
Letter to Alfred Wagenknecht in New York from Charles Dirba in New York, February 9, 1920.

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To the CEC of the Communist Labor Party
Reply of the CEC of the Communist Party
as to Unity Proposition.

On clause 1, as to difference in fundamental principles, the CP cannot consistently join in or subscribe to a declaration that there are no such differences between the CP and the CLP, although it could not object to such a declaration coming from the CLP.

On clause 2, as to the basis for a joint Convention, the CP holds that tentative acceptance of its Manifesto and Program, and also of those parts of the Constitution setting forth the fundamental relationship of Language Federations within the Party, is necessary. It is understood that underground form of organization and conditions of membership affecting representation in the joint convention are to be made the same in the CLP as in the CP to insure equal basis of representation. It is further understood that the joint convention will be arranged as soon as possible within the next six months.

On clause 3, as to immediate consolidation of the CECs of the two organizations to conduct together the work of defense, organization, and propaganda while the Federations would continue as heretofore, the CEC of the CP positively decided against such consolidation as inconsistent with the fundamental principles of the CP, and as impracticable in present situation. The CP holds that the only road to organic communist unity is a joint convention.

For any further explanations and conference the undersigned will be glad to meet with representatives of the CLP at any agreed time and place.

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Committee of the CEC of CP.

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