
Minutes of the Central Executive Committee, (unified) Communist Party of America: New York City — June 7-15, 1921.

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First Day, [Tuesday] June 7.

All present.†

Chairman — “Griffith” [Joseph Zack Kornfeder].

Order of Business: (1) Minutes of previous meeting; (2) Report of Secretary; (3) Matters left to full meeting; (4) Convention Committee Reports; (5) Manifesto; (6) Communications; (7) New Business.

Minutes of Last Meeting, May 30-June 3.

May 30 — OK.

May 31 — OK.

“Scott” [Karlis Janson] came.)

June 1 — Insert that “Burke” [Charles Krumbein] was elected DO5 [Chicago] by 6 votes.

June 3 — Instead of “Harper” use the name “Spencer” [??] for Treasurer.

Motion (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): To record in the minutes the motion carried to file the announcement [protesting election of DOs with less than 6 votes] of “Carr” [Katterfeld], “Griffith” [Zack], “Turner” [Weinstone], “Wheat” [Lovestone].

Motion carried, 5 to 3.

Floor given to “Cliff” [??], representative of the

Pan-American Council of RILU. Read communication from [Mikhail] Tomskey. Applied for the Party turning over the Pan-American Council the paper in C.‡

Motion (by “Dow” [Dirba]): To refuse the request of the Pan-American Council for the paper.

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): That we place the paper at the disposal of the Pan-American Council for special propaganda among the unions, with the provisions that (1) the paper shall remain the property of the Party; (2) its editorial policy shall remain subject to the control of the CEC through its Editorial Committee, which in cooperation with the Pan-American Council shall outline the specific field to be covered by the paper; (3) its business management shall work in cooperation with the management of the Party press.

Amendment carried by 9 to 1, as against the motion.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): That the Editorial Committee in cooperation with the Pan-American Council shall select the editor for the paper.

Motion carried.

Report of Secretary.

[Dirba] has not had time to prepare the financial statement: the CEC meetings, writing the minutes of

†- That is: “Dow” [Charles Dirba, ex-CPA], “Curtis” [John Ballam, ex-CPA], “Kelly” [George Ashkenuzi, ex-CPA], “Paul” [J. Wilenkin, ex-CPA], “Ray” [Joseph Stilson, ex-CPA]; “Carr” [Ludwig Katterfeld, ex-UCP], “Griffith” [Joseph Zack Kornfeder, ex-UCP], “Post” [??, ex-UCP; a Russian-speaking resident of Philadelphia, tentatively and very indefinitely identified as Abram Jakira], “Turner” [Will Weinstone, ex-UCP] (acting for “Cook” [Jim Cannon, ex-UCP]), and “Wheat” [Jay Lovestone, ex-UCP].

‡- “C.” probably refers to Cleveland. The paper in question is uncertain but may well have been the trade union organ *The Workers Challenge. The Toiler*, the main legal English language weekly of the American Communist movement had also originated in Cleveland as *The Ohio Socialist*, but it is believed that this publication was moved to New York prior to the time of this meeting. In January 1922 *The Toiler* was merged with *The Workers Council* to form *The Worker* — the primary English weekly of the Workers Party of America.

them, getting connections from the UCP, and getting out the first circular and Bulletin to the DOs and Federations have taken all his time.

Technical Department is now organized.

Report accepted.

Report of Editorial Committee.

Next issue of *The Communist*, about 24 pages, to contain story of convention, constitution, program, resolutions, and committee reports. Expect to get it out in about 10 days, want all the revised reports and documents. Want to employ "Dales" [??] as general assistant.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To empower the Editorial Committee to employ "Dales" [??] as general assistant.

Motion carried.

Matters Left Over From Previous Meeting.

Editor of Underground Papers.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To postpone action until "Cook" [Jim Cannon] comes.

Motion lost.

"Curtis" [Ballam] and "Wheat" [Lovestone] were nominated, and received each 5 votes.

Motion (by "Paul" [Wilenskin]): To leave the Editorial Committee to apportion the work among these two comrades.

Motion lost, 5 to 5.†

Rules.

Clause 4c.

"Dow's" [Dirba's] Substitute: *lost by 5 to 5.‡*

"Carr's" [Katterfeld's] Amendment: *lost by 5 to 5.§*

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): In case any member of the CEC is absent, a decision, upon the demand for roll call, does not take effect until the absent member records his vote, unless there are more than 5 votes for or against the motion.

Amendment (by "Ray" [Stilson]): That the decision of the majority of any meeting of the CEC is binding.

Amendment lost, 4 to 6.

Motion carried, 8 to 2.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Turner" [Weinstone], "Post" [Jakira?], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Griffith" [Zack], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Dow" [Dirba]; **No:** "Ray" [Stilson], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi].

Clause 6, second part.

Amendment (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To read: "to divulge from the CEC proceedings anything that would interfere with the carrying out of the decisions and policies of the CEC.

Amendment lost.

Original formulation carried, "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Wheat" [Lovestone], and "Griffith" [Zack] voting against. Δ

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To add the following clause to the rules: "On all questions of procedure a majority of those voting shall decide. On other

†- The post of Editor of Underground Papers was regarded as a matter of fundamental factional importance between the former members of the old CPA and the UCP. Again and again voting split along factional lines between the former old CPA member Ballam and the former UCP member Lovestone. Wilenskin's motion to allow the editorial committee to assign work — divided as it was 2-1 in favor of the old-CPA — was doubtlessly viewed by the former members of the UCP as a backhanded method of awarding the post to Ballam.

‡- Dirba: "That on all questions of procedure a majority of those voting shall decide. On other questions decision shall be by majority of those voting, except in case any member is absent, when, upon the demand for roll call, the decision does not take effect until all members of the CEC have recorded their vote, or unless there are more than 5 votes for or against a motion."

§- Katterfeld: "That on all questions of procedure a majority of those voting shall decide. On other questions decision shall be by majority vote of those voting except on roll call, in which case six votes, a majority of the whole Committee, shall be required for binding decision."

Δ- Original formulation: "(2) to divulge any decisions of the CEC not shown on the official extracts sent out to membership, or any proceedings, information, or debated not having a direct bearing upon the decisions and matters so given out by the CEC."

questions decision shall be by majority vote of those voting except on roll call, in which case 6 votes, a majority of the whole Committee, shall be required for binding decision."

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

On roll call — **Yes:** "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Turner" [Weinstone], "Post" [Jakira?], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Griffith" [Zack]. **No:** "Ray" [Stilson], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Dow" [Dirba].

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To adopt the rules as a whole.

Question: If this motion is voted down, what about the decisions on the separate points?

Answer by Chair [Zack]: Then the rules [in toto] are not adopted.

Dow appealed.

Chair was sustained by 5 to 5 vote.

"Dow's" [Dirba's] motion was lost by tie vote.

On roll call — **Yes:** "Ray" [Stilson], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Dow" [Dirba]. **No:** "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Turner" [Weinstone], "Post" [Jakira?], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Griffith" [Zack].

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To call a special convention of the Party.

Motion lost, 1 to 9.

By roll call — "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi] voting for, and all others against the motion.

Motion (by "Turner" [Weinstone]): That the CEC meet at least once in two weeks.

Motion carried.

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): That all rules that were adopted seriatim shall stand.

Amendment lost, 5 to 5.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To adjourn.

Motion lost.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): That it shall be breach of Party discipline to divulge from the CEC proceedings anything that would interfere with the carrying out of the decisions and policies of the CEC.

Motion ruled out of order by the Chair [Zack].

Kelly appealed.

Chair was sustained by 5 to 4 vote.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To take up the report of the Industrial Committee.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To take up the question of the EH [??] printing plant.

Motion carried.

Communication from EH [??] read. "Griffith" [Zack] reported.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To elect a committee of 3 to find ways and means to help the EH [??].

Motion carried.

"Carr" [Katterfeld], "Griffith" [Zack], "Ray" [Stilson] elected.

Motion (by "Turner" [Weinstone]): To advance \$40 for N. [??] meeting, with the understanding that the money shall be returned from the proceeds of the meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Paul" [Wilenskin]): To instruct the N. [??] group to arrange their meetings through the regular party channels.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Paul" [Wilenskin]): To instruct the Editorial Committee to prepare a leaflet on the Tulsa happenings.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To cooperate with the Pan-American Council in sending a man to the AF of L convention as a reporter.

Motion carried.

"Cook" [Cannon] and "Atwood" [Caleb Harrison] to be nominated.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To instruct the Secretarial Department to bring in recommendations for someone to go to the Socialist Party convention [Detroit: June 25-29, 1921].

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To instruct the Editorial Committee to bring in a draft of Manifesto.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To elect a committee of 3 to meet with the SP Left-Wingers to organize them into a caucus for action at the SP convention.

Motion carried.

“Carr” [Katterfeld], “Paul” [Wilenskin], and “Wheat” [Lovestone] elected.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To instruct our committee that they shall work for a split at the SP convention.

Motion (by “Turner” [Weinstone]): To hold the next session Thursday [June 9] at 10 am.

Motion carried.

“Post” [Jakira?] excused to catch train.

Amendment (by “Wheat” [Lovestone] to “Kelly’s” [Ashkenuzi’s] motion): That we instruct our committee to have the Left-Wing delegates work unqualifiedly for the 21 Points [of the Comintern] at the convention of the SP.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried, 6 to 3.

Adjourned.

Second Day, [Thursday] June 9.

All present except “Post” [Jakira?] and “Turner” [Weinstone].

Chairman — “Curtis” [Ballam].

Press Committee Report to the Convention.

Both reports read, one from the [old] CP committeemen, and one from the UCP.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To take up the CP part of the report as the basis for action, taking into consideration at the same time the specific recommendations of the UCP part of the report.

Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That both parts of the report be referred to the Editorial Committee, to be combined into one report for action by the CEC.

Amendment carried, 7 to 1 (“Curtis” [Ballam] voting against the amendment).

Industrial Report.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To take it up seriatim.

Amendment (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To have a general discussion upon the report as a whole.

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Dow” [Dirba]): To take up for discussion first the Communist Nuclei and Shop Delegate System; then Cooperation [of the Communist Nuclei with other elements]; then Communist Nuclei and Independent Labor Unions; and last the organization provisions.

Amendment to the Amendment carried as against the Motion and Amendment.

Communist Nuclei and Shop Delegate System.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To refer this part of the report to the Editorial Committee [Ballam, Lovestone, Wilenskin] together with the Industrial Organizer [Zack] for reformulation.

Motion carried.

Cooperation of Communist Nuclei with Other Elements.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To take it up seriatim.

Motion carried.

Section 1 — OK.

Section 2 — OK.

Section 3 — OK.

Section 4:

Amendment (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): Sixth sentence to read: “If they are defeated, they shall continue to propagate their ideas and bring into the caucuses workers favorable to the cause.”

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Paul” [Wilenskin]): “If defeated, they shall not disorganize or break up the left groups, but rather continue to propagate our ideas, and bring into the left wing groups workers favorable to the cause.”

Amendment to the Amendment carried as against the Amendment.

Another *Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam])*: Fifth sentence to read: "Party Nuclei shall at all times carry on Communist propaganda within the left wing groups and do their best to convince the workers of the correctness and feasibility of our program and proposals."

Amendment carried.

Section 5 — OK.

Section 6 — OK.

Section 7 — OK.

Communist Nuclei and Independent Labor Unions.

Section 1 — OK.

Section 2 — OK, to be combined with paragraph #1.

Section 3 — OK.

Section 4 — stricken out, because it does not belong to Industrial Report.

Provision for the Organization of Communist Nuclei in Unions and Shops.

Art. 1, Sec. 1:

Question: Are these provisions to be added to the Constitution?

Chair [Ballam] ruled that the CEC cannot add to or take anything from the Constitution as adopted by the Convention and printed in the Official Bulletin.

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To incorporate the provisions in the Constitution.

Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To print them as an appendix to the Constitution.

Amendment carried, 5 to 3, as against the motion.

Section 1 — OK as changed.

Section 2:

Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): "All Party members belonging to labor unions shall be affiliated with the Party Nuclei in their respective unions."

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Wheat"

[Lovestone]): To refer to the Secretarial Department [Dirba, Katterfeld, and ???] together with Industrial Organizer [Zack] for reformulation, both sections 2 and 3.

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): They should formulate a clause on the necessity of Party members joining labor unions.

Motion carried.

Section 4:

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To add "and shops."

Amendment carried.

Section 5:

Amendment (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): "The Nuclei of the various locals in the same trade shall connect with each other through organizers elected by them."

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To refer this section to the committee.

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

Section 6 — OK.

Section 7 — OK, as corrected.

Section 8 — Referred to committee.

Section 9 — Referred to committee.

Section 10 — OK.

Section 11 — OK.

Article II, Section 1 — OK.

Section 2:

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): "With the approval of the District Executive Committee."

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): "Such leaflets shall deal strictly with the local union activities, and shall not endeavor an exposition of general Communist principles."

Amendment to the Amendment lost by 2 to 6.

Amendment lost by 4 to 4.

Section as originally drawn up lost by 4 to 4.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To refer this section to the committee.

Motion carried.

Section 3 — OK.

Section 4:

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To strike it out.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To strike out "with the authorization of the section or the Sub-District Executive Committee."

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

Section as amended carried.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To elect a special committee of 3 to reformulate the sections referred.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): The Organization Department together with the Industrial Organizer [Zack] shall reformulate the sections referred.

Amendment carried as against the Motion.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): That the CEC instructs the Industrial Organizer [Zack], in conjunction with the Editorial Committee [Wilenkin, Ballam, Lovestone] to prepare a pamphlet on the work of the Party Nuclei in the Labor Unions, to be presented to the CEC for approval.

Motion carried.

Appeal for Gale.

An appeal for Gale has been received from the N.E. Def. Conf.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To publish this appeal in the *Workers Challenge*.

Motion lost, 2 to 5.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To instruct the NEDC not to support any personal defense campaigns or funds, and on this ground to refuse to print the appeal in the *Workers Challenge*.

Amendment lost, 4 to 4.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To notify all Party units to take up the Gale case, and endeavor to secure funds for it.

Motion carried, 6 to 2.

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To instruct the Editor of *Workers Challenge* to write an article in favor of Gale's defense.

Motion carried, 5 to 2.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To instruct the secretary of the National Defense Committee to get the facts in regard to Gale's case, and submit them to the CEC.

Amendment to the Amendment lost, 3 to 4.

Sub-District Organizer Appointments in District 2 [New York].

DO2 [Ashkenuzi] submits for approval: "Willard" [??] for Sub-District 1 [New York City], and "Webber" [??, ex-UCP] for SD4 [Upstate New York].

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To approve the appointment of Comrade "Webber" [??] as SDO in D2, SD4 [Upstate New York].

Motion carried, 6 to 3.

Defense.

Wants to know about what should be the action of the 3 arrested as to taking the stand.†

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That they shall not take the stand.

Motion carried.

Letter from South Slavic.

Letter from S.S. [South Slavic Federation], as to engaging an attorney for G. [??] without any interference from either the Party or other attorneys.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): That the CEC doubts the advisability and feasibility of the proposition, but leaves it to the discretion of Comrade G. [??].

Motion carried.

†- Edward Lindgren, Israel Amter, and Abram Jakira were arrested in connection with a September 16, 1920, bombing in New York in which the chief suspect, a certain Lindenfeld, claimed the connection of a "terrorist faction" of the Communist Party of America with the event. The three were unclear whether circumstances called for them to jump bail or to appear for trial, and direction from the CEC was sought.

“Post’s” Absence from CEC Meetings.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To instruct the Secretary [Dirba] to get in touch with “Post” [Jakira?] at once, and to get from him a definite reply as to his readiness to fulfill his duties as a member of the CEC.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To meet again Sunday [June 12] at 11 am.

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To meet tomorrow [Friday, June 10] from 1 pm to 6 pm.

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Ray” [Stilson]): To meet Monday [June 13] at 10 am.

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To wire mandate to “Marshall” [Max Bedacht] to sit on the EC of the CI until “B.” [“Baldwin” = Oscar Tyverovsky] arrives there.

Amendment (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): To wire that we have not authorized anyone to sit on the EC of the CI as our representative until “B.” [Tyverovsky] arrives there.

Motion (by “Dow” [Dirba]): To table both the motion and the amendment.

Motion carried, 5 to 3.

“Kelly” [Ashkenuzi] excused to go to important meeting in the District.

“Mrs. Ballister” [Lydia Gibson, wife of Robert Minor], going over on borrowed money, applies for full salary for the children staying here.

Motion (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): To grant single salary.

Motion carried.

“Dobner” [Jakira] wants permission to answer [Morris] Zucker in the *Vorwärts*.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To permit “Dobner” [Jakira] to answer Zucker through *Vorwärts*, the answer to have the approval of the Editorial Committee.

Motion lost, 2 to 4.

Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To give

permission to “Dobner” [Jakira] to answer Zucker.
Motion lost, 2 to 4.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To engage “Mrs. F.” [??] for statistical and research work.

Motion carried.

Report on the financial difficulties of the EH [??] heard.

Adjourned.

Third Day, [Monday] June 13.

All present, “Golden” [James P. Cannon] taking his place on the CEC instead of “Turner” [Weinstone].
Chairman — “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi].

Report of EH [??] Committee.

They need \$12,000 to pay immediately, but the creditors agree to postpone action if they are paid \$4,000 at once.

Industrial Report.

Committee reported reformulations.

Art. 1, Section 1 — “Every Party member shall belong to a labor union, if possible.”

Amendment (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): “...if eligible.”

Amendment carried, 6 to 2.

Section 3 — OK.

Section 4 — Change proposed by committee: “approximately 10 members” instead of “not more than 10 members.”

Carried.

Section 5 — OK.

Section 6 — Stricken out.

Section 7 — OK.

Section 8:

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To add in parentheses: “(with voice but no vote).”

Amendment carried.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): That the District Executive Committee shall appoint the District Nuclei Organizer, subject to the approval of the CEC.

Motion lost, 3 to 7.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Curtis" [Ballam], "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]. **No:** "Ray" [Stilson], "Golden" [Cannon], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Post" [Jakira?], "Griffith" [Zack], "Dow" [Dirba].

Clause as amended by "Post" [Jakira?] carried.

Section 9 — OK as proposed by committee.

Article II, Section 2 — As proposed by part of the committee.

Amendment (by "Post" [Jakira?]): Instead of "District Executive Committee" put "Sub-District or Section Executive Committee."

Amendment carried, 8 to 2.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): Add "In emergency the Nuclei may issue leaflets with the approval of the Local Industrial Organizer."

Amendment to the Amendment lost, 4 to 6.

Clause as amended by Post carried.

The Editorial Committee did not have time to work on the "Communist Nuclei and Shop Delegate System."

[Industrial Organizer] "Griffith" [Zack] brings a series of blanks for the industrial work.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To distribute the blanks through the districts.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To refer the blanks to the Organization Department together with the Industrial Organizer for revision and recommendations.

Amendment carried as against the motion.

Report on Education and Legal Activities.

On Education

Motion: To take it up seriatim.

Motion carried.

Section 1 — Referred to Editorial Committee for reformulation.

Section 2:

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To accept.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To accept and refer to the Editorial Committee.

Amendment carried.

Section 3 — OK.

Section 4 — Referred.

Section 5 — OK.

Section 6 — Referred.

Section 7 — Referred.

Section 8 — Referred.

Section 9 — Referred.

Section 10 — Referred.

Section 11 — Referred.

Section 12 — Referred.

[Educational Committee.]

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To elect an educational director.

Motion carried.

Chair [Ashkenuzi] ruled that only members of the CEC may be nominated.

"Griffith" [Zack] appealed.

Chair was sustained.

"Paul" [Wilenskin], "Golden" [Cannon], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Post" [Jakira?], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Curtis" [Ballam] were nominated, but no one accepted.

Motion (by "Paul" [Wilenskin]): To elect an Educational Committee of 3.

Motion carried, 6 to 4.

"Carr" [Katterfeld], "Paul" [Wilenskin], and "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi] elected.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): That the Industrial Organizer [Zack] work in conjunction with the Organization Department.

Amendment (by "Post" [Jakira?]): To elect an Industrial Committee of 3.

Amendment lost, 4 to 6.

Motion lost, 4 to 6.

On Legal Activities.

Taken up seriatim.

Section 1 — OK.

Section 2 — OK.

Section 3:

Amendment (by “Ray” [Stilson]): First sentence to end as follows: “...shall create a department on legal activities.” Strike out the rest, including clauses 4 and 5.

Amendment lost, 4 to 6.

On roll call — **Yes:** “Paul” [Wilenskin], “Curtis” [Ballam], “Ray” [Stilson], “Dow” [Dirba]. **No:** “Carr” [Katterfeld], “Golden” [Cannon], “Wheat” [Lovestone], “Post” [Jakira?], “Griffith” [Zack], “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi].

Clause, as originally drawn up, lost 4 to 6.

On roll call — **Yes:** “Carr” [Katterfeld], “Golden” [Cannon], “Wheat” [Lovestone], “Griffith” [Zack]. **No:** “Paul” [Wilenskin], “Curtis” [Ballam], “Ray” [Stilson], “Post” [Jakira?], “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi], “Dow” [Dirba].

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To elect a committee of 3 to work out a plan of centralized legal activities.

Motion carried.

By roll call — All voting in favor except “Dow” [Dirba], who abstained.

“Carr” [Katterfeld], “Golden” [Cannon], and “Paul” [Wilenskin] elected.

[Other Business.]**[Queries from District Organizers.]**

Question from District 1 [Boston]: Will the CEC allow [them] to give reports on Convention to membership meetings of whole branches, or even several branches together.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To refuse the proposition.

Motion carried.

District Organizer 6 [Detroit] requests \$45.00 per week for about 4 or 5 weeks, until his family can

move over to the city of his office.

Motion (by “Ray” [Stilson]): To grant the request.

Motion carried.

[South Slavic Federation Affairs.]

South Slavic Federation wants to employ a temporary secretary.

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To approve of the employment by the South Slavic Federation of a temporary Secretary, subject to the approval of the CEC.

Motion carried.

“Zemlin” [S.M. Krunislav] and “Snegin” [Mrs. S.M. Krunislav] want the CEC to help them to go to Soviet Russia.

Motion (by “Ray” [Stilson]): To refuse the request, and to instruct the Secretary [Dirba] to write for the information and address.

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): The Secretary [Dirba] shall inform the comrades that at present it is very difficult to enter Soviet Russia, and that we shall inform them when passport regulations are changed, and that the CEC has a decision against granting membership certificates [for emigration to Soviet Russia].

Amendment carried, as against the motion.

Bill of “V. Zemlin” [Krunislav] for back railroad fare and three weeks per-diem on the UCP South Slavic organ, total \$90.00, was allowed.

[Lindgren and Amter.]

“Flynn” [Edward Lindgren] and “Ford” [Israel Amter] want to know if the Party needs them for any work.

“Duffy” [Alfred Wagenknecht] wants an assistant on the press service.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To engage “Ford” [Amter] under Legal Press Manager.

Amendment (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): To defer action until the Editorial Committee reports on press service.

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Kelly”

[Ashkenuzi]: To inform Comrade “Ford” [Amter] that as soon as we take up the report of the Press Committee, we shall give him an answer.

Amendment to the Amendment carried, 4 to 1, as against the Amendment and Motion.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To defer the question of engaging Comrade “Flynn” [Lindgren] until we act on further appointments.

Motion carried.

[Finnish Affairs.]

Request from [George] Halonen, Finnish Editor, to appear before the CEC on important business.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): That the Secretarial Department meet him and find out what the business is.

Motion carried.

[Lithuanian Affairs..]

“Ray” [Stilson] wants to know if he should accept editorship of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers’ Lithuanian organ.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To refuse the proposition.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Post” [Jakira?]): To instruct the Lithuanian Federation to find an editor for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers’ organ.

Motion carried.

[New York Affairs.]

District 2 [New York] brings the question of “L.” [Ludwig Lore], who is supposed to be a member of the Party, but is writing in defense of [Paul] Levi.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To instruct the Secretarial Department to interview “L.” [Lore]

and inform him as to the proper way to act on the paper.

Motion carried.

Question from District 2 [New York]: Does the CEC recommend joining Ex-Soldiers’ organizations, individually or as a general policy?

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To encourage members joining the Ex-Soldiers’ organizations, particularly those composed of privates.

Motion carried.

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): “The CEC encourages members eligible to join such Ex-Soldiers’ organizations as the WWV [World War Veterans] and Private Soldiers and Sailors League. They may join the American legion only upon permission of the Sub-District Executive Committee.”

Amendment lost, 3 to 4.

Former UCP District 2 [New York] Sub-District 1 [New York City] want a statement from the CEC as to Zucker.

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To instruct the Editorial Committee to publish a statement on Zucker.

Motion carried.

[Belsky Case.]

Communication from Russia, on “Fisher’s” [Belsky’s] case.†

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To publish the substance of this statement in the official organ.

Motion carried.

[Librarian.]

Communication from the Secretary and Librarian of the CI asking to appoint a librarian, who should

†- Melech Epstein in his 1959 book *The Jew and Communism, 1919-1941*, tells an extensive and rather gossipy tale of the Russian-born Belsky-Fischer, the former District 6 [Chicago] Organizer of the old CPA. According to this account, Belsky, a member of the Moscow Bolshevik Committee as early as 1903, had been expelled under a cloud of suspicion as a possible Okhrana agent. He disappeared from the radar, only reappearing in Soviet Russia in 1921, where he had gone in an attempt to clear his name of suspicion of having been a police informant in the United States. The case against Belsky is said to have been circumstantial and he was merely ordered to leave the country. “A couple of years later,” according to Epstein, Belsky again came to the attention of the authorities as an assistant to the director of the state bank in Leningrad, who was undergoing trial for financial irregularities. One of the prosecutors is said to have recognized Belsky, “who was immediately arrested and shot without a trial in the basement of the Cheka.” (pp. 45-46).

furnish them with copies of various documents and publications.

Motion (by “Dow” [Dirba]): To elect a Librarian of the Party, to attend to all the instructions of the CI and to prepare, in conjunction with the Secretarial Department, recommendations for the CEC on the various questions raised by the communication.

Motion carried.

“Turner” [Weinstone] elected.

Motion (by “Paul” [Wilenkin]): When we adjourn, we shall adjourn to meet again tomorrow at 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Motion carried.

Report of “Turner” [Weinstone] on the EH [??] Question.

The situation is saved by an agreement to pay \$2,000 right away, \$2,000 by the end of July, and \$2,000 every month thereafter.

Report accepted.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To add “Turner” [Weinstone] to the EH [??] Committee.

Motion carried.

“Jones” [Edgar Owens] of the National Defense Committee wants to appear before the CEC when his report comes up.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To take it up tomorrow at 4 pm and have “Jones” [Owens] present.

Motion carried.

Adjourned.

Fourth Day, [Tuesday] June 14.

All present.

Chairman — “Curtis” [Ballam].

Secretary [Dirba] reported on the Polish [Federation] Executive Committee taking up the question

of G.R. [??].

Report accepted.

Question: What to do with the composition for [Lenin’s book] *Renegade Kautsky*?

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To take stereotypes and hold them.

Amendment (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): The Technical Department to find out how long the printer is willing to hold the type or stereotype, how much will 5,000 copies cost, and then the Secretarial Department to use its discretion.

Amendment carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): The Technical Department to see Ep. [??] in regard to 10,000 copies of [Lenin’s book] *Infantile Sickness*.

Motion carried.

Minutes of Lithuanian Federation.

[The Lithuanian Federation] decided against issuance of certificate for Lithuania.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To concur in the request of the Communist Party of Lithuania not to issue certificate for Lithuania.

Motion carried.

Brooklyn Lithuanian Branch suspended because it did not take action on disciplining two members who left their Sub-District Conference without permission.†

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That the case be taken up by the regular Party subdivisions according to the new constitution.

Motion carried.

Minutes of Russian Executive Committee.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To approve the action of the Russian Executive Committee in regard to selling the house at D. [Detroit??], and to notify the DO of the Party to enforce the decision.

†- During the underground period unexcused early exits from meetings were considered security breaches. Other meeting participants were put at risk by the possibility of early departees inadvertently or intentionally drawing the attention of the secret police.

[Jewish Federation.]

The Jewish Federation requests an advance of several hundred dollars for publishing their paper. The UCP Jewish Editor [Noah London] wants to know what will be done with the former UCP Jewish paper [the Yiddish language *Proletarier*].

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To put the editor of the former UCP Jewish editor on the Editorial Committee of the present Jewish Federation, and they shall work in cooperation until their National Language Conference.

Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That the CEC appoint a temporary editor for the Jewish paper.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): That we choose one from the former CP and one from the former UCP to take full charge of all Jewish [Yiddish] publications until their National Language Conference.

Substitute (by "Golden" [Cannon]): That the UCP Jewish Editorial Committee be combined with the CP Jewish Editorial Committee, to take full charge of all Jewish [Yiddish] publications until their National Language Conference.

Substitute carried.

[National Language Conferences.]

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That the Arrangements Committees for the various National Language Conferences be composed of an equal number from each side.

Chair [Ballam] ruled the motion out of order.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That in each language where there was membership in both the CP and UCP, a joint committee for arranging the National Language Conferences shall be appointed by the CEC.

Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That joint committees be organized by the CEC for the Jewish [Yiddish], Lettish [Latvian], Polish, and Ukrainian National Conferences.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That the entire matter be referred to the Secretarial Department to bring in specific recommendations for the calling of National Language Conferences.

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

[The American Agency.]

Communication from the American Agency in reference to several pamphlets in preparation by them.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To find out from the American Agency how much has already been done on the various pamphlets mentioned in the communication.

Motion carried.

Letter from "Marshall" [Bedacht]. Need 10 to 20 addresses for literature. "Latimer" [???, ex-UCP] established agency in Chicago. "Brown's" [???] case. Letters of recommendation (probably membership certificates) to give full information. No action.

Letter from S.S. [South Slavic Executive Committee??] reciting various rumors and disagreements, and making charges.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To appoint a committee to go to S.S. [??] to give our comrades there full information and explanations on all questions.

Motion carried.

"Carr" [Katterfeld], "Jones" [Owens], and "Golden" [Cannon] elected.

Chair [Ballam] ruled that the committee is not to go to S.S. [??] as a committee.

Fessar (FSR) [Friends of Soviet Russia].

Letter from Denver, and other communications.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That the general idea of organizing Fessar [Friends of Soviet Russia] be approved, and all documents connected therewith be referred to the committee working on the report on Legal Activities.

Motion carried.

Ameff (AFF) [??].

Financial statement and various communications.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To turn the matter over to the Industrial Department.

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To work in cooperation with the committee working on the

report on legal activities.

Amendment carried.

Motion carried as amended.

Sixty-five tailors from Chicago want to go to Soviet Russia, to produce there coats.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That a committee be elected to get definite information whether or not these comrades would be welcome in Soviet Russia.

Motion carried.

"Post" [Jakira?] elected.

Letters from "N." [???], comrade from St. Louis.

[Other Correspondence.]

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): That we take up now those communications on which a decision is urgently needed.

Motion carried.

Letter from L.O. (UCP) editor in regard to B. Brown's book.†

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To refer the letter to the Legal Editor [Cannon] for recommendations.

Motion carried.

Amendment (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To endorse the advice given to Brown by "Odelly" [???].

Amendment lost.

Letter from Greeks.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To approve the suggestion to mimeograph translations in the Greek language.

Amendment (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To refer to the Organization Department.

Amendment carried.

Ind. W. of S. [???] needs an editor, and we can make a recommendation.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To refer to Legal Editor [Cannon] with power to act.

Motion carried.

Communication from UCP DO12 [Minneapolis]. Wants to route an Irish speaker.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): Comrade "Griffith" [Zack] to interview the I<illeg.>L as to this request, and notify D12 [Minneapolis] of this answer.

Motion carried.

Dr. Bl. [???] wants to go to Soviet Russia, and UCP D2 [New York] recommends issuing a membership certificate to him.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That the membership certificate be issued.

Motion lost.

Deficit on Armenian Paper.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): To continue to cover the deficit until the Organization Department makes definite recommendations as to Armenian work.

Motion carried.

Question of the Finnish Federation.

Organization Department to meet Comrade [George] Halonen, and then the question will be taken up in full.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): That when we adjourn, we shall adjourn to meet tomorrow [Wednesday, June 15] at 1 pm.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That the Editorial Committee to meet "Scott" [Janson] be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for sending a man to the AF of L convention.

Motion carried.

Letter from Toledo making charges against former CP organizer.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To send this letter with the charges to District 6 [Detroit] to be investigated and reported.

Motion carried.

†- Apparently a reference to *Communism and Christianity*, by Bishop William Montgomery Brown.

Protest from a former UCP Estonian Branch in District 2 [New York] against the investigating committee of the Section in regard to charges against one of their officials.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To refer to District 2 [New York] for final action.

Motion carried.

Charges against “L.B.” [Louis Basky], Hungarian Editor.

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To refer to the Organization Committee for recommendations.

Motion carried.

Letter from the UCP representative to the YCL Congress [??] and long communication from the Central YCL Committee.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To request the Temporary Secretary of the YCL here to make a report on the YCL activities, and to defer action on the communication until then.

Motion carried.

(Organization Department to meet the Temporary Secretary of the YCL.)

Letter from Germany as to the standing of Eckst, referred to Polish Language Conference.

Shares in C.K. Co. [Charles H. Kerr & Co.].

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To find out through organization channels how many shares are held by our comrades.

Motion carried.†

Report on Wks. [Harry Wicks?]

Motion (by “Kelly” [Ashkenuzi]): To approve the recommendations of the report.

Motion carried.

Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That a notice of it shall be published in the Bulletin.

Amendment lost. (Secretary [Dirba] is to advise all Party units through regular channels.)

Adjourned.

Fifth Day, [Tuesday] June 14.

All present.

Chairman — “Carr” [Katterfeld].

“Wheat” [Lovestone] reports difficulty in getting out the official organ [*The Communist*] because printing shop is moving. H. [Hungarians?] are willing to take the job.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To instruct “Turner” [Weinstone] to find out from L. [Lore] or other of Coop [Socialistic Cooperative Publishing Society, owners of the *Volkszeitung*], the terms and prospects of printing the first issue of Communist.

Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That “Turner” [Weinstone] go to H. [Hungarians?] and have them print the paper.

Substitute by “Curtis” [Ballam]: That the Technical Department and Editorial Committee find ways and means to get *The Communist* printed.

Substitute carried.

Communications from Seattle in re: George V.

Explanations by “Golden” [Cannon].

Motion (by “Post” [Jakira?]): To instruct the Defense Committee to get in touch with George to secure specific information for the CEC.

Motion carried.

[Maximilian?] Cohen writes that the picture of lynched Negro is constructed.

Motion (by “Golden” [Cannon]): To instruct Cohen to get full information about the person who gave him the picture.

Motion carried.

†- Controlling interest in Charles H. Kerr & Co., the largest publisher of Marxist literature in the United States during the first two decades of the 20th Century, eventually wound up in the hands of the Proletarian Party of America, who continued to operate the publishing house for the next 50 years.

Comment from Y. ["Yavki" = Sen Katayama]: It appears that the letter was intended for Bukharin of the CI.

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To turn the communication over to the PAC [Pan-American Council].

Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To forward the letter to Bukharin.

Amendment carried, 5 to 4.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Ray" [Stilson], "Griffith" [Zack], "Paul" [Wilenkin]. **No:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Post" [Jakira?], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Carr" [Katterfeld]. **Present:** "Dow" [Dirba].

Telegram from Denver inquiring if they should assist in arranging meetings from Castleton representing Gale defense.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To rescind former decision in regard to printing appeals for the defense of Gale.

Motion carried, 6 to 1.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): To instruct the NE Defense Committee not to issue appeals for any individual defense funds.

Motion carried, 5 to 4.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): That speakers shall have 10 minutes the first time, and 5 minutes the second time; previous question can be called for without regard to the list of speakers.

Motion carried.

Minutes of District 2 [New York] Executive Committee.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To take up seriatim the questions requiring action by the CEC.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To approve the plan of DEC2 for elections in the sections.

Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): The groups should elect electors to the Section Conferences; where there are more than 20 groups in a section, they shall meet in two or more conferences so that not more

than 20 attend any one conference.

Amendment lost, 5 to 5.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Post" [Jakira?], "Griffith" [Zack], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Carr" [Katterfeld]. **No:** "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Ray" [Stilson], "Paul" [Wilenkin], "Dow" [Dirba].

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Ray" [Stilson], "Paul" [Wilenkin], "Dow" [Dirba]. **No:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Post" [Jakira?], "Griffith" [Zack], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Carr" [Katterfeld].

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That District 2 [New York] shall be instructed to abide by the constitution in their arrangements for the elections to the District Conference.

Amendment (by "Golden" [Cannon]): That they shall arrange so as to provide for an attendance of 15 electors, whenever possible.

Carr accepted the Amendment to the Motion.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): "of not more than 15, as specified by the constitution."

Amendment to the Amendment lost, 5 to 5.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Ray" [Stilson], "Paul" [Wilenkin], "Dow" [Dirba]. **No:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Griffith" [Zack], "Post" [Jakira?], "Carr" [Katterfeld].

Motion, including the Amendment, carried, 6 to 4.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Post" [Jakira?], "Carr" [Katterfeld], "Griffith" [Zack]. **No:** "Curtis" [Ballam], "Ray" [Stilson], "Paul" [Wilenkin], "Dow" [Dirba].

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): That each 15 groups shall send 1 representative to the District Conference.

Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That each 15 groups shall send 2 representatives to the District Conference.

Amendment carried, 7 to 3.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): That the Secretary record in the minutes only protests and statements in reference to motions and amendments acted upon

by the CEC, and such points of order and questions as the makers demand, together with the ruling of the chair on the same.

Motion carried, 7 to 3.

[The following is stricken from the record, but still legible beneath Dirba's scribbling out:]

Motion (by "Golden" [Cannon]): That "Kelly's" [Ashkenuzi's] statement that he fooled our bunch [the ex-UCP] in the arrangements for the D2 [New York] Conference constituted an admission of his intention to be unfair in the arrangements of this conference, and that he therefore be removed from his position as District Organizer.

Motion lost, 4 to 6.

By roll call — **Yes:** "Golden" [Cannon], "Wheat" [Lovestone], "Griffith" [Zack], "Carr" [Katterfeld]. **No:** "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi], "Ray" [Stilson], "Curtis" [Ballam], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Post" [Jakira?], "Dow" [Dirba].

Sub-District Organizers in District 2 [New York].

Motion (by "Golden" [Cannon]): That on all appointments made by this Committee, not less than 6 votes shall be required.

Amendment (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): That appointments shall be made by a majority of those voting.

Amendment lost, 5 to 5.

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To approve the appointment of "Willard" [??] for SD1 of D2 [New York City].

Amendment (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To appoint "Sparks" [??] to this office.

Amendment to the Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To appoint "Marcson" [??, ex-UCP].

Motion (by "Golden" [Cannon]): To postpone action on this question until the next session.

Motion lost, 2 to 4.

Amendment to the Amendment lost, 5 to 5.

Amendment lost, 2 to 5.

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

Motion (by "Dow" [Dirba]): To approve the appointments of "Lidock" [??] and "Stanley" [??] for SD2 [Newark, NJ] and SD3 [Bridgeport, CT] respectively.

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

Industrial Organizer for District 2 [New York].

The Industrial Department is not ready to make recommendations.

Motion (by "Kelly" [Ashkenuzi]): To instruct the Industrial Department to have recommendations ready for the next session.

Motion carried.

Motion (by "Carr" [Katterfeld]): That the Secretarial Department bring in recommendations to the next meeting for the appointments of all necessary paid Sub-District Organizers.

Amendment (by "Griffith" [Zack]): That a special committee for that purpose be elected of an equal number from each side.

Amendment lost, 4 to 5.

Motion lost, 5 to 5.

Motion (by "Curtis" [Ballam]): That a special committee of 3 be elected to bring in recommendations for paid SDOs.

Motion lost.

Motion (by "Griffith" [Zack]): To elect a special committee of 4.

Motion carried, 6 to 4.

"Carr" [Katterfeld], "Dow" [Dirba], "Paul" [Wilenskin], "Wheat" [Lovestone] elected.

Fred [Federated Press].

"Golden" [Cannon] made a detailed report, and their minutes of an important meeting were read.

"Kelly" [Ashkenuzi] excused to attend an important meeting in the District.

Motion (by "Wheat" [Lovestone]): To elect a

committee to work out a plan on the Fred [Federated Press] proposition and bring in recommendations to the next meeting of the CEC.

Motion carried.

“Golden” [Cannon], “Curtis” [Ballam], “Paul” [Wilenskin] elected.

Motion (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): To give Comrade H.A. [Helen Auger, pseudonym Harriet Baker], going to Russia for Fred [the Federated Press], letter of introduction to our representatives there.

Motion carried.

Report of Editorial Committee.

Had meeting with “Scott” [Karlis Janson] about the editor for Ch[icago] paper [*The Voice of Labor*]. C—ney [Jack Carney] chosen for that work provided he first changed his position in the Fred [Federated Press] question; otherwise “Atwood” [Caleb Harrison] should be appointed. “Atwood” [Harrison] went to AF of L Convention, expenses to be covered, half and half, by the American Agency and the Party.

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That “Atwood” [Harrison] be instructed to send short summaries of what is going on to the L<*illeg.*>L directly.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Post” [Jakira?]): To approve the report of the Editorial Committee.

Motion carried.

Defense Question.

“Carr” [Katterfeld] reports on the UCP defense organization.

Motion (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That the name “National Defense Committee” be retained.

Amendment (by “Paul” [Wilenskin]): To defer action on this question until the committee on the report on Legal Activities reports.

Amendment carried.]

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): That the Secretarial Department instruct

the District Organizers immediately to merge on equal basis the defense committees in each district for the carrying on of their immediate tasks.

Amendment to the Amendment carried.

Motion (by “Post” [Jakira?]): To elect a special committee to bring in recommendations on the defense question.

Motion lost.

Seattle *U.R.* [*Union Record*] wants us to recommend someone for their editor.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To wire the name of B—al as our recommendation.†

Motion carried.

[CEC Structural Reorganization.]

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]):

(1.) That the CEC organize itself into the following Departments:

- a) Secretarial.
- b) Editorial.
- c) Industrial.
- d) Legal Activities.

(2.) That the Secretarial Department shall refer all matters needing attention promptly to the proper departments for action.

(3.) That on all questions on which the department committees are unanimous, they shall have full power to act, while all questions on which they cannot agree shall come before the whole CEC for decision.

(4.) That only such matters shall be brought before the CEC as a whole as have been previously considered by the departmental committees. Every proposition that is laid before the CEC shall be accompanied by specific questions or recommendations for action.

(5.) That the departmental committees shall meet at least every other day.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To refer this question to the Secretarial Department.

Motion carried.

†- Jeremy O. Bentall’s name would fill in the blank here. Bentall was the editor of the Left Wing Socialist paper Duluth *Truth* prior to an April 19, 1918 five year sentence under the Espionage Act. He would probably have been a free lance out on release at about this date.

Motion (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): That the next meeting shall be held Monday [June 20, 1921], 1 pm.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To instruct all sub-committees to get their reports ready for the next meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Paul” [Wilenskin]): That “Post” [Jakira?] be assigned on the Russian legal paper [Novyi Mir?].

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): That the Bulletin be issued in Bohemian [Czech], Finnish, German, Hungarian, Italian, and South Slavic [Slovenian?] languages.

Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): That this matter be referred to the Organization Department.

Substitute (by “Wheat” [Lovestone]): To instruct the Organization Department to see that this Bulletin is issued for the membership in all languages needed at once.

Substitute carried.

Motion (by “Carr” [Katterfeld]): To add “Golden” [Cannon] to the Editorial Committee.

Motion carried.

Amendment (by “Post” [Jakira?]): To make the Editorial Committee of 5.

Amendment lost.

Amendment to the Amendment (by “Griffith” [Zack]): To put “Golden” [Cannon] on the Editorial Committee instead of “Paul” [Wilenskin].

Amendment to the Amendment lost.

Question: Shall the three UCP comrades who were recently arrested speak at the meeting on the 21st?

Motion (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): That they be instructed not to speak.

Motion carried.

Motion (by “Curtis” [Ballam]): That CEC members shall not speak in public meetings without special permission from the CEC.

Motion carried.

Adjourned.

“C. Dow” [Charles Dirba].
Executive Secretary, CP of A.

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