
Plan of Action.

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Your COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolution 1.

This Conference recommends that all labor, farmer, cooperative, and progressive political forces of the country, as represented in this Conference, unite for the purpose of securing the nomination and election of Senators and Representatives to Congress and to the various state legislatures, and of other state and local public officers in the coming election of 1922, who are pledged to the interests of the producing classes and to the principles of genuine democracy in agriculture, industry, and government.

With this end in view it urges all such forces to organize joint committees within each state, congressional district, county, and municipality who are representative of such organizations and similar organizations that will cooperate with them to secure the election of such representatives.

Resolution 2.

This Conference shall elect a GENERAL COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN members as representative as possible of the various groups constituting this Conference. The General Committee shall cooperate with and assist the local organizations in the coming elections, and shall call a

national conference on the second Monday of December, 1922, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the proposition of further unifying and mobilizing the forces of the agricultural and industrial workers and other bodies and movements for political action; the organizations to be invited to be:

- (a) Progressive organizations of farmers;
- (b) Organizations of labor;
- (c) Cooperative societies;
- (d) The Socialist and Farmer-Labor Parties, Single Taxers and other liberal political groups.
- (e) Such other organizations, bodies, and persons as the committee may invite; provided that such organizations or persons are in accord with the purposes of this Conference.

The basis of representation to such conference shall be determined by the General Committee.

The General Committee shall have power by majority vote of its members to increase its membership and to choose officers and sub-committees, including an Executive Committee.

The General Committee shall have power to employ organizers and clerical help, as well as to publish literature and do all things necessary to carry out the general purposes of this Conference.

Pending the convocation of such subsequent conference, and for the primaries and fall election

of 1922, the organizations represented in this Conference are urged to make all possible efforts to nominate and elect members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives and all state legislative bodies, as well as all other public officers, who are in accord with the purposes of this Conference. The method of securing the nomination and election of such candidates shall be left to the judgment of the respective state and local organizations, in cooperation with the General Committee of this Conference.

Resolution 3.

Funds: The expenses of the General Committee shall be met by the organizations supporting this movement, in proportion to their respective numerical strength and with due regard to their ability to pay.

For the purpose of carrying out the immediate objects of this Conference, your committee recommends:

[1] That the organization for the conduct of the campaigns in the coming elections be made and carried on largely by representatives in the several states; that the calling of said conferences

and the organization of working committees be imposed on the several states.

[2] The avoidance of competing nominations is left, in the first instance, in the hands of state organizations, as are other campaign details. In view of the proximity of the primary elections (some as early as April), and the general elections, prompt, efficient organization and united action is imperative.

Your committee, therefore, urges:

(1) That representatives from different states at this Conference hold preliminary meetings before the dissolution of the conference, for the purpose of arranging for state conferences at as early a date as possible, to which conferences local representatives should be called who are in sympathy with the purposes of this Conference;

(2) Where state organizations have already been formed or are in process of formation, that the representatives of the said states at this conference cooperate with such existing organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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