
Resolution of Protest Against Actions of CEC and For National Convention.

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Whereas, The sudden and drastic order of the CEC to reorganize all branches of the underground into branches of the "A" [American Labor Alliance], thus reconstituting the party into a LPP [Legal Political Party], which insane policy if carried out will amount to the destruction of our underground organization through the liquidation of all party units, and in effect abolishing the constitution of the CP as adopted at the Joint Unity Convention [Woodstock, NY: May 15-28, 1921], and,

Whereas, The instruction of the Comintern to carry on more effective legal work and to establish a LPP does not carry with it any particular plan of organization and certainly is not an order to liquidate our party and to at once reform it into a LPP, thus disregarding the immediate political conditions in this country; failing to conserve the machinery of the party and to safeguard its members; and ignoring the necessity for maintaining a strong underground organization as the only basis upon which to build a real LPP, and,

Whereas, The present artificial and accidental "majority" of the CEC is driving the membership into revolt and destroying party discipline by their own example in disregarding the constitution and decisions of the Joint Unity Conventions and by instituting a crushing policy and removing DOs and SDOs for no apparent reason; appointing new DOs and SDOs over the protests of the membership; the suspension and threats of

expulsion of party members for mere expression of opinion on controversial questions of party policy, and,

Whereas, The present CEC has refused to approve members of Federation Bureaus and federation organizers because of their former or present opinions expressed in party controversies; ignoring the unanimous acts of National Language Conferences and unconstitutionally appointing members to Language Bureaus in order to control and disrupt them (as in the case of the Lithuanian Federation), virtually expelling 19 delegates to the Russian Language Conference for merely protesting against the packing of their convention by the acts of the CEC, and,

Whereas, The present majority of the CEC is composed of former disruptionists and of renegades, who, for personal reasons abandoned the position upon which they were elected at the Joint Unity Convention and betrayed their constituents, this majority can only maintain its artificial unity by satisfying personal revenge, by making appointments upon the basis of personal favoritism and patronage; by bestowing jobs and sinecures in return for political support, thus maintaining a large and padded payroll, squandering the party's income and driving the party into the moral and financial bankruptcy which it at present faces, and,

Whereas, The present CEC being absorbed in factional manipulations has failed to carry on

any constructive party work and is daily demonstrating its inability to do so, has failed to take timely action on the miners' struggle in West Virginia and has done nothing on the unemployment situation, and has not yet, after more than 3 months since the Unity Convention, established a definite plan or policy for our party press, and,

Whereas, It becomes the duty of all members of the CP to save the party from the ruinous policies of the present CEC, therefore be it

Resolved, That we demand the holding of an emergency convention as a means of saving the party from the destructive policies of the present CEC and that pending the holding of such convention we declare that we shall maintain the structure of the party according to the present constitution adopted at the Joint Unity Convention, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Party Official Bulletin.

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