
An Invitation to Sincere Socialists: Resolution Adopted by the New York City SDF Convention, Jan. 29, 1938

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The following resolution was adopted by the last session of the city convention of the Social Democratic Federation [Jan. 29, 1938]. It is an invitation to those members in the old Socialist Party in New York State who now recognized its mistakes, to join the Social Democratic Federation. The resolution follows:

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The Social Democratic Federation of New York City, in its desire to include all who consistently stand for democratic Socialism, addresses itself specifically to that large section of members of the Socialist Party who in the course of recent events have come to accept our views.

We do not wish to open old wounds and to reproach those who were responsible for splitting the Socialist Party. We must, however, state that our position has been completely vindicated. We took a determined stand against statements that belittled the value of democracy; now the need to defend democracy is so apparent that even Communists have to give at least lip service to it. We protested against the infiltration of Communist elements into the Socialist Party; now the Socialist Party itself was forced to expel the same group for which we were sacrificed.

A division among Socialists, always a tragedy, may be necessary when a deep cleavage exists in principles or policies. When,

however, many members of the Socialist Party have come to accept our viewpoint, and only the existence of two organizations separates those who share our ideas from us, perpetuation of a division between democratic Socialists would become an unforgivable blunder.

We therefore call on all those members of the Socialist Party who have overcome their differences with us to sever themselves from an organization which is rent by dissension, and to join our ranks. By coming to us, the many sincere and disillusioned members of the Socialist Party will have an opportunity to engaged actively in the building up of the American Labor Party, and in developing and strengthening the forces of democratic Socialism, to which the future belongs.

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