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In this dark hour of bloodshed and strife, we, the delegates of the Socialist Party of Wisconsin, reaffirm our belief in international Socialism and in the principles of human brotherhood as the only great force in the world that can bring order out of this chaos and prevent a repetition of the catastrophe.

We stand:

For an early, general, lasting, and democratic peace — without forced annexations or punitive indemnities and with the right of all nationalities to determine their own destiny.

Against the establishment of European militarism in America and against any kind of imperialism at home and abroad.

For open and public international treaties and against trade discriminations after peace is concluded.

Against race hatred and mob rule.

For freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of assemblage.

For freedom of conscience and for religious liberty — and for the unrestricted right to use any language in church services and also for the right to teach besides the English language any language in public or parochial schools that the patrons may desire.

For compelling the profiteers of the war to pay the cost of the war.

For the national ownership of trusts and for the public ownership of public utilities — in nation, state, or city, as the case may be.

For the principle of collectivism (which has proven its superiority and efficiency here and abroad during the war) to be applied in our political and economic life after the war — but coupled with the principle of democracy.

For the principle of cooperation, which is to be fostered and assisted by national, state, and local authorities in rural communities and in cities.

We re-endorse all Socialistic demands of our previous national and state platforms in regard to legislation for wage workers and farmers. We hereby pledge the representatives of our party to use their best efforts for the realization of these demands, if elected.

Therefore, we urge all lovers of freedom to rally round the banner of Socialism — which represents the only genuine patriotism of today. Socialism will guarantee to every man the full fruit of his labor and thus do away with the main cause of wars. It will usher in a new civilization based upon the welfare of all.

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