
Appeal to the Minority Membership.

by the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party
of America, Section of the Communist International

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Comrades:—

The Communist International has once and for all ended the cause for controversy in our ranks over the formation of an LPP [Legal Political Party].

Today, all loyal Communists must find themselves in the ranks of the Communist Party of America, the American Section of the Communist International. For months you have been kept out of the Communist International by your misleaders. They have called upon you to break every vestige of Party discipline. They have misinformed you as the aim of your Central Executive Committee and the stand of the Communist International. They have deliberately lied to you at every turn of the road.

First, your misleaders urged you to resist the Communist International's mandate to form an LPP even going to the point of breaking up the Communist Party. Then you were told by the same self-appointed saviors of Communism that it is your task as Communists to defy all Party authority and repudiate all Communist obligations until their appeal is acted upon by the Communist International.

The Answer Definite.

For months these feverish disruptive activities went on. Then came the answer of the Communist International to this appeal through Comrades Bukharin, Radek, and Kuusinen. The answer was clear and definite. These tried leaders of the world revolution said: 1. "The minority members of the Party must

submit to the decision of the majority loyally and without question. Without this party discipline, Communist Party activities are impossible." 2. "The Executive Committee of the Communist International has resolved to support the position of the majority of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America in favor of the immediate construction of a legal political party on a national scale." 3. "The entire membership of the underground party, the real Communist Party, must join in the open party and must become its most active elements."

What was the answer of those who have so criminally driven you out of the ranks of the vanguard of the world revolution — out of the fold of the Communist International? Their answer was a vile, slanderous attack on such spokesmen of the Comintern as Lenin, Bukharin, Radek, and Zinoviev by branding all the Communist International's documents as forgeries. Though bitterly opposed to and fighting the CI, they brazenly labeled themselves its American Section. To the credit of Comrade Dow [Charles Dirba] it must be said that he could not continue tolerating this sabotage of Communism and completely dissociated himself from his former colleagues.

While this vicious campaign of breaking up the Communist International in America was going on, the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America, anxious to heal the wounds so deliberately inflicted upon the Communist movement, called upon you to come back to membership with full rights on the basis of CI decision and Party authority.

Another Effort.

The Communist International made another effort to win you back to its ranks in the American Section. In a subsequent resolution communicated to the Central Executive Committee the Communist International sustained the Party 100% in the formation of an LPP, and said: 1. "There is no occasion to reopen the question here, since the Theses fully cover the subject." (These are the same Theses branded as forgeries by your misleaders.) 2. "The action of the minority in refusing to submit to the decisions of the Party Executive, pending their appeal, constitutes a serious and intolerable breach of discipline, and it was proper for you to suspend those that interfered with the work."

Subsequently Moore [John Ballam], formerly a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America, appeared in person before the Executive Committee of the Communist International in behalf of the minority whose opinion he championed. The Executive Committee of the Communist International has sent us the following as its answer to the appeal as made by Moore [Ballam]:

"Henry, Curtis Dow [Ashkenuzi, Ballam, Dirba] faction is instructed to stop using our party name and seal. They must dissolve and rejoin our party immediately or lose their membership in the Communist International. Moore [Ballam] is wiring them to stop competing and attacking our Party. You must permit them to return to the Party without prejudice and postpone your convention so that they may be able to participate. —Executive Committee of the Communist International."

Comrades, this settles the issue. The Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America has addressed a letter to the three former members of the Central Executive Committee who so criminally misled you, calling upon them to inform you of this, the final instruction received by them from the Communist International through their own spokesman Moore (Curtis) [Ballam]. All Communists must forthwith return to the ranks of the Communist

Party of America, Section of the Communist International.

Return to the Ranks.

Comrades, do not be fooled by false cries. Come back to the Communist International. Take your place in the ranks of the vanguard of the world proletariat led by Lenin, Trotsky, Bukharin, Radek, Zinoviev, Kuusinen. Rejoin the American Section of the Communist International. There can be no longer any excuse for a Communist to stay out of the Party. The Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party heartily welcomes your return to membership with full rights upon your accepting the CI decision as given above. Apply to group captains, branch committees, and section committees at once for reinstatement. All the subdivisions of the Party have been instructed to facilitate your speedy return. We have postponed our convention so as to enable you to participate. Our party units are pledged to do their all to achieve an immediate unification of Communist forces. The Communist Party of America today is confronted with difficult and grave tasks. It is your duty as Communists to help in the solution of these problems and fight side by side with us.

Join with us in the common struggle against the common enemy — capitalism. Let us close our ranks and solidify our forces for an attack that will bring victory to the working class.

ON WITH THE COMMUNIST TASK!
ON WITH THE COMMUNIST
STRUGGLE!
LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!
LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY
OF AMERICA!

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