

For a Labor Commission

Introduction:

Over the past year, the Red Party has had a dramatic increase in unionized membership. Many of these comrades are in the Industrial Workers of the World, but some are involved with the main labor unions. The work being done in relation to organized labor needs to be united and organized. Our knowledge of issues affecting the labor movement needs to be generalized and made available. Union 'agitprop' needs to be written and distributed. To these ends we propose the creation of a Labor Commission.

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Motion:

The convention mandates the creation of a Labor Commission (LC). The commission will be empowered with the subsequent duties:

- * Initiate and/or support joint work among union comrades.
- * Strategically seek to expand the influence of the Red Party among union workers, and draw them into local party work and activity.
- * Develop relationships with the organized revolutionary and/or democratic elements (rank-and-file caucuses, *et cetera*) in various labor unions.
- * Write union and labor party propaganda material (agitprop).
- * Record the level of relationship between individual members/branches and union locals.
- * Compile documentation concerning the legal rights of employees and unions under national statute and different state laws.

The LC shall be constituted of 3 members initially, all of which shall be elected democratically at the Party's convention. Any RP member is eligible to stand for election to this body. The Central Committee (CC) has the right to select an extra member from its own body if it so chooses.

The LC will be accountable to convention. In between conventions the LC will report directly to the CC.

The LC will meet at least once a month and shall make its meeting notes public to the full membership of the party. It shall make public any additional material recording the advancement of the LC's work.

The LC will be granted space on the Red Party website and in *The Red Vine* to host its materials and facilitate its work.