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# Application for Membership in the Communist International on Behalf of the Communist Labor Party of America.

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TO THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL (COMMUNIST)

Organized at Moscow, Russia.

Comrades:—

The Communist Labor Party hereby makes official application for affiliation with the THIRD INTERNATIONAL (Communist), organized at Moscow, Russia.

This new party was organized at Chicago, United States of America, August 30 to September 5th, 1919, and is the logical outgrowth of the controversy within the Socialist Party for Communist-Socialism.

At the convention of the Communist Labor Party, held upon the above dates, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

“We hereby declare ourselves one in principle and actions with all the parties and organizations already affiliated with the Third International formed at Moscow, and send them our heartiest greetings. We pledge ourselves to work upon the lines and according to the program determined upon by the first Congress of the Third International, and hereby instruct our National Executive Committee to immediately take steps for the affiliation of the Communist Labor Party of the United States of America with the Third International.”

This therefore constitutes the direct request of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party of the United States of America for affiliation with the Third International and we base this request upon the platform and program we have adopted, a copy of which is enclosed.

Yours for Communist-Socialism,

A. Wagenknecht,  
Executive Secretary,  
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