

Official Organization Bulletin

To all Locals, Branches and State Organizations:

Dear Comrades:

Many locals and groups have already answered the call of the National Organization Committee of the Communist Party. Many new Communist Locals have been organized, and many are in the process of formation. Some are discussing the advisability of aligning themselves with the new party, and to these we would say: "Do not hesitate; let there be no unnecessary delay. Begin at once upon practical constructive organization work."

The first convention of the Communist Party of America will convene in Chicago, Ill., on Monday, September 1, at 9 a. m. Branches, Locals and State organizations concurring in the call for the organization of the Communist Party are entitled to representation at this convention. The basis of representation shall be one delegate for each organization and one additional delegate for each additional 500 members or major portion thereof. Each Language Federation shall be entitled to one fraternal delegate at the convention. In instances where states concur in the call, they shall send delegates as states. In other states, Locals and branches may send delegates as such. In cases where a portion of a Local concurs in the call, such portion of a Local shall be entitled to a delegate.

In order that all delegates may have uniform credentials, we are printing the following credential form, which should be used by secretaries in making out credentials for delegates. The secretary will also please furnish the information indicated.

DELEGATE'S CREDENTIAL COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1, 1919

Date.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Comrade (name).....

has been elected to represent (name and address of the organization)

at the Convention called by the National Organization Committee of the Communist Party.

(Name of Organization)

Number of Members

(Secretary)

(Seal)

City.....

State.....

The Secretary is requested to furnish the following information:

Name or Local or Branch.....

Time and place of meeting.....

Names and address of officers.....

Number of members in good standing at present time.....

When and how was Branch or Local formed?.....

What are the instructions of the delegates from your organization in regard to the Communist Party?.....

Where there are two or more branches in a given locality, these branches shall call a joint meeting and elect their delegates. For further information, write Dennis E. Batt, Secretary National Organization Committee. Do not delay. It is better to ask questions now and save confusion later. Secretaries are requested to immediately communicate with the National Secretary, informing him of the number of delegates elected, so that arrangements may be made to secure accommodations for them while in Chicago.

Financing the Convention

Organizations sending delegates will be assessed \$50 for each delegate. This fund will be applied to equalize the railroad fare of all delegates to the convention. Organizations having less than 250 members, and which are unable to pay this amount, are urged to send delegates. A special fund will be created to defray their traveling expenses. Expenses other than railroad fares will be paid by the organization sending delegates. In the event that delegates are not provided with funds, the National Organization will provide rooms and meals.

Do not fail to be represented at this historical convention. All delegates, either directly or through Local Secretaries, are requested to communicate with the National Organization Committee immediately following their election. Uniform credential blanks will be furnished by the Committee.

Special Convention Fund

To assist those organizations which are unable to meet the expense of sending delegates to the Communist Convention a special convention fund has been created. Individuals and organizations are urged to contribute to this fund to the end that the convention shall be thoroughly representative, and that no group shall fail to be heard because of its lack of finances.

How to Organize a Communist Local

Take the initiative in your locality, call a meeting and form your branch organization; proceed immediately to elect delegates to a preliminary conference composed of delegates representing each fifty members or fraction thereof. This city conference shall elect a local executive committee of not less than seven members. From the members of this executive committee elect a secretary, organizer, literature agent and financial secretary. As soon as the organization is completed, communicate immediately with the secretary of the National Organization Committee.

Application for Membership COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA

I, the undersigned, recognizing the necessity for the organization of a Communist Party in conformity with the call issued for a convention to be held in the city of Chicago, Monday, September 1st, 1919, hereby make application for membership in said party.

Name

Address

Age..... Occupation.....

Previous affiliation.....
(Give name of organization and period of membership)

Admitted..... 1919, Local or Branch.....

Secretary.....

Organization Fund

The National Organization Committee has inaugurated a country-wide campaign of agitation, education and organization. Funds are needed to place speakers and organizers in the field. Several comrades are ready to start out on this necessary work, and the scope of their activities depends entirely upon your liberality.

In sending contributions, make checks and money orders payable to J. V. Stilson, Treasurer, and designate the use you wish the Committee to make of the money.

Supplies

Temporary charters, application cards, membership cards, dues stamps and other supplies may be secured from the National Organization Committee. Branches of Language Federations suspended from the Socialist Party will secure supplies and dues stamps through their Federation Executive Committees or Translator Secretaries. Branches endorsing the call for the formation of the Communist Party and who are now affiliated with Federations not yet suspended from the Socialist Party may secure charters and supplies in the same manner as the English branches.

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