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# UCP Unity Bulletin No. 2

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At least one to every group.

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To the Members of the UCP.

Dear Comrades:—

Since issuing the first unity bulletin we have received from our Moscow representative a decision of the small bureau of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. This directs that a unity convention be held with representation based upon dues paying membership for July, August, September, and October [1920].

We still maintain that our stand on the question of unity is the only way to insure for the American section of the Communist International a healthy existence. But revolutionary discipline, without which concerted action of the advance guard of the working class of the world is impossible, compels us to proceed on the basis of the decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. We have therefore resumed unity negotiations and stand ready to take the steps necessary to carry out this decision.

This does not mean that we shall alter our determination to safeguard the Communist movement in America from those who would fasten upon it a decentralized federation form of organization and narrow, sectarian policies. We shall insist upon all the provisions regarding centralized organization and bona fide underground

membership which we enumerated in our first communication to the CP and printed in our first unity bulletin.

In our report to the Communist International we charged that certain federation leaders would manipulate their membership figures. How well grounded this charge is may be seen from the latest financial report of the CP. From July 1st to October 1st [1920], before the decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International became known, the official statement of the CP indicates a Lithuanian Federation membership of about 1400. After the news from Moscow reached the federation leaders, the October [1920] report suddenly jumps to 2700. In the same month the membership of the Russian Federation miraculously leaps from about 1400 to nearly 2500! This sudden increase of membership for October needs some explanation. Where did those members come from? If they were there before, why did they not pay any dues for the preceding months?

By such barefaced frauds as this some federation leaders maintained their control in the past. BUT IT WILL NOT WORK THIS TIME. They will be compelled to *prove* actual membership. The honest membership figures will fully establish the claim of the United Communist Party for a substantial majority of delegates at a unity convention.

This majority is of utmost importance to the American Communist movement because the whole question of Communist principles

will be involved in the INTERPRETATION of the decisions of the 2nd Congress of the Third International [July 19-Aug. 7, 1920] which will be made by the convention. The organization form of the future party is of equal importance. It will decide whether the principles of Communism, laid down by the 2nd Congress of the Communist International, shall here degenerate into a dead dogma, carefully guarded by a small sect of would-be theoreticians, avoiding contact with the masses, or whether it will be made a living force in the United States, guiding the great struggle of the proletariat for power.

**Central Executive Committee,  
United Communist Party.**

P.S. The documents of the unity proceedings will be published promptly.

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