SPECIAL CONVENTION OFFICIAL CALL

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 assemble at the offices of the Journal, 128 Washington street, Chicago, Illinois, beginning Tuesday, January 15, 1901, and continuing in session until all business has been transacted.

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 Socialist movement, and to bring the organization into closer connection with the growing movement for social reform. The party will be fully equipped to meet the capitalistic enemy on the political battle field, and a future campaign is sure, and work is fairly begun and must carry forward with all possible energy without the loss of a single hour.

This will be the Second Annual National Convention, and are here incorporated as follows:

1. Each branch shall be represented by one or more of its members, and in this case the individual members thereof in good standing may select for that purpose; provided, that each representative shall be in charge of the branch from which he is at that time attached, and is provided, further, that no member shall have his signature attached to more than one branch; and
2. Each branch shall select those of its members attached to the same state to represent them; provided, that in each such case the branch shall most competently select the members attached as herein provided.

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

Fourth—All signatures of members attached to credentials shall be certified to by the chairmen 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, 128 Washington street, Chicago.

This call is issued to all branches of the Social Democratic party in good standing, as shown by the records at 128 Washington street, Chicago, and organized prior to January 15, 1901. The time of the meeting and other details will be given in the Journal, as soon as arrangements are completed.

FREDERIC HEATH, Chairman.

SEYMOUR STEDMAN, Secretary.
NOTES AND COMMENT

Workingmen: This is the year of opportunity. In many parts of the country, wages are rising, and the workingman has never had it so good. The building of grand palaces in every city, the extension of railroads, the opening up of new country pastures, the increase in the production of cotton, corn, and potatoes, all point to an era of prosperity. The workingman, who has been the backbone of the nation for generations, now stands at the helm of affairs, and his voice is heard in every quarter of the land. Let us not forget the workingman, who alone makes the great industries of the nation possible.

The development of capitalism necessitates the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. This concentration of wealth has brought about a class war between the working class and the capitalist class. The working class, who produce all the wealth, are paid a fraction of its value. The capitalists, who own the means of production, reap the full benefit. This is the essence of the capitalist system. The working class must unite and strive for a system where the fruits of their labor are shared equally. Only then can true freedom and equality be achieved.

Commodities: The price of commodities has increased over the past year. The cost of living is on the rise, and this is putting a strain on the working class. The workingman must demand higher wages to offset the rising costs of living. The working class must unite and demand a fair share of the wealth created by their labor.

Conclusion: The workingman must unite and demand a share of the wealth created by their labor. Only then can true freedom and equality be achieved. The working class must stand together and demand their rights. Only then can we build a society where the fruits of labor are shared equally.
MEETING OF CHICAGO SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The Demand for a National Convention from Other Sections of the Country - Strong Support

A large and representative meeting of the social democrats of Chicago was held last year and the time. The advocates of the socialist movement were present in large numbers and the spirit of the meeting was of a highly democratic character. The outcome was one of the most satisfactory and successful yet seen in this city, and the meeting was held at the hall of the Workers Institute on North Clark street. There were present about 500 social democrats from all parts of the city and neighboring sections, and it was a matter of much satisfaction to see the large number of new friends and acquaintances made during the course of the evening.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of a national convention of social democrats, and the discussion was carried on in a most spirited and animated manner. The speakers were mainly concerned with the need for unity and cooperation among the various sections of the social democratic movement in the United States.

The meeting was opened by the chairman, who welcomed the friends present and gave an outline of the work of the social democrats in Chicago and their aims and objectives. He emphasized the need for a stronger and more united movement, and called for the active participation of all social democrats in the struggle for social justice and freedom.

The next item on the agenda was the election of delegates to represent the Chicago social democrats at the national convention. This was carried out with due formality and the names of the delegates were announced.

The meeting then adjourned, but the friends present were instructed to meet again at the Workers Institute the following week to continue the discussion.

The news of this meeting spread rapidly throughout the city, and the result was that a large number of friends and sympathizers joined the social democratic movement.

What the News Will Mean

The news of this meeting was received with great enthusiasm by the social democrats of the city, and it is expected that it will lead to a marked increase in the membership of the movement.

The social democrats of Chicago have been active in the work of spreading the socialist doctrines and promoting the cause of social justice. They have published a weekly paper, "The Socialist," which is widely read and respected, and they have organized various study groups and discussion clubs to further the work of the movement.

The establishment of a national convention is a significant step forward in the development of the social democratic movement in the United States. It will provide a platform for the expression of the views and opinions of the various sections of the movement, and will facilitate the coordination of their efforts in the struggle for a better society.

The social democrats of Chicago are confident that the national convention will be a success, and they look forward to playing an active role in the work of the convention.

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt, the former President of the United States, has arrived in Chicago to address the social democrats. He has been a strong supporter of the socialist movement and has spoken at many meetings in the city.

Roosevelt is expected to speak at the Workers Institute on Wednesday evening, and it is anticipated that the meeting will be well attended.

The social democrats of Chicago are greatly honored to have Roosevelt as their guest, and they look forward to his address with great anticipation.

The social democrats of Chicago are confident that Roosevelt's address will be a significant event in the history of the socialist movement in the city, and they look forward to the future with great hope and confidence.
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AMERICA

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