

Statement on Darcy Issued By Pa. Communists

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PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—The District Executive Committee of the Communist Party in the Eastern Pennsylvania District today made public the following statement with regard to Samuel Darcy:

At a meeting of 200 Party leaders from all sections of the Eastern Pennsylvania District held in Philadelphia February 27, Samuel Darcy was released from his position as District Secretary by a vote of all present, with one dissenting vote and one abstention.

This decision was based upon the following facts established regarding the attitude and activities of Darcy:

1. Darcy, after attending the January meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, spoke in approval of the report of our General Secretary, Earl Browder, and expressed no disagreement either at the National Committee meeting or to the District leadership after the National Committee meeting.

2. However, Darcy, in violation of Party policy and procedure, did not wait for the opening of the pre-Convention Discussion on March 20 to express his differences to the membership and Party Committees. Instead, he proceeded to engage in factional activity and to mobilize in a concealed and underhand fashion against the policy that he himself had professed to support.

3. At the same time, while concealing his real views, Darcy proposed to the District leadership that it undertake activities that were in opposition to the Party's policies. These proposed activities would have created, under the cover of left phrases, the same doubts regarding the Teheran concords which are being spread by the defeatists.

4. Subsequently, following a discussion in an enlarged meeting of the District Executive Committee which unanimously rejected Darcy's position and at which Darcy's double-dealing were revealed, Darcy demanded that he be released from leadership in the District; but meanwhile he had already deserted his post by failure to attend meetings of the District leadership and by proceeding on his own, without the approval of the District Executive, to turn over to others tasks and duties entrusted to him.

In order to protect the interests of the Party and our national war effort, the enlarged Party Conference of the Eastern Pennsylvania District on February 27, in line with the Party Constitution, decided to release Darcy from all responsibility and to refer his whole status to the coming District Convention of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania.

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