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# Reorganizing the International: Resolution of Socialist Party, Boston Lettish Branch No. 2 [published April 15, 1917]

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Editor of the Forum:

The Socialist Party, Boston Lettish Branch No. 2, having discussed the question of resurrection of the International:

Commends the efforts of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to rejuvenate the International, but at the same time calls attention to the fact that the methods chosen by the National Executive Committee to this end have proved useless, because, first, there is no hope that the Executive Committee of the International Socialist Bureau will call a meeting of the bureau in the very near future, because Mr. Vandervelde, the chairman of the Executive Committee, is opposed to such a project as long as France and Belgium have not been cleared of German invaders, and Vandervelde's views are a determining factor in the assembling of the bureau; second, the weak response from other national Socialist parties to the appeal of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States of America testifies to the fact that there is no prospect that the attempt of the Socialist Party of America to organize the bureau and the international Socialist congress will meet with success;

Finds the resurrection of the international necessary and possible, despite the various obstacles raised

by the belligerent governments and their lackeys;

Holds that this task could be best accomplished through the International Socialist Commission of Berne, with which the Socialist Party of the United States is also affiliated.

In view of this, the Boston Lettish Branch, No. 2, moves that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States rescind its decision to call directly a meeting of the International Socialist Bureau and International Socialist Congress, and that, instead, it address itself to the International Socialist Commission of Berne, in order that this body, which has already been recognized by many national Socialist parties and also by the Socialist minorities of the belligerent countries, arrange immediately an international conference from all national Socialist organizations affiliated with the International (or from these fraction minorities) which are ready to resume international relations. The main task of this conference should be to decide upon the immediate practical steps to be taken for the quickest organization of an International Socialist Congress.

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