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A FITTING WINDUP.

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HE minutes of the sixth and closing session of the Unity Conference between the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Party of the State of New Jersey will be found elsewhere in this issue. The conference wound up its labors with the adoption of a Manifesto to its constituencies. The Manifesto is a document of prime importance. It is prime by reason of its sterling soundness, it is prime by reason of the epoch that it marks, and the gladsome results that it can not choose but lead to. It sounds like a bugle call from the camp of the militant proletariat—a call to sense, a call to intrepid action, and the call reverberates around the prison walls of Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John, and is echoed back to the ears of all who have ears to hear, a heart to be thrilled, a mind to be quickened to action.

To the last the Conference gave evidence not only of lofty sentiments but also of practical sense. It ordered 10,000 copies of the Manifesto, together with the full minutes of all the sessions, to be published in pamphlet form for distribution in the State and throughout the land.

Well may the Conference proudly look back upon its labors; sincerely enthusiastic were the cheers from the large audience in the hall as the Conference adjourned. In the terse words that close these last minutes, the Conference adjourned "in the fervent hope, even confidence, that it had laid the foundation for a class-conscious, united and powerful revolutionary Socialist political Movement, not only in New Jersey, but in the Nation, and that it also paved the way for the accomplishment of this condition precedent for the overthrow of the capitalist reign of rapine and terror."

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