



Socialist Party USA
NATIONAL CONVENTION
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Convention Journal

Welcome to the 2011 Socialist Party National Convention!

The Socialist Party comes together every two years to discuss policy, discuss important issues and elect leadership. This year will be even more exciting because we will discuss the nomination of a presidential slate for 2012.

The location of this year's convention is also important. For the first time in more than two decades, we're holding our convention in California. The California Party has grown faster than any other state organization and the Los Angeles Local has been a key organizing group. We're proud of these comrades and happy to meet in their "backyard".

We hope you enjoy your stay and have the opportunity to socialize with comrades from across the country. We also hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to convey your ideas on issue important to the future of our Party.

Have a great convention!

Greg Pason
National Secretary

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"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." -- Frederick Douglass

"I would not be a Moses to lead you into the Promised Land, because if I could lead you into it, someone else could lead you out of it." -- Eugene Victor Debs

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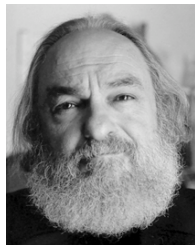
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**Jerry Blatt * Johnny Blatt * Bill Briggs * Mae Briggs * Charles Curtiss *
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(and names that have been lost from my memory over the last half century)

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