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# Letter from Leonid Belsky in Chicago to C.E. Ruthenberg in New York, April 20, 1920.

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Dear Damon [Ruthenberg]:—

The “Manifesto” is in the hands of the printer and the whole paper will be ready and sent out in a week. On account of the paper shortage the Debs [open] letter will be delayed, as I gave the preference to *The Communist*, but we do not want everything to be distributed at once, we have enough on hand to keep the people busy for a week. May [Day] leaflet is ready, we are printing it in 5 different languages and will start the distribution next week; the R.R. leaflet is being distributed now. Other districts will be taken care of also. The Russian paper is out and will reach every Russian branch, the next issue with the “Manifesto” is in preparation. We also will take care of the same in the Polish, Croatian, Lithuanian, and Jewish [Yiddish] — in 6 languages.

I have called a meeting of the District Executive Committee today with the result that the unanimous support of our position is nearly assured, including the Jewish and Lithuanian comrades. We are quite enthusiastic over the action taken and will work as never before. The Russian

District Convention has unanimously decided (in my absence) to disconnect the relations to the Federation, to buy [dues] stamps directly from the party, and to expel Stoklitsky and Kaplan from the party. The District Committee is asking your permission to print the resolutions in *The Communist*, but I do not think it would be advisable.

The CEC of the Russian Federation has sent out a call for the Convention, which must PRECEDE the party convention in order to preserve the COMMUNIST PRINCIPLES of the party. This time last year’s trick will not work and the gang must go out of business.

Enclosed find the report for last week. Will collect for two weeks and send the [money] draft in a few days.

Where could we use Schedel [=???) to the best advantage? Would you have him sent to Pittsburgh in case Sel. [George Selakovich] could not go?

Will have all arrangements made for the picnic [convention] of 50.

Yours for the victory,

E.F. [Leonid Belsky]

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