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# Minutes of the Central Executive Committee, WPA: Chicago, IL — May 2-3, 1924.

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## *May 2, 1924.*

Present — Comrades Abern, Burman, Bittelman, Browder, Dunne, Cannon, Halonen, Lore, Lovestone, Engdahl, and Ruthenberg.

Absent — Bedacht and Gitlow.†

Comrade Browder elected chairman.

***Motion (by Comrade Lore):*** That we send a telegram of greetings to the Lawrence, Mass. German branch, which has been in existence as a branch for the past fifty years and functioning as part of the revolutionary movement of this country in its various manifestations in the SLP, SP, and Communist Party

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Executive Secretary's Report.**

Executive Secretary [C.E. Ruthenberg] submitted a report on the progress of the Farmer-Labor Party campaign, outlining the organization work initiated in the states of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Oklahoma, California, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oregon. Also membership meetings were arranged in most of the large Party centers to mobilize the Party membership; a special leaflet on June 17th issued; several circular letters sent to each Party unit — all in an effort to arouse the Party membership in the Farmer-Labor Party campaign.

## **Report by Comrade Hathaway.**

Comrade [Clarence] Hathaway, secretary of the

Minnesota Arrangements Committee [for preparation of the June 17th Convention of the FLP] reported that 40,000 calls for the convention had been placed in the mails and that the letters inquiring about the convention from all over the country showed a great interest in the June 17th convention. Up-to-date, however, only 16 credentials had been received. This has, however, been due to the fact that the calls have just gone out. Otherwise, the arrangements are proceeding smoothly.

## **Policy in the June 17th Convention.**

Comrade Ruthenberg submitted the following motion in regard to our policy in the June 17th convention and in the State of Pennsylvania.

### ***Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):***

1. Should the June 17th be dominated by the delegates representing industrial workers and exploited farmers, we shall endeavor to organize a Farmer-Labor Party on the basis of the constitution adopted by the convention at which the Federated Farmer-Labor Party was authorized [Chicago: July 3-5, 1923]. We shall intensify our propaganda for organization of such a party.

2. If such a Farmer-Labor Party is organized by the June 17th convention, we will merge the Federated Farmer-Labor Party in it, the Federated going out of existence as a separate organization.

3. Should the June 17th convention not be dominated by the class elements, but there is in the conven-

†- This plenum of the CEC included two temporary substitute members: the Finnish Federationist George Halonen (for Foster) and the tardy Max Bedacht (for Pepper). These two regular members of the CEC, along with M.J. Olgin, were in Moscow, attempting to win the support of the Comintern for their various policies with respect to the Farmer-Labor Party and the general Third Party movement in America. The first 7 named in the list of those attending were of the majority Foster-Cannon faction, the last 3 (plus the absent Gitlow and tardy Bedacht) were members of the minority Pepper-Ruthenberg faction. Ludwig Lore headed a small "third faction" which was in alliance with the Foster-Cannon group.

tion such a strong admixture of other than representatives of industrial workers and exploited farmers, so that the party if formed would not be a class party of industrial workers and farmers, then we shall not make a fight for the organization of a party, but accept a loose coalition for the election campaign.

4. If the conditions in point 3 prevail, we shall maintain the Federated Farmer-Labor Party as the expression of the class party of industrial workers and farmers and seek to affiliate with it all such elements. The Federated under these conditions will form part of the coalition and during the election campaign shall seek to organize itself.

5. We shall submit to the June 17th convention a clear-cut class program and make a fight for its adoption. A Committee of three shall be elected for the purpose of drafting this program.

6. The same committee shall draft a statement on the question of the candidacy of LaFollette, which shall be read to the convention after his nomination, if he is nominated, pledging our support but stating our Communist attitude toward LaFollette.

7. We shall nominate in the convention a candidate in opposition to LaFollette and cast our votes for such a candidate. We must, however, be careful to see to it that this maneuver does not defeat LaFollette, for to nominate another candidate and permit LaFollette to become the candidate of the July 4th convention in opposition to our nominee would be to destroy the class Farmer-Labor Party as a mass organization.

8. In view of the contingency that we shall have to maintain the Federated after the June 17th convention, it is our interest to strengthen the Federated through affiliation of the state parties wherever possible, and our delegates in the state convention shall be instructed to affiliate the state parties with the Federated wherever that can be done without causing a split.

9. We shall endeavor to arrange a conference between [William] Mahoney and his group before the June 17th convention to agree upon the organization of the convention and the program to be put through. We must seek to keep the chairmanship of the convention in our hands. We shall propose that the Committee of Arrangements shall act as a credential committee and bring in a report of the credentials submitted immediately upon opening the convention.

10. The group which is looming as a danger to the domination of the convention by the class elements is the Committee of 48, which is creating dummy organizations and will endeavor to flood the convention with delegates from these. Our members on the Committee of Arrangements should carefully sift credentials from this group and bar all delegates not representing bona fide organizations.

#### 11. *State Policies:*

(a) [1.] In the Pennsylvania Farmer-Labor Party convention we shall offer a resolution to endorse and send delegates to the June 17th convention and against July 4th.

[2.] Our action if this resolution is defeated must depend upon the character of the convention. If it is representative of the labor movement of Pennsylvania, we shall make a statement in the convention pledging our support to June 17th and against July 4th, declaring that we shall seek to have delegates sent from all local unions and central bodies to the June 17th convention but will support the Farmer-Labor Party in Pennsylvania, provided it makes independent nominations for state offices.

[3.] Should the convention not be a representative convention but merely the shell of the old Farmer-Labor Party, we shall split after our resolution is voted down and shall form an organization committee to call a later convention pledged to June 17th from those delegates who support our viewpoint.

(b) In Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Illinois, we shall seek to affiliate the parties formed with the Federated, if it can be done without a split. The new parties formed, however, shall not take the name "Federated Farmer-Labor Party."

Comrade Bittelman submitted the following addition:

***Amendment (by Comrade Bittelman):*** The following shall be the Party policy in the state convention of the state of *Pennsylvania*:

1. No fight shall be made against the probable proposal of James Maurer to seat as delegates to the Farmer-Labor Party convention all those who are delegates to the convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor.

2. The resolution in favor of the June 17th to be introduced by our delegates shall also deal with July

4th in a manner that will show the utter futility from the point of view of independent action in the formation of the class party at the July 4th convention.

3. Our delegates shall also raise the issue of independent political action in the state of Pennsylvania, severely criticizing James Maurer and his associates for sabotaging and practically killing the Farmer-Labor Party in Pennsylvania. The resolutions which shall be introduced shall incorporate such criticism and commit the convention to place a Farmer-Labor Party ticket in the coming local and state elections in the state of Pennsylvania.

4. Our delegates shall attempt to secure in the organization of the state Farmer-Labor Party of Pennsylvania as many positions as possible.

5. In case the convention endorses the July 4th convention, we will make an attempt to have the convention send delegates also to the June 17th convention in the capacity of observers. Our delegates acting in favor of June 17th shall be organized in a body to be known as the June 17th Propaganda Committee.

6. We shall attempt to have Hathaway and Mahoney address the Pennsylvania convention.

*Michigan:* That we instruct the DEC in Detroit to engage temporarily the services of a suitable comrade for the Farmer-Labor Party campaign in Michigan and that the CEC make a payment of \$150 out of the Federation dues refund in addition to regular payment to finance this organizer.

*Socialist Party:*

1. That the CEC address an open letter to the Socialist Party calling upon it to disassociate itself with the July 4th convention and to join the June 17th convention.

2. That we instruct the Executive Secretary of the Party to utilize the services of Comrades [Harry] Winitsky and [Harry] Wicks for our Farmer-Labor Party organization campaign between now and June 17th and that they also be employed by the FSR for relief work during this period.

Addition to Ruthenberg motion by Comrade Lore:

**Amendment (by Comrade Lore):** That if the June 17th conference is not dominated by the class elements, a conference of all Left Wing delegates to the St. Paul convention shall be called under the aus-

pices of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party immediately after the convention, at which a Farmer-Labor Party shall be organized which will be representative of the Left Wing elements and which will be the permanent Farmer-Labor Party.

Vote on Lore amendment — voting in favor: Halonen, Engdahl, Lore, Ruthenberg, Bittelman, Cannon, Dunne, Abern, and Browder.

Voting against: Lovestone.

*[Amendment carried.]*

*Bittelman motions adopted unanimously* with the exception of the motion that both Mahoney and Hathaway go to the Pennsylvania convention. Voting in favor of [this section of] the motion: Abern, Burman, Browder, Bittelman, Cannon, and Lore.

Voting against [this section]: Bedacht, Lovestone, and Ruthenberg.

*[Amendment carried.]*

*Ruthenberg motions adopted unanimously* with the exception of:

**Point 3 on state policies in regard to Pennsylvania.** Voting in favor of point 3: Bedacht, Engdahl, Ruthenberg, and Lovestone.

Voting against: Abern, Burman, Bittelman, Cannon, Dunne, and Browder.

*[Point 3 of Ruthenberg PA Amendment — calling for a split of the Pennsylvania FLP if the convention was not of a “class” nature — failed.]*

**Point 6 of Ruthenberg motion.** Voting in favor of point 6: Dunne, Engdahl, Cannon, Ruthenberg, Lovestone, and Burman.

Voting against: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Halonen, and Lore.

*Point 6 [— pledging critical support of LaFollette if he is nominated by the June 17th convention —] was carried.*

**Point 7 of Ruthenberg motion.** Voting in favor of point 7: Dunne, Engdahl, Cannon, Ruthenberg, Lovestone.

Voting against: Abern, Burman, Bittelman, Browder, Halonen, and Lore.

*Point 7 [— calling for the nomination of a candidate in opposition to LaFollette at the June 17 convention, but not allowing this candidate to actually win the nomination in opposition to LaFollette —] was lost.*

**Point 3 of Ruthenberg motion.** Voting in fa-

vor: All members of the Committee except Comrade Lore.

[Point 3 — to accept a loose coalition instead of the immediate formation of a party if the June 17 convention was not a “class” convention — was carried.]

### Congress of the Communist International.

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That we reconsider our former action and designate for following as delegates to the Congress — Foster, Olgin, Pepper, Amter, Sect. [Ruthenberg], and Edwards.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lovestone):** That the previous list of delegates stand.

**Amendment (by Comrade Browder):** That Tim Buck be added to the delegation.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lore):** That we offer to pay \$100 towards sending a Negro delegate to the Conference if the Comrade can raise the balance.

**Lore amendment** lost — 5 in favor, 6 against.  
[Amendment failed.]

**Browder amendment** lost — 1 in favor, 6 against [4 not voting].

[Amendment failed.]

**Lovestone amendment:** Voting in favor: Lovestone and Engdahl. All others voting against.

[Amendment failed.]

**Cannon Motion:** Voting in favor: All members of the Committee. Comrade Lovestone against.

[Motion carried.]

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That CI Congress delegates be our delegates to the Profintern Congress.

Carried unanimously.

### Wilga Appeal.

Executive Secretary submitted a report on submission of documents to handwriting expert stating that after examination of the documents the handwriting expert refused to venture an opinion as to the genuineness of the signatures.

**Motion (by Comrade Lore):** That we submit the documents to another handwriting expert.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lovestone):** That the

case be closed.

Voting in favor of Lovestone amendment: Lovestone, Engdahl, and Ruthenberg.

Voting against: All members remaining.

[Amendment failed.]

Voting for the Lore motion: All members of the Committee but Lovestone, Engdahl, and Ruthenberg.

[Motion carried.]

**Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That the matter of securing another handwriting expert to examine the documents be placed in the hands of Comrade Cannon.

**Amendment (by Comrade Bittelman):** That the opinion of the handwriting expert be placed in the hands of Comrades Ruthenberg and Cannon.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lovestone):** That the new expert be informed of the opinion rendered by the previous handwriting expert.

**Amendment (by Comrade Cannon):** That the negotiations with the handwriting expert be carried on jointly by Comrades Cannon and Ruthenberg.

Voting in favor of the Cannon amendment: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Burman, Cannon, Dunne, and Lore.

Voting against: Engdahl, Lovestone, and Ruthenberg.

[Amendment carried.]

Voting for the Lovestone amendment: Engdahl, Lovestone, and Ruthenberg.

Voting against: Abern, Burman, Cannon, Dunne.

[Not voting: Bittelman, Browder, and Lore.]

[Motion failed.]

### Broms Appeal.

Statement of Allen S. Broms in regard to the charges made against him on the basis of which the investigating committee recommended his expulsion, which was confirmed by the CEC of the Party last year was read.

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That we refer the appeal to the secretariat for report to the Political Committee as to whether the investigations should be

reopened.

*Motion lost.*

**Motion (by Comrade Lovestone):** That in view of the fact that there is no new evidence submitted in the appeal by Broms that we inform him that we cannot reopen the case.

**Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That we read Broms' appeal.

*Motion carried.*

**Motion (by Comrade Lore):** That the case against Broms be reopened and a new investigation committee be appointed.

*This motion was later withdrawn.*

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That a subcommittee be elected to examine the document and decide the question whether the case shall be reopened.

Voting in favor of the Cannon motion: Abern, Lore, Halonen, Cannon, and Browder.

Voting against: Burman, Engdahl, Lovestone, Ruthenberg, and Bittelman.

*[On a tie vote] motion lost.*

*Vote on Lovestone motion resulted similarly.*

Chairman [Browder] thereupon ruled that the decision stood as previously, that no new fact has been submitted to the Committee warranting reopening of the case.

*Committee then adjourned.*

C.E. Ruthenberg,  
Executive Secretary.

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### **May 3, 1924.**

Present — All members except Gitlow.  
Comrade Cannon elected chairman.

**Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That we proceed to elect Committee to draft a statement regarding the LaFollette candidacy and the full platform for the June 17th convention.

Comrades Cannon, Ruthenberg, and Bittelman elected.

### **Wicks' Assignment. †**

#### **Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):**

[1.] That all Party institutions and their subdivisions are under the direct control and supervision of the respective Party committees.

[2.] All speakers and responsible workers employed by Party institutions must first be approved by the respective Party committees.

[3.] DOs be informed of this decision and notified that they will be held responsible for carrying it out.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lovestone):** That all activities of the Party which are national in their character are subject to the control of the CEC.

Voting in favor of Lovestone amendment: Bedacht, Lovestone, Engdahl, and Ruthenberg.

Voting against: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Dunne, Cannon, Burman, and Halonen.

*[Motion failed.]*

*Motion by Bittelman was carried by the same vote, 7 in favor and 4 opposed.*

### **District 3 [Philadelphia] Statement.**

**Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):** That District 3 [Philadelphia] be advised that Comrade Cannon will address a membership meeting and the DEC of District 3 and take up all questions raised in their statement.

**Amendment (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That the District 3 statement be published in the Party press.

Voting in favor of the Ruthenberg amendment: Bedacht, Engdahl, Lovestone, and Ruthenberg.

Voting against: Abern, Burman, Bittelman, Browder, Dunne, Cannon, and Lore.

Comrade Halonen not voting.

*[Motion failed.]*

*Bittelman motion was carried by the same seven voting in favor and four opposed.*

Comrade Halonen not voting.

†- The meaning of this set of motions and their relationship to Harry Wicks is not explained in the minutes. It was clearly an issue of direct factional concern, spurring two votes which divided the CEC along strict factional lines.

**Amendment (by Comrade Halonen):** That District 3 statement not be published immediately but that Comrade Cannon present the matter to the DEC and membership meeting [and] that if they insist the statement shall be published.

Voting in favor: Comrade Halonen.

All other members of the Committee voting against.

[*Motion failed.*]

### ***Daily Worker.***

Letter read from Comrade [Matti] Tenhunen in regard to the organization of the *Daily Worker*, making recommendations that a management committee of five be appointed.

#### ***Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):***

1. That we extend to Comrade Tenhunen our appreciation for his services in assisting to establish the Daily Worker Printing Plant.

2. That we appoint a management committee of three members.

**Amendment (by Comrade Lore):** That the management committee study the ways and means of bringing other Party publications under the management of the *Daily Worker*.

#### ***Motion (by Comrade Halonen):***

[1.] That the *Daily Worker* is financially and administratively an independent institution although under Party control.

[2.] That an administration board of 5 members be elected responsible to the CEC and which shall have full power to decide all current affairs of the Company except editorial policies, the manager to be one member on this board and such manager to be the one to carry out the decisions of the committee.

[3.] That the administrative board prepare and report to the CEC a plan according to which the literature department of the Party and the various Party publications can be coordinated under one management of the Daily Worker Publishing Company.

**Amendment (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That point 1 of Halonen's motion be changed to read that the *Daily Worker* is a department of the CEC with its separate financial and administrative organs.

The Halonen motions were considered as a sub-

stitute for the Ruthenberg-Lore motions and were adopted unanimously, with the amendment to point 1 as made by Comrade Ruthenberg.

[*Halonen motions carried.*]

### **Nominations for Management Committee.**

Comrades Browder, Ruthenberg, Dunne, [Moritz] Loeb, Tenhunen, and Engdahl nominated.

Vote taken resulted as follows:

Browder	8
Ruthenberg	12
Dunne	8
Loeb	12
Tenhunen	12
Engdahl	3

The Committee therefore consists of Browder, Ruthenberg, Dunne, Loeb, and Tenhunen.

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That Comrade Burman act as a substitute for Comrade Tenhunen, who will only attend meetings of special importance of the *Daily Worker*.

*Motion adopted.*

**Motion:** That the *Daily Worker* go to press at 6 pm and that the Italian Daily go to press at 2 pm.

*Motions carried unanimously.*

### **FSR and IRA.**

Comrade Ruthenberg reported the various communications in regard to the policy in reference to continuation of the International Workers Relief and the establishment of International Red Aid, reading in connection therewith a letter from Comrade Amter [in Moscow] urging the establishment of an IRA Section in the FSR [Friends of Soviet Russia] and also cables received by the FSR in reference to continuation of relief work.

Comrade Ruthenberg submitted the following motions.

#### ***Motion (by Comrade Ruthenberg):***

1. That we establish an International Red Aid section in the FSR, which, however, during the next

six weeks, until the question of policy is definitely settled, shall only conduct propaganda work and shall not issue any direct appeal for aid.

**2.** That we accept the proposal of the representative of the International Workers Relief that during the period 20% of the money remitted to the IWR in Berlin shall be turned over to the IRA.

**3.** That we accept the proposal of the IRA in reference to the organization of a separate moving picture department, a minimum of 20% of the proceeds of which shall be turned over to the Workers Party.

***Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):***

**1.** That the present German Relief Campaign be concluded by July 1st [1924].

**2.** That the FSR shall immediately establish an IRA Section to function for the present as a publicity or propaganda agency in preparation for the future Red Aid Campaign.

**3.** That the *Soviet Russia Pictorial* shall be continued as a pictorial magazine directing from now on more attention to the Red Aid matters. Business management shall be conducted as far as possible on a self-sustaining basis.

**4.** That the FSR shall be placed directly in charge of the Organization Committee of the Party.

Voting in favor of point 4 of Bittelman's motion: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Burman, Cannon, Dunne, and Lore.

Voting against: Bedacht, Engdahl, Halonen, Ruthenberg, and Lovestone.

*[Bittelman point 4 carried.]*

Voting in favor of point 3: All members of the Committee.

*[Bittelman point 3 carried.]*

Voting in favor of point 2: All members of the Committee.

*[Bittelman point 2 carried.]*

Voting in favor of point 1: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Burman, Cannon, Dunne, and Lore.

Voting against: Engdahl, Bedacht, Lovestone, and Ruthenberg.

Halonen not voting.

*[Bittelman point 1 carried.]*

Voting in favor of point 3 of Ruthenberg's mo-

tion: All members of the Committee.

*[Ruthenberg point 3 carried.]*

Voting in favor of point 2 of Ruthenberg's motion: All members of the Committee.

*[Ruthenberg point 2 carried.]*

***Motion (by Comrade Bedacht):*** That all subsidiary organizations of the Party are under the direct control of the Organization Committee and all national committees are abolished.

On being put to vote, no member of the Committee voted for the motion.

*[Motion failed.]*

Upon the question being raised whether the action of the Committee in placing the FSR in direct control of the Organization Committee abolished the National Executive Committee of the FSR, Comrade Cannon moved:

***Motion (by Comrade Cannon):*** That the Organization Committee [of the WPA] supplant the present National Executive Committee [of the FSR].

***Amendment (by Comrade Bedacht):*** That this applies to all other subsidiary organizations of the Party.

Voting in favor of Bedacht amendment: No one.

*[Amendment failed.]*

Voting in favor of Cannon's motion: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Burman, Cannon, Dunne, Lore.

Voting against: Bedacht, Engdahl, Ruthenberg, and Lovestone.

Halonen not voting.

*[Motion carried.]*

Question by Comrade Lovestone: "Has the NEC of the FSR been abolished?"

Answer by chairman [Cannon]: "The motions speak for themselves."

***Motion (by Comrade Browder):*** That a place be found for Comrade Overgaard in the employ of the FSR while carrying on the Metal Trades work.

Voting in favor of the motion: Abern, Burman, Browder, Bittelman, Cannon, Dunne, and Lore.

Not voting: Engdahl, Lovestone, Bedacht, and Halonen.

### Philippine Islands.

Comrade Lovestone submitted a series of motions in regard to our Policy in relation to the Philippine Islands. (See attached.)†

**Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):** To refer to the Political Committee.

*Motion carried* by a vote of Abern Browder, Bittelman, Burman, Cannon, and Lore in favor.

Bedacht, Engdahl, Ruthenberg, and Lovestone against.

Halonen not voting.

### American Imperialism and Pan-American Bureau.

Comrade Lovestone submitted a series of motions in regard to Pan-American Imperialism and the organization of the Pan-American Bureau. (See attached.)†

**Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):** To refer to the Political Committee.

Carried by a vote of Abern, Browder, Burman, Bittelman, Cannon, and Dunne in favor.

Lovestone, Ruthenberg, Engdahl, Bedacht opposed.

Not voting: Halonen.

*[Motion carried.]*

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That we take up the question of a delegate to the congress of the CI in reference to the Pan-American Bureau.

*Motion adopted.*

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That all material gathered by Comrade Lovestone in relation to the formation of the Pan-American Bureau be sent to our delegates at the Fifth Congress [of the Comintern] for the purpose of taking the matter up with the Executive Committee of the Communist International and that no delegate be sent.

Voting in favor: Abern, Browder, Bittelman, Cannon, Dunne, and Lore.

Voting against: Engdahl, Ruthenberg, Lovestone, Bedacht.

Halonen not voting.

*[Motion carried.]*

### Freiheit Letters.

Motion to refer the *Freiheit* letter in regard to financial affairs to the Secretariat for attention.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### Jewish Youth Paper.

**Motion (by Comrade Abern):** That we reconsider our action in regard to the establishment of a Jewish Youth Paper.

Amendment (by Comrade Ruthenberg): That the Freiheit be instructed to set aside space in the Freiheit for the Jewish Youth material and that we do not authorize the publication of a paper.

Voting in favor of Ruthenberg amendment: Bedacht, Engdahl, Lore, Ruthenberg, and Lovestone.

Voting against: Abern, Cannon, Bittelman, and Dunne.

Browder and Halonen not voting.

*Amendment carried.*

### CEC Alternates.

Comrade Halonen submitted the following statement:

"I wish to record in the minutes my protest against the way the alternates were selected and called into the CEC because my interpretation of the convention decision was that the alternates were to be called in accordance to the highest votes and not on any kind of possible factional consideration. The CEC decision on alternates was against the interpretation of the decision of the convention."

*No action taken.*

†- The attachment is not included with the copy of the minutes in the Comintern Archive.



**May Day Assessment.**

**Motion (by Comrade Dunne):** That all Party workers on Party payroll turn over their wages for May Day to the Daily Workers.

*Motion adopted unanimously.*

**Cannon Membership Tour.**

**Motion (by Comrade Bittelman):** That we add Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh to the Cannon membership meeting tour.

**Amendment (by Comrade Ruthenberg):** That a charge be made to the various party units for this tour in order to meet the expenses of the meetings.

*Motion and amendment carried unanimously.*

**Educational Work.**

Comrade Lore raised the question of the New York educational work and was informed that Comrade [Juliet] Poyntz had been appointed educational director of the Workers School, which meant in charge of the educational work in District 2 [New York], and that the CEC had voted \$100 per month towards maintaining this school, paying the salary of the educational director.

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That we elect a sub-committee of three which shall have charge of educational work.

*Motion adopted unanimously.*

Nominations: Bittelman, Bedacht, Cannon, Lovestone.

Vote as follows:

Bittelman	9
Bedacht	10
Cannon	8
Lovestone	5

Bittelman, Bedacht, and Cannon therefore comprise the committee.

**Motion (by Comrade Cannon):** That Comrade Poyntz shall submit her plan for work to the Educational Committee and go to work at once.

**Motion (by Comrade Lovestone):** That we read the letter from the Workers School in regard to the controversy over the educational work in New York

**Amendment by Comrade Cannon):** To refer the letter to the Educational Committee.

*Amendment carried. †*

**District 9 — Minnesota.**

**Motion (by Comrade Halonen):** That a committee of 2 be appointed by the CEC to present the CEC policies to the membership meeting in District 9 [Minneapolis].

**Motion** that Comrades Hathaway and Halonen submit the CEC policy to the membership meeting and make a report to the CEC.

*Motions carried unanimously.*

*Committee then adjourned.*

C.E. Ruthenberg,  
Executive Secretary.

†- The minutes do not indicate whether the original motion by Cannon was considered and passed.

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