
The National Left Wing.

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Dear Comrade:

August 30th will mark the turning point in the history of the socialist movement in the United States. Either there will be a state of disastrous confusion, arising from the outrageous lies and trickeries of the present party officialdom; or the membership will be effectively mobilized to take control of the party for the purpose of giving it leadership in the militant working class arrayed against American imperialism.

The Left Wing triumph in the party elections makes emphatically clear what the membership wants. By the highest vote in the party history there is a membership call for a party of revolutionary socialism in this country, a party fit to take its place in the councils of the Communist International. This must not be permitted to be undone by the campaign of unscrupulous lies and personal slander now being carried on from the National Office of the party. It must not be annulled by the brazen dictation of a repudiated National Executive Committee which insists upon ruling the party in spite of the ending of its term on July 1st.

As a result of the National Left Wing Conference held in New York, June 21st to 24th, the work of publicity and preparation on a national scale for the August 30th Convention now developed upon the National Left Wing Council. This work, of inestimable importance to the future of socialism in America, must be done within a few weeks. The Left Wing must control the regular party Emergency Convention, with the delegates instructed by the membership to undo the manipulations of the old NEC to join the party unreservedly with the Communist International, and to adopt a program of revolutionary socialism for all party activities. Or, if three-fourths of the party shall

be expelled or suspended by August 30th, as appears now to be a definite possibility, or if the Emergency Convention shall be sidetracked by the rump NEC, the Left Wing delegates from all over the country must be brought together to organize an American Party of Communism.

Failure to mobilize the Left Wing forces during the intervening two months will mean complications and loss of socialist usefulness in this country for many years. At this time in world history such a failure would be a disgrace and a tragedy.

The main financial dependence for this work must be upon direct contributions by individuals and Locals. Special Propaganda Stamps will also be issued, and Emergency Dues Stamps for expelled organizations, but, without access to the regular party means of communication it is impossible for us to reach all the membership immediately.

We ask, first, for donations from individuals and Locals. Second, for orders for Special Propaganda Stamps, to be sold at 25¢. Third, for new subscriptions and bundle orders for *The Revolutionary Age*; also orders for the pamphlet containing the Manifesto and Program of the Left Wing, and for the pamphlet containing the condensed record of the Left Wing Conference (pamphlets now in preparation).

There never was a call for funds which meant more for a real socialist movement in the United States. In this emergency the quickest help is the best help.

Yours in Communist Comradeship,

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National Secretary.

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