
CPA Party News

by Harry Winitsky

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At the last membership meeting of Local Greater New York it was unanimously decided that every member of the local be taxed a full day's salary for the defense fund. In view of the fact that so many of our comrades have been seized in the raids and are now being held by the authorities, it is of paramount importance that this money be forthcoming in order that we may be in a position to release these comrades on bail.

The organizers of all branches are instructed to appoint immediately a committee of their branch to visit all their members in their homes and collect this tax. The money must be turned in before the 1st of December [1919] to the Executive Secretary [Harry Winitsky] at 207 East 10th Street.

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On Saturday evening [Nov. 8, 1919] while the Lusk Committee was raiding the branches of the Party, a special visit was made to the office of the local at 207 East 10th Street.

The raiders looted the whole office, but when they found only a lot of old literature and a financial receipt book, they were so disappointed that they broke the typewriters, took away the mimeograph machine, and destroyed the desks and all such

other office fixtures. They got his receipt book so that the Executive Secretary [Winitsky] is not in a position to know what moneys came in during the past few weeks. All organizers and financial secretaries are instructed to bring to the local office immediately all receipts in their possession so that a count can be made for the finance committee.

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The Educational Committee has made all arrangements to start the classes in all the branches throughout the city. All branches are urged to notify the Executive Secretary [Winitsky] immediately on what nights their headquarters are available and what the seating capacity of each branch is.

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The Executive Committee has decided that no branch can procure literature

from the local unless it pays for what it has already purchased. The bills for literature were confiscated by the Lusk Committee, and all branches are requested to send in the money that they owe for literature purchased.



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The raiders also got the record of how many membership cards were given to every branch and the secretary [Winitsky] is therefore not in a position to know how much money is due to the National Office for the Organization Fund, for which every member of the Communist Party was taxed 50 cents. The organizers of all branches are hereby instructed to immediately collect the 50 cents from every member and turn it in the local office.

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Those branches that have not as yet purchased their dues stamps will do so immediately, otherwise their delegates to the City Central Committee will not be seated.

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Watch this column for the date of the next Central Committee meeting. The next regular meeting is postponed.

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