

Invitation to the International Socialist Congress of Vienna

(August 23-29, 1914.)

*To all Socialist Parties and Associations;
To all Working class Organisations.*

I. CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION. -- The International Socialist Bureau formed in 1900 for the purpose of continuing the work of and putting into execution the decisions taken at international congresses, has decided to hold its 10th International Socialist Congress at Vienna, from August 23 to 29, 1914, and in accordance with decisions taken at the Congresses of London (1896) and Paris (1900) invites :

1. *All associations which adhere to the essential principles of Socialism : Socialisation of the means of production and distribution ; International union and action of the workers ; Conquest of public powers by the proletariat, organised as a class-party ;*

2. *All the constituted organisations which accept the principle of a class struggle and recognise the necessity for political action (legislative and parliamentary) but do not participate directly in the political movement. (International Congress held in Paris 1900.)*

Should your organisation adhere to the above principles, the International Socialist Bureau requests you to put on the agenda of your next meeting *the participation of your association in the Congress of Vienna*, and to forward, in accordance with indications given below : a) a short account of your work since 1910 inclusive, b) the opinion of your group, in the form of a report and a resolution, on the questions which have been included in the agenda, by the affiliated parties.

II. AGENDA. -- At their last meeting on December 14, 1913, in London, the Bureau drew up following agenda :

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1. *Unemployment*. — Committee reporters : Molkenbuhr (Germany), Macdonald (Great Britain), Vaillant (France) ;

2. *The Cost of Living*. — Committee reporters : S. Webb (Great Britain), O. Bauer (Austria), and D^r Justo (Argentina) ;

3. *Imperialism and Arbitration*. — Committee reporters : Haase (Germany), Keir Hardie (Great Britain), Jaurès (France) and Vliegen (Holland and Denmark) ;

4. *Alcoholism*. — Committee reporters : Vandervelde (Belgium) and Wurm (Germany) ;

5. *Russian prisons*. — Committee reporter : D^r Liebknecht (Germany).

It was agreed at London that the reports, eventually inspired by above said resolutions voted by affiliated parties, are to be forwarded to the international office in Brussels at the latest on the first of June 1914, in order to be distributed a month later to the secretaries of affiliated parties.

III. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTIONS. -- In order to ensure the success of the Congress, the Executive Committee requests you strictly to observe the articles of the regulations of congresses, which state that all resolutions must be in the possession of the International Secretary, People's Palace, Brussels, about four months before the date fixed for the meeting of the Congress, in the month of May 1914 and at the latest on June 1. All these documents must be sent by registered post and drawn up in the three languages used at the Congresses : in French, German and English.

Moreover, the same procedure must be followed for *new proposals*, which are to be printed, and distributed by the International Office, in thirty days, to the National Secretaries, who in their turn shall undertake to transmit them to their respective organisations.

It is expressly understood that no fresh resolution shall be accepted, distributed or discussed, unless same has been subjected to this procedure, naturally with the exception of urgent business concerning which the Bureau alone has power to decide, as also on the admissibility of the texts presented.

IV. REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE PARTIES FROM 1910. — The affiliated parties shall send to the secretary of the Congress of Vienna (Postal address : Kongress-Komitee, Rechte Wienzeile 97, Vienna V; telegr. addr.: Kongress-Komitee, Arbeiterzeitung, Wien), before August 1, 1914, 1,000 copies in French, 1,000 copies in German and 1,000 copies in English (separate copies) of the report on their activity accomplished since and including 1910. In order to allow

us to present these volumes in one cover, we would request that a uniform length and width be adopted (21 x 13 centimeters) and those countries where there are socialist organisations be numbered as follows (decimal order of classification) :

- 1. Great Britain ; 2. Germany ; 3. Luxemburg ; 4A. Austria ; 4B. Bohemia ; 5. Hungary-Croatia ; 5B. Bosnia and Herzegovina ; 6. France ; 7. Italy ; 8. Spain ; 9. Portugal ; 10. Russia ; 10F. Finland ; 10L. Lettonia ; 11. Poland ; 12. Norway ; 13. Sweden ; 14. Denmark ; 15. Holland ; 16. Belgium ; 17. Switzerland ; 18. Greece ; 19. Turkey ; 20. Servia ; 21. Bulgaria ; 22. Roumania ; 23. Japan ; 23C. China ; 24. South-Africa ; 25. Canada ; 26. Mexico ; 27. Cuba ; 28. United States ; 29. Brazil ; 30. Argentine ; 31. Chili ; 32. Uruguay ; 33. Australasia.

Lastly, in accordance with the desires expressed by affiliated parties, we would ask that one identical order of presentation be adopted if this be feasible. After having set forth generalities, the following could be examined in succession :

1. *The political movement.* — Events, political organisation (number of affiliations and groups, general receipts and expenses, parliamentary action, comparative statistics of votes and of seats with indication of electoral regime, and general circumstances), Country Council (id.), municipal action (id.), the press (number of papers, reviews and copies), education of members (young men, women, children, schools, libraries, concerts, plays, propaganda), relations with the other socialist parties and international action.

2. *Trades-Union organisation* (summary, because an extensive report is published every year by international secretaries of trades-unions.

3. *Co-operative action* (eventually). — Legislation, number of societies, number of members, Receipts and expenses, co-operative property, their educative work, relations with parties and trades-unions.

4. *Other forms of organisation* (benefits, etc.).

V. AT VIENNA. — The Congress will meet at the Grosser Musikvereinssaal (Vienna I, Dumbastrasse 3 and Karlsplatz 6), which is large enough to accommodate our general assemblies and our meetings of sections or committees. As was done before, the Committee of the Congress (Address : Rechte Wienzeile 97, Vienna V), will see to lodgings, for escorts to conduct foreign comrades and will place a special room at the disposal of the press. In order to facilitate this work of preparation, we request delegates to communicate their participation as early as possible. They will then receive temporary

tickets, which, after verification of the warrants, will be exchanged at Vienna for definite tickets, price of which is fixed at Frs 15, Mks 12, 12 shillings, 11 Scandinavian crowns.

Finally we would draw your attention to the following regulations :

1. The organisations of each country or nation must constitute, at Vienna, a section which shall give its opinion on the admission of all parties and organisations of the country or of the nation concerned.

2. The votes of each of the regularly affiliated sections are divided according to the following scale, adopted by the Bureau, but subject to eventual change :

20 votes : Germany, Austria-Bohemia, France, Great Britain, Russia, United States ;

12 votes : Belgium, Sweden ;

10 votes : Denmark, Poland, Italy ;

8 votes : Finland, Holland, Hungary-Croatia ;

6 votes : Spain, Norway ;

5 votes : Turkey, Switzerland ;

4 votes : Argentine, Bulgaria Roumania, Servia ;

2 votes : Luxemburg, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal, Greece, Japan, China, South-Africa, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Argentine, Chili, Uruguay, Australasia.

3. In accordance with regulations, the present invitation must be forwarded to the socialist and working men groups by the national committee of each section and failing this, by the secretary of each affiliated party.

4. According to a resolution adopted in London, the number of delegates of each section or party may not exceed 6 delegates per vote. (See scale of votes at 2.) In other words, parties having 20 votes in the Congress may not send more than $20 \times 6 = 120$ delegates. The maximum representation will be for each section or party

Germany, Austria-Bohemia, United-States, France, Great-Britain, Russia	120	delegates
Belgium, Sweden	72	„
Denmark, Italy, Poland	60	„
Finland, Holland, Hungary-Croatia	48	„
Spain, Norway	36	„
Turkey	30	„
Argentina, Bulgaria, Roumania, Servia, Switzerland	24	„
South-Africa, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Chili, Cuba, Greece.		
Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Portugal, Uruguay	12	„

We earnestly adjure all socialist and labour newspapers and reviews to advertise the present circular and give it all possible publicity, and with the hope that the Congress of Vienna be worthy of the growing power of international social democracy, we beg our dear comrades to receive our sincerest fraternal greetings.

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