
Some Important CEC Decisions

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Some of the miscellaneous decisions of the Central Executive Committee during the past two months [June and July 1921] are as follows:

Sub-committees have been elected to investigate and report on the question of participation in the coming elections, on the Irish question, on the Negro question. These sub-committees are now at work.

Transfers to Russia.

Until further notice no membership certificates will be issued for Soviet Russia, except in special cases (such as party couriers).

Ex-Soldiers Organizations.

Members are encouraged to join Ex-Soldiers organizations, particularly those composed of privates, and to form nuclei within for conducting our propaganda. The formation of such nuclei should be reported through Party channels.

Harry Wicks.

The recommendation of an investigating committee that Harry Wicks shall not be admitted to the Party was approved. The information proves him to be absolutely undesirable within the Party ranks.

International Delegates.

Baldwin [Oscar Tyverovsky] was elected to represent the American section on the Executive Committee of the CI. Marshall [Max Bedacht] has instructions to return immediately after the adjournment of the Third Congress [June 22-July 12, 1921]. The others are to return after the conclusion of the Congress of the Red Trade Union International [July 3-19, 1921].

CEC Organization.

The Central Executive Committee has organized itself as follows:

Executive Secretary	Carr [L.E. Katterfeld]
Assistant Secretary	Dow [Charles Dirba]
Technical Manager	Ray [Joseph Stilson]
Editor	Wheat [Jay Lovestone]
Associate Editor	Curtis [John Ballam]
Librarian	Lewis [William Weinstone]
Industrial Organizer	Griffith [Joseph Zack Kornfeder]
Legal Department	(——)

The principle of Departmentalization has been adopted by the CEC and the following permanent departments have been instituted:

- a) Secretarial — Dow [Dirba], Curtis [Ballam], Ray [Stilson].
- b) Editorial — Wheat [Lovestone], Curtis [Ballam], Paul [J. Wilenkin].
- c) Industrial — Griffith [Kornfeder], Paul [Wilenkin], Golden [James P. Cannon].
- d) Educational — Lewis [Weinstone], Paul [Wilenkin], Kelley [George Ashkenuzi].
- e) Legal — (——), (——), (——).

The method of procedure is that all matters come first to the Secretarial Department. this departmental committee disposes of them, or refers them to the proper department for action, without bringing them to the CEC as a whole.

On all questions of which the departmental committees are unanimous, they have full power to act within the decisions and declared policies of the CEC, while all questions on which they can not agree, and all questions of party policy, come before the Committee as a whole for decision.

Only such matters are brought before the CEC as a whole as have been previously considered by the departmental committees. Every proposition that is laid before the CEC must be accompanied by specific questions or recommendations for action.

The departmental committees meet at least twice a week.

It will facilitate the work if communications involving the activities of different departments are written on separate sheets of paper.

65 Tailors.

A group of comrades with machinery for setting up a complete factory are anxious to go to Soviet Russia. The CEC can not grant their application. All such applications must go to Soviet Russia for instructions.

SP Left Wing.

Representatives of the CEC have had a conference with some "Left Wingers." The report is that these are still opposed to our form of organization, and that they do not yet understand our program. The CEC adopted the recommendation of this committee that articles should appear in all our papers dealing with the SP, and that our units should make special efforts to get this literature into the hands of the SP membership.

Allen [Cohen] and Raphael [Bittelman].

A motion to readmit Allen [Maximilian Cohen] and Raphael [Alexander Bittelman] to the party was lost (see later decision of CEC).

Bohemian and Jewish.

It is reported that both the Bohemian [Czech language] and Jewish [Yiddish language] Federations of the Socialist Party have decided to split away from the SP because of its attitude toward the Third International. Special effort must now be made at once by all affiliations to supply the membership of these Federations with our literature.

DECs.

According to the provisions of the new Constitution the District Executive Committees consist of the District Organizer, the Subdistrict Organizers, and five members elected by District Conventions. These DECs, so constituted, should take office immediately after District Conventions, replacing the temporary District Committees which consisted of the organizers of the two parties.

Change in Dues.

The plan of dues payment adopted by the convention [Woodstock, NY: May 15-28, 1921] took effect July 1st, according to CEC decision. This means that no more payments of dues shall be made through federation channels. All payments of dues and assessments of all language groups must come through the regular party channels, Section, Subdistrict, and District.

The rate of sixty cents a month took effect on the same date, and applies equally to men and women.

If either husband or wife, or both, are unable to pay dues, they may be exempt by action of the Branch Executive Committee. Such exempt members must be reported by the group captain as being in good standing.

YCL.

The Young Communist League, which had been organized by the UCP is continued, and the Young Communist nuclei which had been developed by the CP within the IYSPL are to merge with it immediately. Two members of the nuclei have been added to the Executive Committee of the YCL.

Did You Get It?

The Official Organ [*The Communist*] for August came out over two weeks ago. Every member should purchase a copy at ten cents. If you have not had an opportunity yet to get it, please kick and kick hard through party channels until you receive what you want.

Change in CEC.

On June 30th the written resignation of Comrade Post [Abram Jakira] was presented to the CEC and accepted. Comrade Lewis [Weinstone], one of the alternates elected by the Convention, was chosen to take his place.

Representative of the CI.

Comrade Staley [Shachno Epstein], who was sent by the CI to act as impartial chairman at the convention, has at last arrived. He carried credentials signed by both Marshall [Bedacht, UCP] and Andrew [Nicholas Hourwich, CPA] and made an extensive report on Press, legal activities, trade union work, and propaganda slogans. He said

that it is the opinion of the CI that an English Daily should be established here, that legal activities should be conducted on a much larger scale, that more intensive work should be done in the trade unions, and that our slogans regarding armed insurrection should not be stressed in the propaganda to reach the masses at the present time. He has been added to the editorial staff.

Districts.

The party has been divided into nine districts. The districts' lines follow with a few exceptions those of the former CP, except that three new districts have been created in the West. The old UCP Ds 2 [New York, *sic.*] and D5 [Cleveland], and D9 [Denver] has been divided among the St. Louis and San Francisco districts.

Each District has a paid District Organizer. Districts 1 [Boston], 3 [Philadelphia], 6 [Detroit] have one paid Sub-District Organizer each. Districts 2 [New York] and 4 [Cleveland] each have two paid SDOs and District 5 [Chicago] has three. In addition to these 19 paid organizers, 22 other Sub-District Organizers have been appointed in the six Eastern districts. The recommendations for Sub-District Organizers in the three Western districts have not yet been made.

On Divulging Information.

The CEC has adopted the following motion:

“No decision of the CEC shall be divulged until it is given out by the Executive Secretary, unless a member is instructed to do so by the CEC.”

Federation Organizers.

By a vote of the CEC, Federation Bureaus are instructed to submit names of all their organizers for the approval of the CEC, as provided in the Constitution, and no Federation Organizer shall have official status until so approved.

This does not mean, however, that all the work must stop, pending this approval. The work should continue and all the branches should cooperate in it.

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It is the duty of all Party officials to transmit resolutions and communications from the lower Party units to the higher Party units

to which they are addressed, no matter whether they themselves approve of the contents of the communications or not.

The Convention instructed the CEC to issue a Manifesto, based on the Party program. It has been decided to defer the publication of the Manifesto until the return of our delegates from the International Congress.

Wheat [Lovestone] has been elected editor of the Official Organ, *The Communist*, and Curtis [Ballam] associate editor. It will appear once a month. The *Bulletin* is to be issued hereafter by the Secretarial Department. Golden [Cannon] has resigned from the editorship of Paper No. 2 [*The Toiler*]. Wheat [Lovestone] was elected to act as editor-in-chief.

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In regard to a statement sent out by the former Executive Secretary, Comrade Dow [Dirba], regarding his resignation, the CEC adopted the following:

“First, to approve the action of Comrade Carr [Katterfeld] in ordering the immediate withdrawal of Dow’s [Dirba’s] statement as to his resignation. Second, to censure Dow [Dirba] for circulating unauthorized statements, the effect of which could only be harmful to the Party. that the Russian Federation be informed that their protest is unfounded, because it is based on misinformation.

Entering the Elections.

Details of how to proceed in the coming elections are being communicated through Party channels.

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Speakers for whom regular tours are arranged under the Legal Department, must have the approval of the CEC. Local Party committees may approve local speakers for special meetings, submitting their names to the CEC for future work. All speakers are to speak in conformity with the policies laid down by the CEC.

SP Left Wing.

Some members of the Left Wing, who have recently withdrawn from the SP, have submitted certain propositions to the CEC. A sub-committee has been elected to draw up a reply.

No CEC member shall accept any position on local committees.

Reinstatements.

All former CP or UCP members who were suspended, expelled, or denied membership in either of the former two Parties on account of differences of opinion on the unity issue, shall be reinstated with full membership, on application to the Party.

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