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# Published Summary of the Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the United Communist Party [events of July 1-3, 1920]

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The CEC of the party met for 3 days at the beginning of July. The party situation was considered in detail and steps were taken to strengthen the organization and extend the work of propaganda. While many matters of detail were taken up, the following resumé covers the important business transacted:

## Organization.

The situation in each district was presented to the committee through reports of the District Organizers and members of the committee who had visited the districts. From these reports it appeared that the work of amalgamation of the CP and the CLP groups had been practically completed and the work of building strong party machinery was well underway. The reports indicated quite an accession of strength for the UCP since the convention proceedings were published.

A special National Organizer was appointed to assist in the work of District 4 [Pittsburgh] and 5 [Cleveland]. Two organizers were sent to Districts 9 [Denver], 10 [San Francisco], and 11 [Portland], comprising the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast territory, to assist in establishing connections and in rebuilding the organization.

The situation in relation to each Language group organization was considered next. An organizer was appointed to work among the German and Hungarian groups. Another organizer will immediately begin the work of organizing Finnish groups. Arrangements were also made for the temporary use of an Italian organizer in a certain section of the country. A Lithu-

anian organizer will make a tour of the country in the near future.

**A motion was carried, that beginning July 1 [1920], only those comrades shall be considered members of the party who have paid dues as provided in the party constitution and that no one shall serve on any party committee or vote in any election of the committee or delegates unless he is a member in good standing.**

The CEC immediately after the passage of this motion, organized itself as a party group and elected its group organizer, each member paying dues for July as well as purchasing an organization stamp.

It was decided that sub-districts with less than 750 members should not elect a paid Sub-District Organizer without the approval of the CEC.

## Papers and Propaganda.

The Editorial Board reported that two issues of *The Communist* in English had been printed since the convention [Bridgman, MI: May 26-31, 1920] and one of *The Voice of Labor* and that another issue of the latter paper would be ready in a few days. The first issue of *The Communist* in German, Polish, Russian, South Slavic [Croatian], and Jewish [Yiddish] were out and the second issues in preparation. The first issue of a Lithuanian paper was underway.

It was decided to immediately issue *The Communist* in Finnish and Hungarian.

For the purpose of establishing contact with the Italian, Spanish, Swedish, and Lettish [Latvian] work-

ers, it was decided to print the Program, Constitution, and an appeal for Communist organization in those languages.

A motion was carried that the editor-in-chief [C.E. Ruthenberg] shall have power to direct the publication of articles in all language editions of the official organ. If protests against any article are made then the article shall be considered by the full Editorial Board.

It was decided that special articles published in the party papers may be signed with pseudonyms. Also that editors of language organs who receive, either through foreign publications or other wise, official documents, shall submit them to the CEC for consideration and simultaneous publication in all party papers.

### **Financial.**

A motion was carried calling upon all units of the party to transmit the funds now in their treasuries to the national organization through the regular party channels.

It was decided, after consideration of the widespread activities of the party and the work planned, that in order to support these activities it would be necessary to raise funds outside of the regular party receipts, and a motion carried to make an appeal to the membership for a \$50,000 Organization Fund, and to request each member to raise a quota of \$5.00 toward this fund.

### **Defense.**

The defense situation was carefully considered and a series of motions adopted covering establishment of a strong defense organization. The appeals in the cases of a number of convicted comrades were taken up and the Defense Director [I.E. Ferguson] was given instructions to take the proper action to carry these cases up in such a way as to protect the interest of these comrades.

### **Education.**

Several hours were devoted to the best method of quickly developing educational work among the

members of the party. The committee considered that this was one of the most important tasks before it. As a result of the discussion the Editorial Board was instructed to immediately begin work preparing texts for study classes and to begin the publication of these by August 1st [1920]. A motion was also adopted urging each district and sub-district to immediately appoint an Educational Director and Educational Committee. The Editorial Board, which acts as the National Educational Board, was authorized to call a meeting of the District Educational Directors if it deemed it necessary for the purpose of developing uniform work.

It was also decided that national officials of the party shall arrange to deliver lectures on organization methods before the active workers in those districts which they visit on other party business.

### **International.**

The Pan-American Bureau was instructed to reply to a letter from the Communists of Cuba, sending them a copy of the program of the party and instructions for organization work, and urging them to organize groups affiliated with the United Communist Party.

### **Financial Statement of the Central Executive Committee, June 1 to July 3 [1920].**

*Balance cash June 1 ..... \$29,316.55*

Receipts:—

Travel Expense refund	\$	3.24
CLP District balances		101.97
Loan from D5, SD1 [Cleveland]		25.00
Dues		373.90
Organization Stamps		238.75
Defense Stamps		137.50
Official Organs [ <i>Communist</i> sales]		82.25
Labor Organ [ <i>Voice of Labor</i> sales]		9.72
Public Organ [ <i>Toiler</i> sales]		420.00
Literature 1		19.30
Literature 2		158.00
May Day Stamps		211.95
Organization Donations		670.07
Furniture and Fixtures (sale)		25.00

*Total ..... \$32,091.97*

Expenditures:—

Advance for Travel Expense	\$ 135.00
Convention Expenses (National)	147.56
Accounts paid	294.10
International Relations	186.44
CEC Meeting Expenses	203.60
Literature Loans paid	1,565.00
Chicago Defense Loans paid	450.00
Picnic Advance	60.00
District Wages	1,353.56
District Railroad Fare	201.00
District Office Expenses	94.71
Administration Wages	962.00
Editorial Wages	1,000.00
Official Organs [ <i>Comm.</i> ] Expenses	1,887.19
Labor Organ [ <i>VoL</i> ] Expenses	625.00
Propaganda Literature	36.00
Literature 1	150.00
Literature 2	50.00
Public Organ [ <i>Toiler</i> ] Expenses	1,163.08
General Office Expenses	192.24
Defense Expenditures	694.70
National Official Exp. Allowance	306.00
Organizers' Travel Expenses	394.64
[not specified]	29.05
Organizational Supplies	287.75

*Total of Expenditures above*                    \$13,003.91

**BALANCE CASH, July 3 ..... \$19,088.08**

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