

Satisfied and Demanding Peace Doves Give Out A Final Statement

THE executive committee of the pacifists issued the following statement to the delegates last night:

The convention of the People's Council of America has been held. It was a peaceful, orderly and deliberative assembly and has accomplished the purposes for which it came together.

The convention was called primarily for the purpose of focusing sentiment of civil liberties and democratic institutions in our country.

Its concrete objects were to create a working organization, and to bring to the attention of the whole people the aims and activities of the council.

The convention has adopted a full program and has perfected a permanent organization for carrying out its objects in the future.

The committees elected by the convention have completed the tasks assigned to them.

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The frantic and futile efforts of the pliant governmental instruments of special privileges to suppress the convention have given our movement more valuable publicity than could possibly have been obtained by months of free and unhampered public deliberations.

The flagrant and shameless violation of the most fundamental democratic rights and constitutional guarantees by the executives of three leading states, expressed in suppression of an assemblage of the representatives of more than two million people from all parts of the country gathered for a lawful purpose, has proved more conclusively than any argument we were able to advance the vital necessity of an organization like the people's council.

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A movement of the people in a just cause cannot be throttled by intimidation and persecution.

The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace will gain in numbers and influence from the concerted attacks which the powers of reaction are now directing against it.

The delegates are returning to their constituencies with a strengthened conviction that ever-growing numbers of their fellow citizens are with them in this irresistible movement toward world peace and democracy.

The assembly now stands adjourned and the delegates are asked to hold no further meetings in Chicago under these circumstances.

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