
Letter to the United Communist Party in New York from Charles Dirba, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of America in New York, Oct. 15, 1920.

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New York, October 15, 1920.

TO THE UNITED COMMUNIST
PARTY OF AMERICA.

Dear Comrades:—

Through the September 14th issue of *Izvestiia* we have just learned of the following action of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. We quote from the paper, which was received by us late October 13 [1920]:

In reference to American and English Communist movements, the Executive Committee passed a number of decisions demanding of American and English comrades a policy of getting together and uniting. In this connection the following resolution was adopted.

"Both Communist Parties — the United Communist Party and the Communist Party — are obligated to unite into one party on the basis of the decisions of the Second World Congress of the Communist International [July 19-Aug. 7, 1920]. This uniting must be finally accomplished not later than in two months; that is, by the 10th of October, 1920. Those who do not subject themselves to this decision shall be expelled from the Third Communist International."

In regard to this we want to know, and we ask you to give us the following information:

- 1) Have you received notice of this decision before? If you have received it—
- 2) When did you receive it?
- 3) How did you receive it? — Officially? Through M. [“Marshall” = Max Bedacht]?
- 4) What action, if any, have you taken on it?

Another matter on which we want information from you is this: We are informed from two reliable independent sources that in your weekly bulletin you have reported to your organizers that the Communist Party had flatly turned down your committee of two elected to take up with us the question of unity.

The fact is, however, that we have no knowledge of your committee's having approached or got in touch with us in any way, and that we have *not* turned them down.

How can you explain these facts on the face of which the report in your bulletin appears as a downright falsehood?

It is obvious that these matters are of the utmost importance and urgency to the whole Communist Movement in America.

We must have your answer in writing by the 18th of October, Monday morning, 10:00 am, in order to be in position to take immediate official action.

Fraternally yours,

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Exec. Sec.
Communist Party of America.

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