## The Second Convention.

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The Second Convention of the Workers Party is over. The party comes out of this convention a militant, revolutionary party and with greatly increased strength.

The delegates who had the privilege of participating in the 3-day proceedings and listening to the reports and resolutions and discussion on these felt that the party had consolidated itself, that it was moving forward with new impetus and vigor.

The convention of the party was not the ordinary convention in which two-thirds of the time is consumed in petty organization struggles. The convention was organized and delving into the problems which confronted it within a half-hour from the time the gavel fell.

The Central Executive Committee had prepared a complete agenda, with resolutions summarizing the proposed policy to be followed on each question. A representative of the Central Executive Committee reported on each subject and then the delegates expressed their views.

The result of this method of handling the business before the convention was an enlightening discussion during which a common understanding was arrived at. As a consequence practically every resolution was adopted unanimously at the close of the debate, although wide differences of opinion sometimes manifested themselves during the debate.

The convention approved of the policy of the Central Executive Committee in regard to the

Labor Party and outlined the policies to be followed in the new campaign for the Labor Party. It confirmed the trade union policy the party has followed for a year. It initiated a new campaign to protect the foreign-born workers against special forms of oppression.

The party program adopted by the convention is a clear-cut statement of communist principles and at the same time is a propaganda document which sets forth those principles in convincing form. The relations of the party with the Communist International was a special point on the agenda and was thoroughly discussed and a resolution establishing fraternal relations adopted.

The convention discussed such questions as emigration to Russia, the party language sections, the defense of class-war prisoners, the Russian-American Industrial Corporation, the party press, and adopted resolutions establishing the party position on each question.

There were comrades in this convention who had attended many conventions; one and all they voiced their opinion that never before had they sat in a convention which had concerned itself with the problems of the movement as this one had and which achieved so much constructive work.

The Second Convention will stand as a landmark in the history of the Communist movement in this country. The party has established itself. It is a growing power in the life of the workers of this country. The delegates to the convention left with a new enthusiasm for the party work, a new determination to build the party, to make it a powerful, revolutionary force in the life of the workers of the United States.

This enthusiasm which they take back to their districts will communicate itself to the members everywhere. There is not a delegate who will not go to his home city to tell of the achievements, to tell of new faith in the party, to express his convictions that at last the Communist movement in this country is on the road to great things, that its feet are planted firmly on that road which will take it to the position of leadership among the working masses of this country.

LONG LIVE THE WORKERS PARTY!

LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST IN-TERNATIONAL!

It was with these cheers that the convention closed, and in them there was a new consecration to the work of the Communist movement, a new determination to go forward to victory.

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