

1. Proposals of the Delegation of the Sixth National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States to the American Commission of the ECCI¹

In the name of the Communist Party of the United States, we, the Party delegation elected by authority of the sixth National Convention, herewith make the following proposals as an absolute prerequisite for the speedy achievement of complete Party unification.

The proposals submitted are based upon the decision of the Party Convention fully in line with the 'Open Letter' of the Comintern. The central objective of our motions is to eradicate all factionalism, to complete the unification of the American Party, to liquidate the latest attempts to revive the discredited and unprincipled National Opposition Bloc, hitherto condemned by the Comintern, and led by Foster, Bittelman, and Browder. All evidence and material to substantiate our conclusions are at the disposal of the Comintern. Our proposals are to be considered as an entity and cannot be separated.

1. Recognition and treatment of the American Party as a Party and not as a combination of majority and minority or as a combination of groups. Discontinuance of the practice of keeping the Party suspended on cables regarding the smallest matters, which serves as a decisive factor in the perpetuation of factionalism and the promotion of permanent instability in the Party.

2. Condemnation of the factional actions of the opposition in launching an attack upon the Convention and its decisions, and attempting to revive the factional struggle in the Party by calling upon the membership not to recognise the new Central Committee, the Political Committee, and the Secretariat.

3. Sharp censure of the Party opposition for attacking the new Central Committee as a right-wing and even 'bourgeois' Central Committee in factional documents, in view of the repeated repudiation of this charge by the Comintern, and especially in view of the historical role and character of the opposition in the development of our Party – it has been the source of all

anti-Comintern elements in the history of our Party to date, for example, the notorious opportunists and social democrats Lore, Salutsky and company, the Cannon-Eastman-Trotsky group, the right-wing opportunist Sulkanen-Askeli group which recently entered into a bloc with the Fascists and Social Democrats etc.

4. The unqualified withdrawal of the unfounded and unjustified charge against Comrade Lovestone as a factionalist and the recognition of his role as a driving force in the organization, development, and unification of the Party. We express the will of the Convention and the entire membership in demanding the immediate return of Comrade Lovestone to work in the American Party. This is absolutely necessary in order to avoid a serious undermining of the Party leadership and a consequent perpetuation of the two-party system of permanent factionalism.

5. The Comintern should instruct the Foster-Bittelman Opposition to make its break with Trotskyism complete and final, by immediately ending its conciliation, tolerance, and protection of Trotsky elements in its ranks.

6. The Comintern shall review the role and status of the Trade Union Educational League with a view to aiding the Party in changing the Trade Union Educational League from a faction apparatus *within* the Party *against* the Party to a mass organization serving the center for the left-wing of the American labor movement.

7. The Comintern shall review the relations between the Profintern and the American Party with a view to putting an end to the role of comrade Lozovsky as the inciter, director, and guiding spirit of the opposition's continued faction struggle against the American Party.

8. Categorical instructions under pain of severest discipline shall be given to all Lenin School students to cease their factional activities in connection with the life of the American Party. The discontinuance of the practice of inviting and recognizing Lenin School students as 'representatives' of factions in the American Party and their admission to official Comintern bodies in this capacity. In this sense, the Party demands the immediate withdrawal of Comrade Zack from the Lenin School and his return to the United States, and the investigation of the Lenin School as a source of factionalism with a view toward taking similar action against any other students equally culpable.

9. The Comintern shall review the work of Comrades Pollitt and Dengel in the American Party Convention and subsequent thereto, with a view to passing the judgment upon the conduct of these comrades in (a) branding the Party as an anti-Comintern Party, (b) denouncing the Convention as an anti-Comintern Convention, (c) denouncing the Convention of proletarian delegates as 'low-down bastards and ignorant tools', (d) in sabotaging the work of the Convention by refusal to participate in efforts to formulate political

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resolutions, (e) in attacking the Party leadership as 'Ruth Fischerites' on the very first day after their arrival, (f) in serving as caucus organizers and advisers of the Opposition and serving as active agents in helping to reorganize the National Opposition Bloc, (g) in endeavouring to build a new group in the Party in defiance of Comintern decisions under the dangerous, unprincipled slogan of building a 'Comintern Group' in the American Section of the Comintern, (h) endeavouring to give a platform for the opposition to continue the factional struggle prohibited by the Comintern after the Convention.

10. The Delegations demands that Comrade Lozovsky shall be instructed to resign from this Commission in view of the fact that he is factional, prejudiced, and is himself a cardinal issue in the American Party controversy to be investigated by this Commission, and therefore is unfit to pass judgment on the question of the best interests of the Party and the Comintern.

The above demands represent the will of the overwhelming majority of the membership of the Party and most vital needs of the American section of the Comintern. The delegations insist upon its members being given ample opportunity to present all material and arguments in substantiation of the above motions.

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