
Left Wingers Invited to Rejoin Party

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At its last meeting the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party [of New York] unanimously passed a resolution cordially inviting all the former Left Wingers to rejoin the party. It was voted that the membership of the members thus readmitted will be considered as continuous, if they rejoin before January 1 next [1920].

This invitation covers a large number of Socialists who joined the Left Wing organization in good faith expecting that it would be of use in purifying the party.

In a number of cases they were "reorganized" out of the party; in others they dropped out in disgust at the tactics of some who took part in the controversy. Most of them, however, are and always have been loyal Socialists, and have no stomach for the organization of variously named "Communist" parties. The action of the Chicago convention placing the Socialist Party squarely in the front rank of the revolutionary parties of the world have further attracted numbers of the former dissentients.

The State Committee, therefore, has issued the following statement:

To all Socialists:

Dear Comrades:

Up to the time of the Chicago convention [Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 1919] a great many Socialists were pretty much undecided as to what to *<line missing>* so very unpleasant as to individually withdraw from active participation therein. Others, through no fault of their own, found themselves nominally outside the party ranks and for the moment required to sign certain statements which they thought unnecessary. A great

many others were waiting for the national convention to take action.

At its recent meeting the State Executive Committee considered this matter, and in order to clear up any misunderstandings as to the requirements for membership for the comrades referred to above, decided to issue a statement making known the fact that it is not necessary to re-sign any application for membership or sign any new statement or pledge. In order to retain their continuous and unaffected party membership, they are earnestly requested to attend the meeting of the branch or local in their respective districts at their earliest convenience for the purpose of paying up such back dues as may have accumulated during the period of their inactivity and to have the branch authorize its secretary re-enroll them.

Comrades, the convention is now over. We have had ample time to consider the splendid work accomplished by that body. Its resolutions, the declaration of principles, the party manifesto, the proposed industrial bureau, etc., all represent the most radical and thoroughgoing stand ever taken by the Socialist Party of America. Next summer another convention will follow up the work of the last.

Can there be any doubt but that all of us wish to share in carrying out this program? With Debs and O'Hare and thousands of others in prison and suffering all sorts of persecution, this is no time for Socialists to be divided! This is no time for us to let petty issues and personal squabbles stand in the way of the party's progress. We appeal to you, therefore, comrades, to renew your activity within our ranks and assure you of a warm welcome back to your former places in the party.

Yours for Socialism,

Walter M. Cook,
State Secretary.

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