
Organization Adjustment.

A Memo on the Creation of the Post of “Federation Director,” circa late August 1922. †

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The principle of a centralized party organization must not be conceived in a bureaucratic manner. It must base itself upon conscious C. [Communist] discipline and upon close contact of the guiding organs with the rank and file of the Party.

The necessity of establishing such contact has been realized by the membership, and delegates to the recent Party convention had definite instructions upon this subject. However, the convention had no time to take action or even to discuss this question.

It is necessary now to introduce some organizational adjustments in order to bring about the close contact of the guiding organs of the Party with the rank and file.

These adjustments, as they effect the language sections of the party, are as follows:

1. The CEC has appointed a Federation Director to represent the Party on and to deal with all matters pertaining to the language federations. This representative of the CEC works under the direct supervision and control of the CEC.

2. The secretaries of the language bureaus meet regularly not less than twice a month with

the representative of the CEC.

3. The secretaries of the language bureaus furnish a monthly report regarding the finances, membership, and activities of the Federation with special emphasis upon the LP [Legal Party] work, trade union work, and press.

4. The district language organizers meet regularly, not less than twice a month with the representative of the DEC, preferably the DO of the party.

5. The Branch executives of the respective language Branches meet regularly, not less than once a month, with the representative of the District language bureaus.

6. The language DOs must furnish their respective bureaus with a bimonthly report on membership and activities with a special emphasis upon LP work, trade union activities, and press.

In case of branches that are remote from the district organization and which cannot be visited regularly by the representative of the DEC, the DEC must find other means of maintaining close contact with the membership.

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†- During the last phase of the underground CPA (post-Bridgman 1922), an effort was made to centralize the operations of the party's 16 language federations through increased reporting and joint meetings of the heads of each federation with the newly established representative of the party's CEC, the Federation Director. The identity of this individual is not known as of this writing.

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