
Circular Letter to the CEC of the WPA from Otto Kuusinen for the Secretariat of the Communist International, April 30, 1923.

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To the Central Committee of
Workers Party of USA.†

Dear Comrades:

The present critical economic and political situation existing in nearly all the capitalist states imposes extremely difficult and responsible tasks upon the Sections of the Communist International. The Sections will be able the better to fulfill these tasks the better they know how to base their actions upon the decisions of the 4th World Congress [Nov. 5-Dec. 5, 1922], namely with reference to the questions of Labor Government and the United Front. The 4th Congress, naturally, could only formulate its point of view in principle. It is the duty of the Sections to examine their own peculiar economic and political conditions that are of importance to the communist movement and the development of the class struggle. The Central Committees of the Sections of the Communist International must therefore see to it that the comrades who report to the congresses (district, state, or national) of the party and deal with the most important political problems should be well informed and conscious of the great responsibility that lies upon them.

It is for this reason that the Executive [Committee of the Communist International] very rarely attempts to influence directly the tactical measures adopted by the Sections of the Communist International. When it does, however, it gives its representa-

tives a direct mandate. No comrade, however closely and intimately he stands in contact with the Executive of the Communist International, who cannot produce such a mandate, is authorized to act as the representative or delegate of the Comintern or the Russian Party, or to attempt to influence the labors and discussions of the conferences of any section of the Communist International. As it has recently happened that comrades have appeared at important congresses of our sections and have spoken in the name of the Executive without such a mandate, we advise you all in such cases to examine the mandates of these comrades. If there is no such express mandate of the Executive of the CI or if the mandate is made out for participation in the conferences of other parties, or limited in any other way, these comrades of course can only appear as guests and speak in no other than their own names. We recommend you to communicate definite instructions to all the committees of your party (district committees and secretariats) in the sense of this letter.

With communist greetings,

**The Secretariat of the
Communist International,**

O. W. Kuusinen.

Moscow. April 30th, 1923.

†- The name of the recipient party is filled in by hand, indicating a circular letter sent out to multiple parties.

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