

## **Special Convention: Official Call** **(December 1, 1900)**

To Members and Branches of the Social Democratic Party,

Comrades:—

Responding to suggestions from all parts of the country and a demand from many branches, a special National Convention of the Social Democratic Party is hereby called, to take place at the national headquarters, 126 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill., beginning Tuesday, January 15, 1901, and continuing in session until the work of the convention shall have been completed.

The purpose of this convention will be to make such changes in the laws of the party and to make such other provisions as may be deemed necessary to meet the growing demands of the organization. It is our purpose to enter at once upon a vigorous campaign of agitation, education, and organization, so that the party shall be fully equipped to meet the capitalist enemy on the political battlefields of the future. Now that the Presidential campaign is over, our work is fairly begun and must be carried forward with all possible energy without the loss of a single hour.

The basis and other conditions of representation will be the same as at the Indianapolis Convention [1st: March 6-9, 1900], and are here incorporated as follows:

First — Each branch shall be entitled to as many representatives as the individual members thereof in good standing may select for that purpose; provided that each representative shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each member whose signature is attached to his credential, and provided further that no member shall have his signature attached to more than one credential.

Second — Branches not sending their own representatives may select those of other branches of the same state to represent them; provided that in each such case the representative shall hold the proper credential with the signatures of members attached as herein provided.

Third — No member shall be qualified to serve as representative or entitled to representation who has not been a member of the party at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the convention.

Fourth — All signatures of members attached to credentials shall be certified to by the chairman or secretary of their respective branches.

Fifth — The National Secretary shall furnish each branch with a sufficient number of blank credentials for the purpose herein specified.

Unaffiliated socialist clubs or societies whose members may desire to connect themselves with the Social Democratic Party are cordially invited to communicate through their proper officials with the Secretary of the National Executive Board, 126 Washington Street, Chicago.

This call is issued to all branches of the Social Democratic Party in good standing, as shown by the records at 126 Washington Street, Chicago, and organized prior to December 15, 1900. The time and place of the meeting and other details will be given in the Herald as soon as arrangements are completed.

***Frederic Heath, Chairman.***

***Seymour Stedman, Secretary.***

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