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Title and Character of Case: ELECTRICAL IN-
STALLMENT COMPANY, Detroit, Michigan.
Communist Activities.

Facts Developed:

At Detroit Michigan.

This firm is located at 2935 Hastings Street, Detroit, Michigan and is the assumed name under which NATHAN KOSIN, residing at 171 Benton Street, and BENJAMIN SINGERMAN alias BEN SINGER of 362 Erskine are doing business. It is registered with the County Clerk in the assumed names, registered file 13331, filed March 11, 1920. Their place of business is used by the radicals of this city as a distributing point for their literature, especially literature issued by the United Communist Party.

On March 1, 1921, the attention of this office was called to a shipment by mail of about 500 copies of the *Communist* (Russian), the official organ of the United Communist Party, issue #13, which was sent to this concern from New York, New York, as reported by Agent Crystal in the New York office.

The following literature issued by the United Communist Party arrived recently in this city by mail, consigned to this concern:

On April 7, 1921, a package containing 1000 copies of the *Komunista* (South Slav), the official organ of the United Communist Party, issue #10. The consignor is shown on the wrapper of the package as

“W.C. Co.,” 328 Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. This paper carried ultra-revolutionary matter and the following is contained on page 2, column 2 and 3:

Will the working class endure longer this heavy yoke of a servant or will it rise against its enemy, the capitalistic class?

Will the working class continue to follow the nationalists who forced it into the war?

Will the working class follow the social patriots and opportunists who directly or indirectly supported the war in their positions with the bourgeois or with the theorists about the peaceful solving of social disputes of the legal revolution? We think that the last hour has arrived and that the working class should once for all, liberate itself from all its enemies, beginning with the biggest capitalist statesman to the last reformist and opportunist. It should gather all its forces into ranks of the revolutionary proletariat for the purpose of destroying by force capitalism and its servant the state and to establish revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat. This is the only way by which the working class can liberate itself of all social evils and their causes, the capitalistic system.

The more the working class rallies, educates, and disciplines itself under the standard of the Communist International and the more advantage it takes through its communist parties of all economical and political crises, transforming them into revolutionary mass action by means of which it will have to conquer and destroy the bourgeois state and establish dictatorship of the proletariat and introduce the soviet government, the sooner it will liberate itself and will establish the communistic social order.

The following is an excerpt from page 8 of this publication:

Conquering the Political Power.

Conquering the political government by the proletariat means annihilation of the bourgeois state. The bourgeois organized power is the civil state, with its capitalistic armies under the leadership of civil-junker officers; with its police

and gendarmes, with its jails and judges, with its priests and state officials, etc. Conquering the political authority should not only mean the change in the personnel of the administration but the annihilation of the government apparatus of the enemy, disarming the bourgeois, the counterrevolutionary officers of the white guard, the arming of the proletariat, revolutionary soldiers of the red working guard; conquering the political government means further that all civil judges should be removed and courts of the proletariat established; abolishing the administration of the reactionary state officials and establishing new administrative organs of the proletariat. The victory of the proletariat lies in the disorganization of the enemy's authority and in the organization of the authority of the proletariat. This victory consists in the annihilation citizens' [sic.] and in establishing of the state apparatus of the proletariat. Having won a victory and crushed the opposition of the former enemies, the proletariat can make them useful members of the new order by putting them under its own control and gradually employing them in the construction of the Communistic state.

On April 11th, a package containing about 25,000 dodgers entitled "May Day of Revolution." As indicated by its heading, the dodger advocates revolution:

"The revolution is spreading across the Globe. It calls us. Let us prepare!"

"Then we must destroy the United States Government. We must overthrow it."

The above are excerpts taken from the circular. A copy of the circular is enclosed with this report.

On April 12th, a package containing about 5000 copies of the *Communist* (English), the official organ of the United Communist Party of America, Section of the Communist International, Issue #16.

In an article entitled "May Day of Revolution" on page #1, this publication states in part:

Thus did the Russian Workers! Keen and courageous. Fearful of nothing. They overthrew the capitalist government that oppressed them; they overthrew and destroyed it and established in its place the government of the workers. By force of arms they did it — by force of arms they maintain it. Thus must the workers all over the world do. Thus must the American workers do.

A copy of this publication is also enclosed with this report.

On April 14th, a package containing about 50,000 stickers, bearing the following slogans:

1. "Russia is free. Now Free America. Demonstrate May 1st."
2. "Rejoice with the Reds May 1st International Labor Day."
3. "Unemployed mobilize May 1, 1921."
4. "Workers, the US is yours. Take it."
5. "Long live the Communist International."
6. "Join the Bolsheviks May 1st International Labor Day."
7. "Hail May Day, International Labor Day."
8. "Hail Soviet America May 1st."
9. "Down with Capitalism. Up with Communism."

This package containing the dodger "May Day of Revolution" was shipped from Chicago, Illinois and bore the name of "WESTERN NOVELTY CO.," 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois as the name and address of the shipper.

The Communist was shipped from New York, "S and F Co.," 713 Eighth Avenue, New York being given as the sender.

The stickers referred to above were consigned by "The Art Material Company," 80 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York.

All these shipments were intercepted through the efforts of this agent, by Post Office Inspector Fraser, Detroit, and are now held by him pending further investigation.

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