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# Memorandum to All Groups of the CPA from Jay Lovestone, Executive Secretary, July 25, 1922.

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## **MIMEOGRAPH AND RUSH ONE TO EACH GROUP**

Dear Comrades:

We have just received word from the Executive Committee of the Communist International that the problems confronting the American Party



have been fully considered at a special meeting set aside for that purpose. The Executive Committee of the Communist International has carefully considered the situation prevailing in our party and the new problems arising out of the tactics pursued by our party to date. It has decided to send back to American Com. James Cook [Jim Cannon], now repre-

senting our party on the Executive Committee of the Communist International, member of the Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, and member of the Presidium of the Red Trade Union International with full instructions and detailed reports for our party adopted by the Communist International.†

Comrades, you will be kept fully informed of all details and instructions. Upon arrival of our representative all efforts will be made to have him tour the districts and fully acquaint the membership with the decisions of the Communist International. Whatever changes or modifications these instructions may necessitate in our present organizational plans or activities will be transmitted to you immediately upon receipt of same by the National Office of the Communist International [*sic.*].

Fraternally yours,

*L. C. Wheat [Jay Lovestone],*  
Exec. Secretary.

†- Actually, there was no such consideration of the American Question at the Executive Committee of the Communist International, nor was Cannon sent scurrying to America with new policy instructions. Rather, the always conniving Cannon, knowing that a party convention was in the offing in America and anxious to cut off his factional opponents of the so-called "Goose Caucus" at the pass, managed to have the American Question placed upon the agenda of an ECCI session and anticipated the rest. To Cannon's dismay, the American Question did not come up at the session of ECCI in question and so Cannon was unable to come racing home to present the August 1922 Bridgman Convention with a *fait accompli*. Instead, the policies of the Goose Caucus carried the day at Bridgman and a new Goose-dominated CEC, ultimately headed by Abram Jakira, won election. Cannon was almost immediately recalled by this new CEC, replaced by Ludwig Katterfeld at ECCI and Arne Swaback at RILU. However, Cannon violated discipline by ignoring the order to return, successfully having the CPA instruction overruled by ECCI functionaries. Cannon stayed through the 4th World Congress of ECCI in [Nov. 5-Dec. 5, 1922], continuing his backroom agitation for an open party in America.

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