
**Letter to the Central Executive Committee
of the United Communist Party in New York
from Charles Dirba, Executive Secretary
of the Communist Party of America in New York,
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TO THE CEC OF THE UCP

Dear Comrades:—

Having on October 13th [1920] accidentally come across a decision in the September 14th *Izvestiia*, official organ of the Soviet Republic, relative to the unity of the Communist Party and the United Communist Party, as follows:

Both Communist parties — the United Communist Party and the Communist Party — are obligated to unite into one party on the basis of the decisions of the Second Congress of the Communist International [Petrograd and Moscow, July 19-Aug. 7, 1920]. This unity must be finally accomplished not later than in two months; that is by the 10th of October 1920. Those who do not subject themselves to this decision shall be expelled from the Third International.

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International demanding immediate unity, the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party has passed the following decisions:

Since the resolution of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, demanding immediate unity between the CP and the UCP, was received after the date set in the resolution for final completion of unity; and

Recognizing that the idea and intent of the resolution must be carried out to the best of our ability and circumstances without further delay;

We decide to take immediate steps for calling a joint convention with the UCP within two months, the representation to be in proportion to membership determined upon a just and equal basis for both parties; and

To notify the Executive Committee of the Communist International of our acknowledgment of their authority in the question, and of the steps we have taken to comply with their decision as soon as it reaches us.

On the basis of this resolution the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party has passed the following motions, in order to facilitate the process of uniting both parties at a joint convention:

1. A committee of three (A [= ???], B [= ???], and C [= ???]) has been elected with power to make arrangements with a like committee representing your Central Executive Committee.

2. That in the event of an agreement a call for a joint convention shall be issued by the respective CECs of both parties.

3. The basis for the joint call shall be as follows:

(a) The decisions of the 2nd Congress of the Communist International; (b) The "Conditions for affiliation" to the Communist International; (c) Any decisions of the Executive Committee of the Communist International pertaining to the Communist movement in this country.

4. The joint convention shall be called within two months.

5. The basis of election to joint convention shall be as follows: representation is to be in proportion to membership determined upon a just and equal basis for both parties.

In views of the very limited time for calling of the joint convention we expect a speedy reply.

Fraternally yours,

[Charles Dirba],

Executive Secretary

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