
Unity Referendum of the Social Democratic Party (Springfield NEC group), December 29, 1900

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Comrades:—

The National Executive Committee has received a number of resolutions on the subject of unity from various locals of the party, and it now becomes our duty to submit the positions contained in the same to a general vote of the members in accordance with the provisions of our constitution. The resolutions referred to are partly original and partly endorse those coming from Boston, Chicago, and other locals and those adopted by locals Seattle, Wash., and Saginaw, Mich.

In order to give the membership an opportunity to pass on all questions involved in the said resolutions, we hereby summarize them in the following.

Vote "Yes" or "No" on each of the following questions:

Question 1: Shall a National Convention of the Socialists of the United States for the purpose of effecting a union of Socialist forces and establishing a solid party organization be called for an early date?

Question 2: Shall all locals of the Social Democratic Party affiliated with the Springfield NEC be invited to participate in such convention?

Question 3: Shall all branches of the SDP affiliated with the Chicago NEC be invited to participate in such convention?

Question 4: Shall all sections of the Socialist Labor Party be invited to participate in such convention?

Question 5: Shall all Socialist state organizations not affiliated with any national committee be invited to participate in such convention?

Question 6: Shall all other Socialist organizations recognizing the class struggle and the necessity of independent political action of the working class be invited to participate in the convention?

Question 7: Shall the only condition of participation in such convention be a pledge to abide by decisions of the convention?

Question 8: Shall the basis of representation for all such organizations be one delegate for each local organization and one additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof?

Question 9: Shall two or more organizations be permitted to cooperate for the purpose of sending delegates on the above basis?

Question 10: In what city shall the convention be held? Name city.

Question 11: Shall the NEC be authorized to fix the date and change the place and basis of representation of the convention in conjunction with the Chicago NEB or any state organization if requested by such organization?

Respectfully submitted,

The Provisional NEC,
William Butscher, Secretary.

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