societies to elect delegates to a general convention to be held in Chicago, beginning Nov. 22, 1919, for the purpose of organizing a Labor party.

We hold that the formation of a National Labor Party has not only become expedient, but imperative.

The hopeless bankruptcy of the dominant political parties and their utter inability to function in the interests of the people in the present crisis and to meet the profound economic and social problems that now portend, make it self-evident that the people must take the reins of government in their own hands if grave consequences are to be avoided and this country is to be made safe for justice and democracy.

The basis of representation shall be 1 delegate from each state or local organization with a membership of 500 or less and 1 delegate for each 500 additional members or major fraction.

And provided that organizations selecting such delegates subscribe to the plan for the formation of a political party of hand and brain workers based upon political, industrial, and social democracy embodying the following:

1. Restoration of all civil liberties.
2. The national ownership and democratic management of the means of transportation and community mines, finance, and all other monopolies and natural resources.
3. The abolition of excessive land ownership and holding land out of use for speculative purposes.

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