
Request for a Comintern Statement:

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The Comintern is requested to issue a statement to the Workers Party of America covering the following points.

1. Amalgamation of Center Group. The most pressing internal problem now confronting the Workers Party is the necessity for unity between the Pepper group and the Cannon-Dunne-Foster group. These groups represent the most healthy elements in the Party and must be united. Otherwise the most serious dangers threaten from both right and left. The present organized factional war of the minority against the CEC shall be stopped.

2. Shop Nuclei. The Party shall at once begin to reorganize upon the basis of shop nuclei.

3. Build the Party. More attention shall be given to the education of the Party membership and to the organization into the Party of those elements assimilable by it, of which there are large numbers still out of our control. The "Statement on Party Activities," recently adopted by a unanimous vote of the CEC, shall be endorsed. (Copy attached.)

4. Labor Party Program. The Party shall militantly put into effect the program on the Labor Party to be provided for the Workers Party by the Comintern. It is of the most vital conse-

quences that the Workers Party participate in these first steps of American workers into class political action and utilize the movement for the upbuilding of the Workers Party and the strengthening of its leadership over the masses.

5. Relation of Farmers to the Party. It shall be sharply called to the attention of the Workers Party that the importance of the farmers as a revolutionary factor must not be overestimated. The backbone of the communist movement must be the industrial workers. The Party shall be instructed to turn its attention more to work in the big industrial centers rather than so much in the agricultural districts.

6. Trade Union Work. The Party shall abandon its indifference towards work among the trade unions and give the Trade Union Educational League real support morally, organizationally, and financially. The respective District Organizers and other officials of the Party shall be responsible for the foundation, maintenance, and functioning of the League branches in the various localities. The industrial registration of the Party membership shall be carried out regularly and systematically. All worker members of the Party must join the trade unions.

7. Relation of Trade Union Work to the Party. The following statement, adopted at the last convention of the Workers Party [3rd: Chicago, Dec. 30, 1923-Jan. 2, 1924], shall be endorsed:

In carrying on the industrial work, it must never be forgotten that its final aim is the building and strengthening of the Workers Party. The movements for amalgamation, the Labor Party, organization of the unorganized, and so forth, among the unions create favorable spheres of influence for us and win the sympathy of great numbers of workers who recognize the practical leadership of the communists in the everyday struggle. It is the duty of all units of the Party to follow up closely the industrial work carried on by the Party and its members, and to absorb those workers brought under our ideological leadership through this work into actual membership in the Party. Unless this is done, our work is largely in vain. The conscious goal of the work

on the industrial field must be ever and always the building of the Workers Party into a mass communist party.

8. Work in IWW and other Independent Unions. The foundation and work of the Red International Affiliation Committee in the IWW is approved and the Party is urged to make its support a matter of first importance in Party work. The formation of the Red International Committee, which combines the work of the Trade Union Educational League and that of the revolutionary independent unions, is approved. The Party shall fully support the RIC and build it up. (The matter of the functions and organization of the RIC has been appealed to the Profintern Congress by representatives of the independent unions affiliated to the RIC).

9. The United Front. The principles of the united front shall be laid down clearly and definitely. The efforts of the former Central Executive Committee to evade blame for such mistakes as were committed by our forces in the Chicago united front, which was a national situation completely under the direction of the CEC, are condemned. The Chicago split [of the Chicago Federation of Labor from the Federated Farmer-Labor Party], forced upon the issue of the immediate formation of a Labor Party, was ill-timed and premature. It lost the Workers Party contact with great masses of trade unionists for the formation of a Labor Party and threw our movement into the arms of the Northwestern wheat farmers.

10. American Imperialism. The Party shall make a war against imperialism of first importance in all its programs and activities. In order to make this fight the more effective, the Party shall strengthen its connections in the Philippines, Cuba, Central America, and South America.

11. The Negro Question. The Party shall give constant and immediate attention to the political and industrial organization of the enslaved masses of negro workers and to the assimilation of the best elements among them into the Workers Party. The

presence of this great mass of politically and industrially helpless workers must be ever borne in mind as one of the major problems of the Workers Party.

12. The Foreign-Born Workers. The campaign against the disfranchisement of the foreign-born workers by the governmental agents of the capitalist class, through registration, finger-printing, and so forth, is endorsed and its vigorous continuation is ordered.

13. Organize the Unorganized. The campaign of the TUEL under the slogan of organize the unorganized, which made this an issue of first magnitude at every trade union convention for the past two years, is endorsed. The stimulation of the unions to organize the unorganized shall be encouraged. When the system of shop nuclei is developed by the Party, these nuclei in the unorganized industries will serve as valuable connections for the formation of labor unions.

14. Unemployment. With the approach of mass unemployment in the United States the Party shall devote close attention to this problem and shall lose no opportunity to organize and lead the unemployed and to exploit their discontent for the benefit of the Workers Party. The theses on the present state and trend of unemployment in the United States, adopted by the CEC, March 1924, are approved. (copy attached.)

15. Participation in Industrial Struggles. The policy of the TUEL in striving for the leadership of the workers in all their industrial struggles is endorsed. This policy was notably successful in the great Chicago building strike of 1921-22, the national railroad shop mechanics' strike of the same period, the national bituminous coal strike of 1923 (as for example in Western Pennsylvania, Illinois, etc.) the Nova Scotia coal strike, the present garment strike in Chicago, where the expelled communists are the real strike leaders, etc. The Party shall show more activity in the future than in the past in this respect. It shall devote more

attention and energy to participation in the workers' struggles on the industrial field and it shall endeavor to give these political direction.

16. Workers Party Political Action. The Workers Party shall participate more frequently in elections by the placing of its candidates upon independent tickets wherever possible.

17. The Workers Party Name. Hereafter the Workers Party shall be called the Communist Workers Party. As quickly as the situation justifies it this name shall be shortened to the Communist Party.

18. Lore group. The right wing and opportunist tendencies of the Lore *Volkszeitung* group shall be censured and corrected by the Comintern.

19. Press Control. All the Party press shall be under the direct and immediate control of the Central Executive Committee of the Party.

20. Daily Worker. The Party shall give its utmost support to the *Daily Worker*. The building of a great Communist daily is one of the most important tasks confronting the Party.