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# The Party Crisis:

## Resolution of Section Chicago Relative to the Present Party Situation — July 18, 1899.

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In view of the crisis at present existing within the party organization, Section Chicago, in its delegate body assembled, would present the following propositions for the consideration of the party membership throughout the country.

It would appear at the present time that so far as the party organization is concerned a state of anarchy is practically in existence, and until further information is received we believe it to be our duty to withhold all official recognition from either contending party. The party membership being the ultimate source of all power, we demand they be given an opportunity to be heard at this time, and we therefore demand that those in possession of the machinery of communication between the party members at once put that machinery in motion to secure the opinion of the party membership upon the following propositions:

**First.** Shall the National Executive Committee be at once removed from New York?

**Second.** In what city shall it be temporarily located pending the calling of a national convention? The city receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot to be elected.

**Third.** Shall steps be at once taken to call a national convention to meet not later than March 15, 1900?

All votes must be in by Sept. 1st, 1899.

We ask that all sections favoring these propositions at once send notice of that fact to the parties in control of the party organization in New York, the National Board of Appeals [in Cleveland], and also to the office of *The Workers' Call*, and all such notices will be published in *The Workers' Call* and the result announced as received.

Pending the taking of this referendum, we recommend that all party funds be retained in the local branches.

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