
Report No. 11 to Jay Lovestone et al. in New York from Ludwig Katterfeld in Moscow, March 13, 1922.

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Dear Friends,

Johnny [John Ballam] arrived yesterday and is undergoing a process of disillusionment as he meets one after another of his old cronies and friends. I think he received the surprise of his young life when he discovered that I had not been fired and shipped home by Marshall [Max Bedacht] as he expected, but found us living amicably together in Hourwich's old castle, and me elected to the Presidium [of ECCI]. I think he realizes that the job that he was sent here to tackle is a little too big for him. There is no doubt as to the outlet.

The proposition that we shall make is that his side [Central Caucus faction] shall receive a severe reprimand, in which their leaders are personally named; that they shall receive a specific prohibition against using our firm's name [Communist Party of America] and trademark; that they shall immediately reenter our ranks, without any conditions whatever; that, those that do this within 30 days from the time that the written instruction is delivered to their central group, shall be received as old members, with full membership rights, including the right to participate within the branches and section in the election of delegates to our National Conference [2nd National Convention, ultimately held at Bridgman, MI, Aug. 1922]. That those that do not pay their back dues and reen-

ter the Party within that time are definitely expelled from the firm [CPA], and cannot reenter any branch of our house [Communist Party] in any country, except as new members.

I feel sure that this will be substance of the decision. Shall cable as quick as it is definite and you may take this as simplifying the cable, unless in the cable I indicate something different.

Shall send you an old experienced Ukrainian salesman [representative] who knows personally our Ukrainian customers [Ukrainian federationists], that are now dealing with our competitors [Central Caucus], and who, I am sure, will be able to regain our trade in that territory because of the confidence that these customers have in him. Please, therefore, secure all the Ukrainian connections possible within the next week or two, so that he can get on the job without loss of time.

R.G. Bober, who claims to have been an old customer [party member] of ours, up to June 1921 in Bellaire, Ohio, who refers to the South Slavic salesman [organizer] in that territory, is trying to establish his credit [party status] here. Please have his rating looked up and inform me promptly. He left from Seattle for Vladivostok, and lost all his documents in Siberia.

Breathless suspense, until our next,

J. Carr [Ludwig Katterfeld].

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