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# Minutes of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America, January 1922.

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## International Situation.

Secretary [William Weinstone] read statement from the Exec. Com. of the CI reporting that it holds the tactics of the majority of the CEC [on the establishment of a Legal Political Party] to be absolutely correct.

**Motion:** To take all possible precautions regarding the transmission of this statement among the groups, and that as many of the groups as can be reached should receive this immediately.

*Carried.*

**Motion:** To inform the CI of the arrangements and proposed plans of #2 [Workers Party of America] and of the Carter [Louis Fraina] situation.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** To wire Carter [Fraina], through A [Argentine] and M [Mexican] Parties, re decisions of the Agency.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That Brown [Max Bedacht] be instructed to remain for the Feb. conference [1st Enlarged Plenum of ECCI] and return immediately thereafter.

**Amendment:** to defer action until next meeting.

*Amendment carried.*

Comrade Ballister [Robert Minor] reported on his negotiations with the opposition [Central Caucus faction].

1) Read document to their "national conference"

["Emergency Convention," Jan. 7-12, 1922] and reported to them as messenger from the CI.

2) He then read the document again to Henry [George Ashkenuzi], Curtis [Charles Dirba], and Johnson [???]. They answered that they will not obey the decision of the Comintern and will fight the #2 [WPA]. They also informed Com. B. [Minor] that they hold themselves to be the #1 [Communist Party of America] and that they sent a delegate to R. [Russia].

**Motion:** That a full report of the #2 [WPA] be drawn up, advising the CI of how far we have carried out its instructions and of our plans.

*Motion carried.*

Raphael [Alexander Bittelman], Cook [James Cannon], and B. [Robert Minor] nominated as committee. *Elected.*

## Organization Matters.

The general Party situation discussed.

**Motion:** That statement be issued to the membership dealing with the Party situation and problems.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That Griffith [Joseph Zack Kornfeder] and Nelson [Jay Lovestone] be the sub-committee.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That an appeal be issued to the membership of the opposition informing them that the CEC will gladly recommend them back to the Party at any time they are ready to accept the decision of the CI.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the Party have first call on the Thesis of the Third Congress [of the CI] and that all DOs be instructed to organize classes in the same, immediately; to report their educational plans to the CEC as soon as formulated, and to line up the whole organization in this drive.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That Com Wheat [Lovestone] help Com. Lewis [Weinstone] in the NO [National Office].

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That Com. Ganly [??] be engaged as an assistant on the editorial staff of the OO [Official Organ = *The Communist*].

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That CEC representatives tour the country and report on the conditions prevailing in the Party.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That Com. Griffith [Zack] cover Districts 4 [Cleveland] and 6 [Detroit]; Raphael [Bittelman] Districts 5 [Chicago], 12 [Minneapolis], 7 [St. Louis]; and Com. Lewis [Weinstone] Districts 11 [Pittsburgh] and 3 [Philadelphia].

*Motion carried.*

### **Report of Organization Committee.**

**Motion:** That the Secretary [Weinstone] shall have approval first of the Org. Comm. for expendi-

tures of money over \$50.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the \$1,000 received by Com. Cook [Cannon] from Smith [??] be applied to the \$3,500 loan to his dept. and that the remaining \$2,500 be given in installments.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the universal wage scale be abolished and that wages be paid according to locality and character of work on the following basis:

\$25 - \$35 for single;

\$30 - \$40 for one dependent;

\$40 - \$45 for more than one dependent.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the DECs [District Executive Committees] and Fed. Bus. [Federation Bureaus] are to fix the wages of DOs and others on this basis.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the above basis shall also serve as a guide to fix salaries of employees in party-controlled institutions.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion:** That the application of Com. Dow [Dirba] for \$1,500 to be returned by Com. Jones [??] be left in the hands of Com. Jones [??] until further notice.

*Motion carried.*

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