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# American Radicals Unite Forces.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 4.— The growing discontent with the Gompers machine, and all that it represents, is about to be crystallized. With the launching of the American Labor Alliance, comprising organizations representing every part of the United States and various fields of working class endeavor, the radical elements in the American labor movement have at last come together. With a close working agreement as to purpose, program, and tactics, 12 of the most active and widely known independent working class organizations have present a united front against every enemy of the working class, from the master class to the weak and reactionary labor leaders.

## **Governing Rules of the American Labor Alliance.**

Art. 1. The name of the organization shall be the American Labor Alliance.

Art. 2. The purpose of the American Labor Alliance shall be to propagate to the workers the idea of the abolition of the capitalist system through the establishment of a Workers Soviet Republic; to uphold the interests of the workers in the class struggle; to fight against reactionary policies in the labor movement, and to defend class war prisoners.

Art. 3. Any organization which declares itself to be in agreement with the purpose of the ALA and which agrees to abide by its working rules, may be affiliated upon vote of a majority of the Executive Board.

Art. 4. The affairs of the organization shall be administered by an Executive Board of 7 members elected by convention. The decisions of the Executive Board shall be binding on all affiliated organizations.

Art. 5. The ALA shall be financed by voluntary contributions from affiliated organizations and from sympathizers.

Art. 6. A convention of the ALA may be called at any time by the Executive Board, or upon demand of two-thirds majority vote of the affiliated organizations.

## **Executive Board.**

J.P. Cannon, Associated Tailor Clubs; William Woodworth, Marxian Educational Society; L.E. Katterfeld and Edgar Owens, National Defense Committee; Michael Dardella, Ukrainian Workers Club; Dr. Walenka, Friends of Soviet Russia; and Caleb Harrison, Industrial Socialist League, were elected to the Executive Board by the unanimous vote of the convention. Upon adjournment of the convention the Executive Board immediately went into session. Caleb Harrison was elected National Secretary and it was decided to establish national headquarters in New York.

## **Immediate Tasks.**

The Executive Board proposes to embark immediately upon three main lines of endeavor: Lyceum, Literature, and Defense. Speakers are to be routed throughout the country to speak for the ALA and for the various organizations affiliated, on propaganda, educational, and defense matters.

Pamphlets and leaflets will be published and given the widest circulation. The scope and character of the different organizations will be enlarged and the various activities of the affiliated organizations will be established in the industrial centers. All true progres-

sive organizations will be encouraged to affiliate and the entire mass of progressive and radical workers will be united to present a front against its enemies.

### **Cause for Encouragement.**

It is not only that organizations, with a joint membership of many thousands of workers, have united to work out more thoroughly and efficiently their common problems that constitutes the chief reason for the encouragement of the militant working class; it is true that these organizations and those which will soon join represent the best elements of the American labor movement; that they have been organized into centralized organization is encouraging indeed; it is a great beginning but what offers the greatest cause for encouragement is the fact that this new organization will fill a long felt and vital need. It is the organization that the working class of America has been looking for. The expressed opinion of all the delegates present was, "The American Labor Alliance is the organization that our membership has been seeking." Now that it has been formed we shall not only have an increase in the number and activity of our membership, but we shall attract to our standards all the truly class-conscious workers of America.

### **National Headquarters.**

Headquarters of the American Labor Alliance have been established at 201 W 13th St., New York City. All communications should be sent to the National Secretary at that address.

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