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# National Executive Committee Meets.

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A regular meeting of the National Executive Committee was held January 3rd [1920] and adjourned meetings on January 4th, 5th, 23rd, and February 15. Many conferences were held between these dates. The questions discussed and decided pertained to important party activities, including the question of unity. Upon this latter question full report has been made from time to time in *Communist Labor*. Other decisions have been communicated to the organization through other channels.

Recently the NEC held another three days' session. We here give a synopsis, such as we can under the circumstances, of actions taken and subjects considered.

Executive Secretary reported. Credentials were issued to alternate international delegate. Many communications were read and acted upon, communications which sought to further the necessary work in the party districts.

Arrangements were made for an Immediate Action Committee to take charge of important party matters in crises. The questions of propaganda, methods for same, etc., were given particular attention.

Plans were laid for the observance of International Labor Day, May 1st. These will reach the subdivisions in due time. The unity conferences which were going on between the CP and our organization were reviewed and action taken for an answer to the most recent offer of the CP.

New organization forms were again reviewed and amended. Rules and the new form are now considered perfected and will be given the membership.

An encouraging report upon literature was made. National convention preliminaries were gone into. A full discussion regarding defense tactics brought forth

important decisions. It was decided not to sanction the employment of any attorney of the type of Stedman for defense purposes. An address to the defense committees and party membership will be drafted upon the question of defense tactics.

A decision was reached asking members not to surrender in response to indictments, but that indicted members shall continue their work under such safeguards as will make interference impossible.

The matter of printing facilities received due attention. National Executive Committee and Executive Secretary substitutes were elected. Report from Committee secretaries was received.

A new labor committee was elected to draft rules for the organization of shop committees and suitable leaflets as to the difference between shop committees of the CLP and those of other organizations.

Finances, the Third International, Organization (including specific tours) all were debated for hours and such action was taken as will greatly strengthen the CLP.

The net result of this last meeting of the party NEC gave all who attended it to understand that our organization is increasing its power and usefulness to the movement, especially under the new organization form. Our potential strength is such as to make it possible to secure a solidification of communist elements which will build a mighty party. Members, who because they have been somewhat removed from party activities due to persecutions have become inactive, must now take courage and begin the duties which devolve upon them. New affiliations are being had in gratifying numbers. In short, the party today possess more inherent strength than when organized.

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