
Cable to Ludwig Katterfeld in New York from Robert Minor in Moscow, September 14, 1921.

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Moscow, September 14, 1921.

J. Carr [Ludwig Katterfeld]
Executive Secretary, Communist Party of America †

Telegram received, appointment acknowledged and fulfilled.‡ Baldwin [Oscar Tyverovsky] wired you September 6th that Thirty Three Thousand donated for Party work specified items for three months. Party work donations for all countries are quarterly not annual. Additional Fifty Thousand conditionally given exclusively for English Daily [newspaper] condition Party raising public subscription Ten Thousand. Wire immediately am I bound by instructions to ask more money now? Money scarce here also account famine requirements. Urge you send immediately full information about legal party, this considered very important.§ Comintern wants to know details about legal party and your action for famine relief. Use both mail and telegraph.

Ballister [Robert Minor].

†- L.E. Katterfeld was elected Executive Secretary of the unified CPA on July 27, 1921, replacing Charles Dirba. He served in that post until October 15, 1921, when he was replaced by Will Weinstone.

‡- Reference is to the replacement of the American party's representative to the Comintern Oscar Tyverovsky ("Baldwin") by Minor.

§- Reference is to plans to launch the Workers Party of America, which took place at a convention in New York at the end of December 1921. The Communist movement did take part in elections in New York City in November 1921 under the banner of the "Workers' League," which was formally organized at a convention held August 26, 1921. (See: Edward Lindgren, "Report of Campaign Committee, Workers' League Campaign, Dec. 1, 1921," [f. 515, op. 1, d. 78, ll. 11-29] available as a downloadable document from www.marxisthistory.org)

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