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One to each group — read at meeting —
DESTROY

Recent CEC Decisions and Party News:

- CEC decided to turn all its Canadian connections over to the American Agency of the CI, which agency has a mandate to organize a party in Canada.
- CEC decided to accept suggestion made by Unity Representatives of CI [Karlis Janson, Louis Fraina, Sen Katayama], namely, that until full unity can be achieved, a council of 6, 3 from each party, function in the publication of one central organ for the two parties and in the issuance of literature for the two parties. (The CP refused to join the UCP in the organization of such joint council.)
- The CEC herewith announces that an investigating committee of District 2 [New York] has found no basis for the charges made against Comrade Beacon [Jay Lovestone] and that he, as a result, enjoys full membership rights in the Party.
- A national conference of South Slavic groups shall be called to liquidate publication association.
- The attention of all groups is called to the reactionary character of the RED STAR LEAGUE. This league is a personal possession of

[Charles L.] Drake, a reactionary SP member, who formerly was a sub-secretary of the [Soviet Russia] Medical Relief. Groups and members should ask all workers not to support this league in any way.

- All affiliations are herewith reminded that in our organization the convention is the highest authority in the Party, and that any member or affiliation interfering with the carrying out of convention decisions shall be disciplined. This has special reference to the unity policy adopted by the convention.

- The CEC decided to suspend CEC members Adams [=???] and Flat [=???] permanently from the CEC and from the Party for 3 months for violation of Party discipline.

- Progress reported in agrarian work as well as Young Communist League organization.

- Investigation ordered with view to discipline certain members who are working on the Communist Unity Committee (third party) in our organization.

- Industrial Dept. of the CEC submitted report and blanks for full organization of work among unions and in shops, agreed upon and ordered issued.

- Organization rules for YCL adopted.

- Affiliations are hereby notified that the Party has legal organs in English, Jewish [Yiddish], South Slavic [Croatian], Armenian, Bohemian [Czech], Italian, and Estonian. Subscriptions for these papers should be secured.

- How much literature is in the possession of your group that remains unsold? Sell at once. If you can not sell, return to your District Organizer.

- Care should be exercised in admitting new members. All new members should first be placed in recruiting groups. CP members are entering our organization for disruptive purposes and this should be guarded against.

- Some criticism has been made recently because of the irregular receipt of official organs. Such criticism is entirely unjust and has its basis in a total misunderstanding of our organization form. All members must realize that ours is an illegal organization. All our illegal literature, including the official organs, are published and shipped under extreme difficulties. Very few print shops will print our literature. The print shops that do print our literature are, because they are known to be radical print shops, subject to periodical investigation by the authorities. When such an investigation takes place, breaks in regular publication of organs occur. Shipping the large quantities of literature we print is also a difficult matter. Comrades are asked to remember that regularity as concerns issuance of official organs is an impossibility in our organization. Only a few days ago our whole shipping department was disorganized because of rumors. It took a week to effect a reorganization. Instead of making protests based upon lack of understanding of the conditions under which we work, the Technical Dept. advises all comrades to keep in mind that we function *ILLEGALLY*.

- Party privileges go only with Party membership. Party membership is permitted only to those who obey Party regulations. Members who REFUSE to buy organization stamps to help pay for the Party convention; members who REFUSE to pay dues because they are not in agreement with a Party decision; members who REFUSE to sell the Party literature — such members do not belong in the Party for they are in rebellion against the Party and members in rebellion against the Party can not hold Party membership. Criticism of Party actions is not denied to any member, but only members who pay dues and assessments regularly, only members who help to build the Party, are privileged to criticize.

- Members who did not purchase one organization stamp in January [1921] and one organization stamp in February are advised to purchase 2 organization stamps at once. The proceeds from the sale of these stamps go to pay for the Party convention. Your good standing in the Party is in question until you have purchased these two organization stamps.

- The Party has recently published the following pamphlets:

The Party program — in English and Jewish [Yiddish].
ABC of Communism and the Theses — in Russian.
The Program of the Bolsheviki (Bukharin) — in German.
The State and Revolution in Finnish.

There is still in stock awaiting sale on part of the membership hundreds of the following pamphlets:

Lenin (Zinoviev) — in Russian and English.
State and Revolution — in English.
Theses.
Manifesto of the Second Congress.
The Red Ruby.
Program of the Bolsheviki (Bukharin).
Proletarian Revolution in Russia.
Socialism from Science to Action — in Ukrainian.

There is under preparation:

State and Revolution — in South Slavic [Croatian].
Theses — in Jewish [Yiddish].
Leftism [...an Infantile Disorder] — in English.

With a stock of literature like this every member of the Party can keep himself busy every day in the week selling to his fellow workers. This literature can be obtained from your District Organizer.

- All Party members who sell official organs and pamphlets for the party must remit the money for literature sold to their Group Organizer at once, so it will reach the National Office without delay. Money is needed to print more literature.

- It is not yet too late to make your contribution of one day's pay in response to the Party's call which proclaimed this the duty of every Party member on the First Communist Saturday, February 26th [1921].

- It is the duty of every Party member to sell official organs and pamphlets in all languages. If workers of another language are among your acquaintances or work in your shop, supply them with out literature in their language. Notify your District Organizer what language literature you require, and if the Party publishes literature in such language, he will send it to you.

- The CEC has decided that members shall permeate the organization known as the AMERICAN LABOR ALLIANCE FOR TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA. This organization is an alliance of unions, demanding that the US open trade with Russia. Our members are instructed to become active in this organization so that its influence upon the working masses may become revolutionary.

- The CEC instructs all German members to permeate the ARBEITER BILDUNGS VEREINE [Workers' Educational Associations], so that these organizations may be favorably influenced for our principles, and so that the Communist element in these organizations may be secured for the Party.

- Party units are not giving enough attention to the sale of legal literature at legal meetings.

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