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BULLETIN NO. 4

(One copy to each group — Read at
next meeting — Then destroy)
(Not for publication)

This bulletin contains the decisions of the recent CEC meeting. The more important decisions of the CEC have been sent your District Organizer and will reach you through regular party channels.

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That charges against members in Dist. 6 [Detroit] be investigated and that hereafter, when charges of a substantial nature are made against any members, suspension take place until investigation has been made.

That [Piotr] Stuchka's report upon conditions in Latvia, made to the Second Congress [July 19-Aug. 7, 1920], be published in Lettish [Latvian] organ or in leaflet form.

That information be gathered regarding nationalist movement in the Lettish [Latvian] Federation of the CP.

That one English-speaking S. Slavic [Croatian] organizer be allowed Dist. 5 [Cleveland] on full pay.

That Labor Press service not in party control be not allowed.

That all districts be notified that an Italian organizer will be employed as soon as competent comrade is found.

That leaflet about Italian syndicalist collapse be issued in the Italian language.

That Dist. 8 [St. Louis] be placed under jurisdiction of Dist. 7 [Chicago] and that one Assistant Organizer be allowed on full pay.

That bulletin be issued in Russian, South Slavic [Croatian], and Polish, and that inquiry be made on how many each district needs.

That party organs carry no advertising except that of the party.

Communication from two UCP delegates to the Third International Congress read and filed.

Letter to Finnish Communist Executive at Stockholm read and approved.

That whereas policy of the CP in regard to shop group and shop committee organization is entirely at variance with that of the UCP and the Third International, therefore UCP members shall not cooperate with CP members in this work.

That Communist Unity statement be drafted.

†- Date of document based upon notice in final paragraph that an "address to Third International" was "approved and ordered sent." An official letter of the CEC dated Oct. 27, 1920 dealing with the Comintern's mandate for unity is known to have been sent.

That as CEC has taken a decided stand against national propaganda committees for language groups, it now becomes the duty of all District Committees to enforce discipline.

That popular articles upon shop committee organization and work be issued.

Defense activities were fully considered and various sums voted.

Members who would make fit material as organizers of English-speaking groups considered.

Ukrainian organizer given trial employment in Dist. <illeg.>, further tour to depend upon his ability.

That call for two South Slavic [Croatian] organizers made by affiliations in Dist. 7 [Chicago] had been acceded to by the employment of South Slavic members as assistant organizers in several districts.

Conference to speed up Hungarian organization work held. Hungarian organizer to be routed.

Inquiries to be made for Russian organizer for western work.

That all districts pay especial attention to the organization of German groups, no special organizer having been engaged for German group organization.

That only one Polish official organ be printed each month and that one Polish leaflet be issued each month, Polish organizer to enter field for organization work.

That program and constitution be printed in the Bulgarian language if enough demand for same is found.

That price of all official organs now selling for 5¢ the copy be increased to 10¢ the copy. Increase is

necessary on account of high printing prices. In many instances it costs the National Office 10¢ per copy to print, not including shipping costs. Each member will, as heretofore, receive one copy free. Members are urged to increase sale of official organ, so as to help pay production costs.

Clemens [=??] elected substitute Editor in Chief, and substitute International Secretary.

An Editorial Board of 3 as elected, including the Editor [C.E. Ruthenberg] to supervise all party publications.

That all members active in other organizations shall, in all such activities, be under strict party control and discipline.

Rules for government of party and its members in regard to independent national language federations drafted.

That study lessons appear only in official organs at present; that they be issued in pamphlet form later.

That as soon as [Lenin's] *State and Revolution* is off the press that [Lenin's] *The Sickness of Left Communism* be published.

That an investigation of selling agencies for our propaganda be instituted. Committee named.

That all districts be instructed to arrange bazaars and other entertainments for the purpose of securing funds for the labor organ [*The Toiler*].†

That new organization form be enlarged upon in writing by DO3 [Philadelphia], (departmentalizing main District Committees) and that members discuss organizational improvements through official organs.

That District Organizers and such party mem-

†- At a fairly early juncture the initial "labor organ," Voice of Labor, was discontinued and the legal publication The Toiler was transformed into the party's de facto labor organ.

bers as may develop into efficient organizers be invited to a conference in the near future.

That every district sell each month subscription cards for the labor organ [*The Toiler*] equal to one-tenth its membership.

That no change be made in the editorial management of the Jewish organs at present; that District 2 [New York] take immediate steps to remedy the situation in its Jewish groups.

That all District Organizers be instructed to notify affiliations that correspondence between party members shall not be indulged in between groups belonging to different districts or between individual party members; that all correspondence shall go through regular party channels; that no attention be paid to communications from party members who seek to avoid discipline and whose object in corresponding is to hinder the party work; that strict discipline will be invoked from now on.

That the answer of the CEC regarding criticism of diction in official organ is that the CEC has entrusted editorial work at all times to the best talent that could be secured except that where choice had to be made between a member who was a good communist and not as good an editor as another members who was not a good communist; the former is always chosen.

Titles for legal leaflets shall be suggested.

That advance subscriptions and loans be called for from Russian members and groups, for the purpose of financing the publication of *The ABC of Communism* by Bukharin in the Russian language. It is contemplated printing 5,000 copies of this 400 page book.

That *State and Revolution* sell for 35¢ a copy retail.

That two leaflets upon the negro question be issued; that leaflets covering the following titles be produced: The Class Struggle; Mass Action; The Dictatorship of the Bourgeoisie and the Dictatorship of the

Proletariat; The Soviets; Parliamentarism; Bourgeois Democracy; The AF of L and Revolutionary Unionism; Syndicalism; Unemployment; The UCP and the Elections. Stickers and posters were ordered printed for the coming elections.

Review of districts and District Organizers' activities was had.

That next issue of the Jewish organ contain article by the Editor in Chief giving facts re: adoption of program at the UCP convention, which facts, in the estimation of the CEC, were perverted in the first number of the official organ.

That all the decisions of the Second Congress of the Third International be issued in book form as soon as possible.

That special editions of the official organs be printed in celebration of the 3rd anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

That the English organ contain 16 pages, the Russian 12, and all others 8 pages, except the German and South Slavic [Croatian], which are to be issued in magazine form.

That issues of leaflets hereafter be no less than 300,000 copies.

That all districts at once organize District Committees.

That offer of South Slavic comrades to finance publication of 5,000 copies of *State and Revolution* in their language [Croatian] be accepted and publication authorized. That this same pamphlet be published in Jewish [Yiddish].

That all districts report progress made in industrial registration and that such registration be completed in all districts at once.

That Editorial Board study question of cooperatives and prepare thesis for next CEC meeting.

That the CEC, in answer to inquiries, understands it as its duty to fearlessly criticize all IWW leaders and officials who do not accept the principles of communism.

That the Editorial Board prepare thesis on methods of party work in strikes, and enlarge upon program of organization of shop and union groups and shop committees, and their functions.

That recommendations and complaints originating in units of the party can not be carried further than next highest unit if not approved by next highest unit. Alden [L.E. Katterfeld] recorded voting in the negative.

That all debts of the party will be liquidated as soon as funds are available; that present income is just sufficient to cover party activities; that balance in the treasury is not available now for reasons which can not be made public.

Secretary [Alfred Wagenknecht] reported upon financial condition of party. Greetings to British Communist Party ordered. Statement to UCP membership adopted. Address to Third International approved and ordered sent. Young People's leagues subject to committee report.

Fraternally submitted,

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Executive Sec'y.

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