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(One copy to every group — Read at next meeting — Then destroy.)

A COMMAND: Made collection of your quota of the \$50,000 Organization Fund a Special Order of Business at your next group meeting.

It is the importance of the situation which COMMANDS YOUR GROUP to collect the quota of the \$50,000 Organization Fund immediately.

Some comrades feel that there is no hurry to collect this fund because there is money in the treasury. The August [1920] financial report will show that the balance in the treasury amounts to about \$8,000. Our deficit per month is about \$4,000. If we are to continue our present activities our treasury will be empty by the last of October. And then what?

But we want to do more than just continue our present activities. We want to increase our activities. We want to grow stronger, better organized, more effective day by day. We want to flood the country with literature. Also there are many things we have to do to safeguard the party's interests from attack by the friends of capitalism and these things cost money. We can not tell about them, but you may well guess. The CEC has already laid plans which require the expenditure of thousands of dollars — plans which will make it possible for us to steadily continue our onslaught upon capitalism until victory is ours.

Many groups have already collected and forwarded their full quota of the \$50,000 Organization Fund. Whole section shave pledged to remit the call for \$5 per member. A District 2 [New York] section just held a picnic to raise its quota. This section has 350 members. The picnic was a success. This means that from this section alone \$1,750 will be sent the National Office. Another section of 300 members in this same district has also pledged its full quota of \$1,500. Incidentally, every member of the CEC paid his quota at the last meeting.

And now how about your group? May we register it in the advance guard of the revolutionary hosts, ever ready and PROMPT to meet the needs which the situations that confront us command? The only answer you need send now is \$5 per member through regular Party channels to your District office. Your District Organizer has been called upon to report and remit all receipts for the \$50,000 Organization Fund by September 11 [1920]. Get your \$5 per member to your District Organizer BEFORE this date.

John Reed, formerly International Secretary of the CLP, was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International by the recent Congress at Moscow [2nd: July 19-Aug. 7, 1920]. This means that the UCP is now represented on the Executive Committee of the Third International and definitely affiliated with it. Two delegates from the former CP and 3 from the former CLP were seated at this Congress.† Two additional delegates sent to the

†- From the Communist Party of America: Louis Fraina and Alexander Stoklitsky. From the Communist Labor Party of America: Alexander Bilan, Eadmonn MacAlpine, and John Reed. A delegate of the United Communist Party, Edward Lindgren, arrived in time to attend the closing days of the Congress. Fraina and Reed were elected to ECCI on behalf of their respective parties.

Congress did not arrive in time to attend.

Get the letter from the Communist International to the IWW into the hands of every member of the IWW you meet. This letter has been sent in leaflet form to your District for free distribution.

Here you have the present strength of the federation CP faction as compared with the UCP. Dues receipts for the UCP for July were \$2,139.40; for the CP, \$705.60. Total receipts of the UCP for July were \$9,416.73 and expenses totalled \$4,689.12 and their expenses were \$5,530.19. However, this does not yet at all show the UCP at full strength. The strength of the UCP will be better judged by dues payments made during the next 3 months.

Decisions of the Local Quorum of the CEC at a Recent Conference.

1. Decided to ask the membership to recommend experienced and competent organizers that may be available for party service.
2. Decided that payment for legal organs should not be made through Party Channels, but direct to the papers.
3. Papers and letters from Canada asking for information. Secretary [Alfred Wagenknecht] instructed to write Canadian comrades about affiliation with UCP.
4. Decided that if any spy should be discovered within the organization the comrades shall if possible secure his photo and forward it with detailed description to the CEC. The National Office will then publish this for the information of the membership.
5. Decided to take up at the next full meeting of the CEC the question of electing a committee to confer with the General Executive Board of the IWW in regard to cooperation as suggested by the Executive Committee of the Third International.
6. A letter from Comrade Flynn [Edward Lindgren] announces that he has almost reached his destination [Moscow, site of the 2nd Comintern Congress]. CEC decided to send official greetings.
7. Decided to publish the unity letter of the Third International as a leaflet in Lithuanian.
8. Letter from Polish organizer announces that Polish branches in District 1 [Boston] had held an Emergency Convention and decided to join the UCP. Turned over [to] the District Organizer for action.
9. Publication of two timely leaflets in Polish was announced. The membership is urged through these leaflets to make connections with the Polish comrades everywhere and bring them definitely into the UCP.
10. A delegate from the Executive Committee of the Third International [Samuel Agursky?] appeared personally before the CEC. He said that his chief mission was to bring unity of all Communist forces in this country. He suggested a conference between committees from the UCP and the CP faction. He urged cooperation with the IWW, closer touch with Mexico, and the establishment of better connections with the International. He is also anxious to have all Communists join the United Party at once.
11. Rose [C.E. Ruthenberg] and Clemens [I.E. Ferguson?] were elected a sub-committee to draft the report asked for by the Delegate of the International. Simons [Max Bedacht?] and Alden [Ludwig Katterfeld] were made the committee to discuss with a committee from the CP faction that had not yet joined us the points at issue between the two organization in the presence of the representative of the International [Agursky?].
12. It was voted to publish stickers as a regular part of our program propaganda. Comrades are urged to suggest suitable slogans for stickers. Remember, the fewer words the better. Send them in through the regular channels.
13. It was voted that members should use their own sense of discretion in filling in the Industrial Registration cards.

14. Requests came from D7 [Chicago] that the UCP Bulletin be translated and issued in Russian. Secretary [Wagenknecht] instructed to issue the Bulletin in all such languages as may be necessary to serve the membership.

15. Since some comrades seem to labor under the misapprehension that membership in some open organizations makes them members of the Party, the German editor [Ludwig Lore] was ordered to write a special article explaining the essentials for membership in the UCP.

[16 & 17 — Not included in document.]

18. The editor [Ruthenberg] was instructed to publish a call in the official organ [*The Communist*] for comrades to contribute articles for publication.

Our attorney [Ferguson] was instructed to visit Ellis Island to investigate reports that more deportees have recently been taken there.

19. It was decided to publish immediately 10,000 English and 2,000 Jewish [Yiddish] copies of *The State and Revolution* by Lenin.

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