
Resolution Adopted by Latvian Federation Boston Branches #5, 6, and 7 at the Membership Meeting of Dec. 13, 1921.

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We have received an ultimatum from the majority of the CEC of our Party to legalize our underground organization.

Here is our answer:

Lettish [Latvian] Branches #5, 6, and 7, Section I, SD 1 [Boston], District 1 of the CPA in its joint membership meeting, held December 13, 1921, by vote of 77 in favor, 3 against, and 3 members refraining from voting,

DECIDED: Not to comply with the command of the CEC majority, calling for immediate legalization of the underground Groups, but remain for the present underground as before.

The following are our chief reasons:

1. We challenge the authority of the CEC majority to speak or act in the name of the CEC of the CPA. By their autocratic and unconstitutional action in suspending (on trumped-up charges) the three minority members of the CEC [Dirba, Ballam, Ashkenuzi] they have actually SPLIT THE PARTY. After this they have authority to act in the name of the OPPORTUNISTIC FACTION of the CPA ONLY.

2. The majority of the CEC did not get its authority "by the grace of god," but from the Joint Unity Convention [Woodstock, NY: May 15-28, 1921]. This was the highest authority, as far as this country is concerned. It has very wisely LIMITED THEIR AUTHORITY by its decisions, resolutions, program, and constitution adopted. As far as the majority of the CEC has violated all these decisions of our supreme body, we indict them for breach of party discipline and violation of its decisions.

3. In order to decide on such an important question as formation of a new party, the majority of the CEC not only failed to initiate wide discussions on

this question by party membership but even ignored repeated demands of the membership for an Emergency Convention. The majority of the CEC could foresee that their infamous policies would be defeated in party convention, and now they strive to reach their selfish aims by blending their faith with the noncommunitistic elements.

4. Their excuses and apologies that they are acting under the orders of the EC of the CI is rank hypocrisy. We were fortunate in getting a copy of the Theses of Third World Congress (Moscow edition) and can state that every page of this book is an indictment against their corrupt and opportunistic practices. It is for this reason that they still refuse to publish the Theses of Third Congress and by doing so commit treason even against the CI, who they pretend to serve.

5. The slogan "Go to the Masses" as explained in the Theses means participation in the everyday struggles of the workers. They have never done it, except in fluent words.

6. There is nothing in the Theses about our duty to organize a LPP [Legal Political Party]. (Nothing that would even suggest the liquidation of underground parties or the existence of two parties in the same country and at the same time). And while the majority of CEC maintains on this question "diplomatic silence," their partners in the work for LPP — the honest opportunists — declare that the LPP "will become a POWERFUL AMERICAN SECTION of the THIRD INTERNATIONAL." This gives away their plans, as they have announced an agreement on most important questions. It is plain that the LPP must become the AMERICAN SECTION of the Communist International *instead of the CP of A.*

7. The CEC majority has admitted (in the *T*—

[*Toiler*] that their partners in the LPP are centrists, and are opposed to the principles of Communist International. The Communist International commands us to fight and to expose them. The CEC majority, on the contrary, is engaged in building of an asylum for an insignificant group of homeless centrists that left lately the Socialist Party and have no place to go to. In doing so, the majority of CEC has betrayed the CP of A.

In the light of the above considerations we made our decision, and here once more we want to emphasize our solidarity with the three members of the minority group of the CEC [Dirba, Ballam, Ashkenuzi] and their adherents. We will stand firm by the defenders of communistic principles against the disorganizing and opportunistic tendencies of the majority of CEC.

The CI has not acted yet on the appeal of the minority of the CEC on this question. We are confident that the CI will fully endorse our stand, as soon as it will get acquainted with the real situation in this country and the plans of the CEC majority for the LPP.

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