

## **ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Movement for Peoples Democracy (MPD)**
- **Labor United Educational League (LUEL)**
- **American Peace Information Center (APIC)**
- **American Student Union (ASU)**
- **Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE)**
- **Peoples LGBT+ United Society (PLUS)**
- **United Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (UJPFO)**
- **Irish-American Connolly Council**
- **Cervantes Fraternal Society**
- **Asian-American Friendship Congress**
- **American Veterans Committee (AVC)**
- **Peoples Housing Council (PHC)**



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**FOUNDED IN 1942**

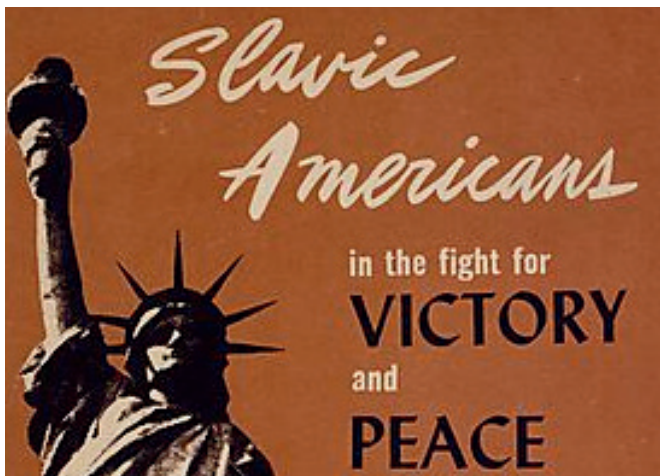
*"THE FOOL FEARS AND RETREATS  
FROM EVIL, BECAUSE HE DOES  
NOT KNOW HOW TO OVERCOME IT,  
AND THE WISE MAN TRUSTS  
HIMSELF, FIGHTS EVIL AND  
DEFEATS IT."*

**—TARAS SHEVCHENKO**

# Mission Statement

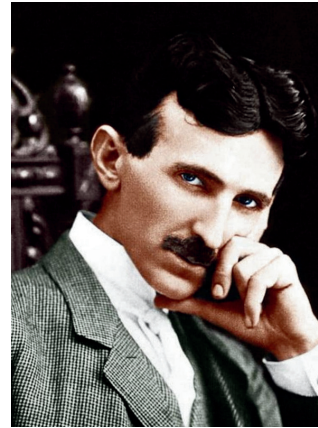
The American Slav Congress (ASC), founded in 1942, seeks to preserve the heritage and traditions of Slavic working peoples who struggled for labor rights, opposition to fascism, imperialism, and racism.

Slavic workers, who have spent decades at the forefront of the American labor movement, have played a crucial role in the creation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) in the 1930s.



In attacking this progressive legacy, domestic and international reactionary forces use current national antagonisms to weaken the Slavic world.

In the words of Serbian-American Nikola Tesla, *"This new world shall not be a world of the downtrodden and humiliated, but of free people, and free nations, equal in dignity and respect for mankind."*



The ASC aims to foster unity among Slavic Americans on the basis of their shared experience as immigrants and descendants of immigrants to the United States. Although there is much uniqueness, we are more alike than different.

The ASC promotes the diverse cultures which Slavic immigrants have brought to our shores. At the same time, we recognize Slavic people are united by an intertwined history. These rich cultures share a commonality comprised of languages, music, art, and cuisine. This has become known as the "Slavic World."

# Notable Activists

**George Pirinsky**

**1901 -**

George Pirinsky arrived in the United States from Pirin Macedonia (Bulgaria) in 1923.

Pirinsky participated in efforts of the miners of Northern Minnesota to organize. He joined the Hodcarriers Union, AFL, and was elected a member of the Central Labor Council. During the WWII, Pirinsky helped to organize the American Slav Congress.



**Louis Adamic**

**1898 - 1951**

Often described as one of the fathers of the West Coast labor movement, Itliong served as a shop steward in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union

(ILWU) from the 1930s to the 1960s. Together with Cesar Chavez, Itliong built the United Farm Worker's Union. He was also President of the Filipino American Political Association and assisted retired Filipino farmworkers.

