
Letter to C.E. Ruthenberg in New York from Leonid Belsky in Chicago, March 28, 1920.

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March 28th, 1920.

Dear Damon [Ruthenberg]:—

My official letter must be sufficient to make your departure from NY to an emergency. But I would like to add that we unanimously decided to get rid of Andrew's [Nicholas Hourwich's] gang. No more funds to be sent to NY, a reorganization conference will be called by us, consisting of the representatives of all Districts and all Federations for the purpose of election of a Reorganization Committee to conduct the business of the Party and to call a Convention IMMEDIATELY.

We also go to unite with the CLP at ONCE. You and Isaac [Ferguson] will issue *The Communist* here, we have large funds on hand, technical possibilities and connections with all parts of the country. We go to abolish the independence of the Federations and build a PARTY.

We are unanimous in the whole [Chicago] District and have the whole Polish and South Slavic Federations with us, also Russian, Jewish, and other District Organizations, which decided not to send any funds to their Federation Executive Committees.

We expect you to bring the funds on hand and all the important documents to Chicago. You are the Executive Secretary and your duty is to save the property of the Party from the criminal gang, which has at the present the upper hand and which must be swept by the loyal rank and file and thrown out of the Party.

After you will be with us we will get the rest of the minority of the CEC. The unity with the CLP will strengthen us. So far the start is made: three branches in Belleville, Ill. — English, German, and South Slavic — have joined us last week and Chicago branches will follow. Could not you arrange that the members of the CLP NEC would join us as individuals on the condition that we will not make any deference between them and us and go to build together a PARTY?

Come at once. We must act quick. We have the best confidence in you and expect you to issue the next copy of the paper here. Isaac [Ferguson] will willing to assist.

Yours for the Party,

E.F. [Leonid Belsky]

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