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# Greetings to the Communist International.

## A Statement Adopted by the First Convention of the United Communist Party of America, May 31, 1920.

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### Comrades of the Executive Committee of the Communist International! —

The delegates of the first convention of the UNITED COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA, in behalf of themselves and the Communist members whom they represent, send their greetings to the Executive Committee of the Communist International and through your committee to the Communist comrades of all countries.

You have been informed to some extent as to the government persecutions which have hampered our work since the formation of the Communist Party and Communist Labor Party in September 1919. You have also been informed, perhaps not without reflection of factional spirit, as to the schism within the Communist ranks of this country since June 1919, accounting for the organization of the two parties instead of one.

At this convention we have succeeded, in spite of all external and internal difficulties, in achieving a fundamental unity between these two parties. Unfortunately, however, this unity is not complete as to the Communist Party, in which a new separation has lately arisen. But this is a division so entirely artificial in its nature that we are confident it cannot long be sustained. Some of the members of the Slavic Federations of the Communist Party (Russian, Ukrainian, Lettish, Polish, and Lithuanian — by not means the entirety of these language groups, nor even an assured majority) stand, for the moment, completely separated from

the general Communist movement of the United States. It is already apparent that these members will soon break away from their separatist leaders, whose motive seems to be the retention of a nationalistic basis for control of the general Communist movement; that is, a control not based on any distinction of Communist principles but only upon the personal desires of a few Federation leaders for position and influence. The United Communist Party will omit no effort to join to itself all of the members of these Federation groups, no longer, however, as loosely federated units of a decentralized party, but as members of a centralized party.

The United Communist Party, in its program, form of organization, and methods of party activity conforms to every requirement of the Communist International; and it is a first desire of our party to make itself an active unit of the International in every possible respect.

Greetings to the Communists of all countries!  
Long live the Communist International!

The delegates of the first convention of  
the United Communist Party of America

Adopted by the convention, May 31st, 1920.

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