
Letter to C.E. Ruthenberg in New York from Charles Dirba in New York, May 4, 1920.

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May 4th, 1920.

To the "Minority Group,"

Comrades:—

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 22nd, proposing a "joint action in calling one convention of the party" and saying that you "are prepared to take up discussion of the details regarding this convention."

Your letter received our careful consideration and in reply we state that the only conditions on the basis of which one convention can be held are the following:

1. Before we can enter into any discussion as to time, method, and place of holding one convention, it follows quite logically, and we consider it absolutely essential, that the "minority" call for the convention already issued must be cancelled first.

2. The proposed convention, being the second regular convention of the Communist Party of America, can be called only by its Central Executive Committee elected at the first convention.

Upon the acceptance of the above conditions we are ready to discuss with the "minority" the various technical matters as to date, place, method of elections, etc. for the purposes of holding one convention.

Expecting your prompt reply, we are

Fraternally yours,

D. Bunte [Charles Dirba],
Acting Secretary.

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