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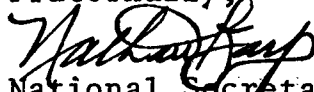
Dear Comrade Barnes:

This is in response to the several letters we have received in recent months from you and Syd Stapleton for the SWP's Political Committee.

Those letters, along with related SWP documents, were discussed at our recent National Convention in Philadelphia. The convention noted the fraternal tone of the correspondence and viewed it as a "serious effort to establish a dialogue" between our two parties. It also affirmed in principle that discussion between proletarian organizations was useful for the socialist movement.

After considerable discussion, the delegates concluded that there does not appear to be a programmatic basis for formal organizational unity or a combination of our forces, a possibility raised in the correspondence. However, the convention did endorse the continuation wherever possible of mutual cooperation in the various struggles and mass movements in which our two parties are engaged. Accordingly, collaboration on this level can develop wherever circumstances permit.

In an effort to explain the basis of our position and to further clarify the relations between our two organizations, the convention also concluded that it would be useful to continue the exchange at the national level. In keeping with this view, the convention referred the matter to our National Executive Committee for action. In due course then, you will receive further correspondence from our NEC.

Fraternally,  
  
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Dear Comrade Jenness:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, in which you extend an invitation to me and other Socialist Labor Party members to attend the conference at Oberlin College that will be sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party during the week of August 5 through 12.

I shall present your letter to our National Executive Subcommittee at its next meeting, Monday evening, July 17 and will write you further shortly following that meeting.

Fraternally,

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