

PROPOSALS ON EDUCATION, PRESS AND FINANCES

Preface

1. Published separately is a report on the activities of the Workers Party from the first to the second National Convention.

2. The resolution on the past Line and activity of the Party, attached to the Political Resolution, takes note of the main political and organizational achievements and shortcomings of the organization in the past period.

3. The Supplementary Resolution to the Political Resolution concerns itself with the major proposals for the reorganization, orientation and further development of the Party.

4. The foregoing documents review in detail the shortcomings and accomplishments of the Party in the past period, in respect to the social composition and proletarianization of the Party, colonization and functioning of the organization in various fields of activity; and outline the perspectives and precise proposals for the next period.

5. Separate resolutions and proposals are before the convention in respect to Trade Union and Negro work.

6. Concrete proposals in regard to allocation and utilization of personnel, either for national work, organizers, colonization, etc., will be presented orally at the Convention in connection with the main organizational proposals before the convention.

7. The following proposals concern themselves with the main problems not yet dealt with concretely in other documents: namely, 1. Educational work; 2. The Press (Labor Action and The New International); 3. Finances.

I. EDUCATION

1. The National Education Department shall undertake to issue at a very early date, the following pamphlets:

- a. War and the Working Class (fundamental pamphlet reviewing and presenting the fundamental position of the Workers Party and Fourth International on the War question).
- b. A popular penny pamphlet, "The Workers Party and the War"
- c. A popular penny pamphlet, "What is the Workers Party."

2. The National Education Department shall undertake to issue regularly mimeographed outlines on the issues of the day, for use by Branches in their internal Branch educational work and for public purposes.

3. Locals shall endeavor, wherever possible, to organize classes or lecture courses along the lines of the Labor Action Institute in New York.

4. Each Branch shall conduct open Branch educational meetings on current social, union and political problems.

5. Where a city is not able to organize classes or lecture courses as indicated in point 4, such classes or courses shall be conducted by each Branch.

II LABOR ACTION AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL

The Convention decides:

1. With the object of achieving a mass circulation for Labor Action, Labor Action shall be issued as a 1¢ paper.
2. The Convention has a perspective to issue at least 10,000 copies of Labor Action regularly by January 1st.
3. A two month campaign for 500 new subscriptions (quotas will be assigned to each Branch) shall be undertaken, beginning December 1st. This shall take the form of a four month subscription for 25¢.
4. As a special means for obtaining subscriptions to The New International, a joint subscription offer of \$1.00 for a six months' subscription to The New International and four months for Labor Action shall prevail during the two month period.

III FINANCES

The Convention decides:

1. To adopt a National Graduated Income Tax, compulsory for every member, on the following scale:

<u>A MEMBER EARNING:</u>	<u>SHALL PAY A MINIMUM OF:</u>
\$15.00	\$1.00
16.00 - 20.00	10%
21.00 - 25.00	12%
26.00 - 30.00	14%
31.00 - 35.00	16%
36.00 - 40.00	18%
41.00 - 50.00	20%
51.00 up	20% and up

(Note: The National Finance Department will issue a chart indicating precisely what each member will pay on the basis of his earnings. For example; a member earning \$17.00 will pay a tax of \$1.70 or 10%; a member earning \$23.00 will pay \$2.76, or 12%; and so on, according to the wages received and the percentage of tax designated.)

2. The Graduated Income Tax payments represent the fundamental financial obligation for each Party member and covers a free quota of Labor Actions (quotas to be assigned to each Branch) for the respective Branch; all dues, and Internal Bulletins; but does not cover payments by the Branch or individual members for bundles of The New International or other literature issued by the Party; or the initiation fee of new members.

(Totally unemployed members, housewives, and full-time Party workers are obligated to pay a minimum of 25¢ a month.)

3. Any member who requests a modification in any manner on the Tax, must present his reasons to the Branch Executive or City Committee for decision. Any decision by the Branch or Local Committee is subject to the review and final decision of the National Finance Committee.
4. Members must pay their tax weekly. Any member two weeks in arrears must appear before the Branch Executive Committee to give cause.
5. A person in arrears on tax payments for two months shall be considered a member in bad standing and without membership rights.
6. A member in arrears on tax payments for four months, without special dispensation of the Branch and National Finance Committee, shall be notified that he will be dropped from the Party unless immediate settlement is made.
7. Each Branch and Local must submit a monthly financial statement to the National Finance Committee, together with a budget of receipts and expenditures for Branch and Local needs.
8. The Convention declares itself in favor of a National Campaign for \$5,000.00, to be raised in 30 days (between November 1st and November 30th) in order that the National Organization shall be able systematically and quickly to carry out the special organizational proposals contained in the Supplementary Resolution and the Program of Work.
9. The Campaign quota paid by each member during the month's campaign for \$5,000.00 shall include his regular monthly Income Tax obligations, but only for the month of November; after which he pays his regular tax.
10. The Branch Executive Committee shall be responsible for the prompt and complete collection of the Campaign Tax from each member. Toward this end, it is advisable that the financial secretary be a member of the Branch Executive Committee, as well as to facilitate the collection of the graduated tax regularly each week from the members.

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