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# Letter to Ludwig Katterfeld in Moscow from Abram Jakira in New York, October 6, 1922.

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Oct. 6, 1922.

Dear Comrade Carr [Katterfeld]:

Time does not allow me to make a detailed report on conditions in the states.

I have mailed you copies of various documents issued by the Party since you left. I also made arrangements for all the L [legal] literature that was piled up here for the last 2 months to be shipped to you. From now on literature will be sent to you regularly.

I have sent you a copy of a bulletin dealing with the question of unity. Through that bulletin you will learn that the Opposition [former Central Caucus-CPA] decided to rejoin our Party as a body. They have put up a number of conditions which our CEC has accepted. Arrangements are now being made to effect the amalgamation. It is expected that 90 percent of the membership of the Opposition will join. However, there will be a minority that will not accept the decision of the convention [Opposition "2nd": Late Sept. 1922] and will rather stay out of the Party than join with us.

Comrade Michaelson [Genrik Valetski] will

see you shortly and make a detailed report of this matter. You will also get a copy of the Official Organ [*The Communist*] which will be a unity edition. From that you will find out more details on the question.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the minutes of the CEC and various subcommittees. I am sure that you will understand the various abbreviations used in the minutes.

Since you left I have sent you 2 cables, one informing you that the Opposition came back, the other that the Hungarian comrades request that Comrade [Lajos] Magyar be sent to the states without delay. The Hungarian Federation is willing to send all the expenses necessary. The CEC has approved of their request and you are to see to it that Comrade Magyar is sent here.

As far as the general situation in the Party is concerned, we can notice a marked improvement. However, the organization was in such a shape that it will

require some time before it will again be put on a real working basis. The C [Workers' League] is progressing well and promising to be a success. Many labor unions and leaders have expressed their consent to take part in that organization.



One of the Boston capitalist papers is publishing a series of 10 articles dealing with the raid in Br— [Bridgman, MI: Aug. 22, 1922]. I will soon send you a complete set of these articles. Of course there is a lot of bunk in it but it shows how far their knowledge of the radical movement goes. I believe this is the first document giving some substantial information on the radical movement in this country. We are preparing to make use of some of this material, to be published in pamphlet form for wide distribution among the masses.

I received a number of communications from the main office [ECCI] dealing with instructions to delegates, complaining about not receiving any information from here about credentials to comrades going abroad, about the YCL and women's question, and also the agrarian report that was sent to them about 2 years ago from the states. There is one thing, however, that we do not get and that is literature published by the main body [the Comintern].

The *Inprecor* reaches us through some of our auxiliary organizations, but that is all. It is necessary that arrangements be made that more literature reaches us from abroad.

The books purchased by you in Germany on your last trip have finally arrived this week. Steps

are being taken to dispose of them in the proper manner.

So far I have failed to hear from you. I expected you to be in Germany last week and expected a cable from you. Until now I have not received anything from you personally, so please, if you have not as yet written us, do so without delay.

How about finances? You know the Party treasury is exhausted. There are a pile of bills from the old administration that have to be paid.† The convention has helped considerably to empty the Party treasury. In addition, the international delegation will cost us quite a sum.

Something must be done at once, otherwise a big reduction will have to be made in the activities of the organization. I hope you will realize the seriousness of the situation and you will use your power to impress others with same.

Hoping to hear from you favorably very soon,  
I am

Fraternally yours,

*J. Miller [Abram Jakira],*  
Exec. Secy.

†- The August 1922 Bridgman Convention resulted in a new leadership faction coming to power, with Acting Secretary of the CPA Max Bedacht and his factional allies, including C.E. Ruthenberg and Jay Lovestone, pushed into minority status on the newly elected CEC. Jakira's phrase "the old administration" refers to the pre-Bridgman leadership of the party, the "Independent" faction. Both Jakira and Katterfeld were adherents of the "Anti-Liquidation" faction, the so-called "Geese."

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