
Minutes of the Meeting of the Administrative Council of the Workers Party of America: New York City — Nov. 8, 1922.

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Present: [Elmer] Allison, [Alex] Bittelman,
[Louis] Engdahl, [Ludwig] Lore, [Edward] Lindgren,
and [C.E.] Ruthenberg.

Comrade Allison elected chairman.

The following *resolution was adopted* in regard
to the situation in the Jewish Federation:

The Central Executive Committee has on several occasions made decisions in regard to the Jewish Bureau and the controversy existing in the Jewish Federation. Although as a unit of the Party the Jewish Bureau is subject to the authority of the Central Executive Committee, the Bureau has ignored the decisions of the highest Party authority. While vested with the highest authority in the Party between conventions, the CEC has not made an issue of the actions of the Jewish Bureau, but has rather tried to find a way to harmonize the differences. Such was the action of the CEC when it appointed a committee of the CEC to discuss the differences between the groups of the Jewish Bureau, although it had previously made decisions on that question.

After hearing the report of this [investigative] committee and also a report of the Jewish Bureau, the [Central Executive] committee decided:

1. That a convention of the Jewish Federation shall be held during the first week of January.

2. That a convention committee of 10 members, 5 from each group in the Jewish Bureau, to be elected by the members of the group from among the present members of the group, be constituted, and that this Convention Committee make arrangements for the convention and that it conduct the work of the Federation until the convention.

3. That the next meeting of the Jewish Bureau as a whole be held on the eve of the convention.

4. That the two groups must designate their representatives on the Convention Committee within one week and notify the CEC.

Although the CEC decision provided for a convention within 6 or 7 weeks, at which all issues in the Federation could be settled, the decision has not been carried out and the Jewish Bureau, over the protest of one group, has refused to submit to the discipline of the Party.

In view of this action of the Jewish Bureau, the Administrative Council of the CEC takes the following action to carry out the decision of the CEC:

The following comrades are appointed the Convention Committee of the Jewish Federation with powers as stated in the decision above:

Former Jewish Socialist Federation Group

M. Olgin
R. Saltzman
A. Pollock
B. Hoffman
[G.] Wishnak

ALA [American Labor Alliance] Group

A. Bittelman
J. Berson
K. Marmor
J. Mindel
H. Costrell

Until the convention of the Jewish Federation, none of the 10 members of the Convention Committee shall be withdrawn because of their votes on the committee. Vacancies resulting from inability to serve

will be filled by the CEC.

In case the 5 from either side refuse to serve, then the CEC of the Workers Party will appoint a committee from its own membership to take charge of the affairs of the Federation and to arrange the convention.

The convention committee will hold its first meeting Monday, November 13th [1922], at 8 pm. The meeting is to be called to order by the Executive Secretary [Ruthenberg].

All Party units are directed to carry on their work in the Jewish Federation under the direction of the Convention Committee until the convention of the Federation elects a Bureau representing the will of the membership.

The Administrative Council particularly appeals to the Jewish Branches not to permit their Federation to be disrupted by the action of one group in the Bureau, but to show their loyalty to the Party and the working class movement by carrying out the decision of the CEC. The slogan of the Jewish comrades must be "No Disruption — Let the convention of the Federation called by the CEC decide."

The meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally submitted,

C.E. Ruthenberg,
Executive Secretary.

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