
Letter to C.E. Ruthenberg in New York from Leonid Belsky in Chicago, April 10, 1920.

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April 10th, 1920.

Dear Damon [Ruthenberg]:—

Your letter received. The development which is represented by your statement is not unexpected. Your stand is clear and excellent and without doubt will voice the opinion of the membership throughout the country. I will follow your suggestions in every respect and you can count on the unanimous support of our district. Am awaiting your further communications in regard to the action of the CEC following the presentation of your statement. WE WILL TAKE NO ACTION unless YOU WOULD INITIATE IT.

We are making very strenuous efforts for reaching an organizational unity with the CLP in our territory and I believe they finally will join us and support our every move, including a call for similar unity action throughout the country, regardless of their NEC. We had two conferences, in which we have succeeded in splitting them, getting the best and most active of their committee with us.

Tomorrow morning I will start on my trip, according to a decision of the DC [District Com-

mittee]. It is very important to at once visit all our SDs to present them a complete report and make the final arrangements for the District Convention, which could be called on any date, relative to further developments in regard to the National Convention. If Raphael [Alexander Bittelmann] in the meantime will arrive, he naturally would have to wait until I come back. I will return next Friday [April 16, 1920].

The May Day leaflets will be printed here: English 200,000 — 50,000 for Detroit — Russian, Lithuanian, Polish, and Croatian in many thousands of copies. Will get them in other languages from you? We are also arranging two big balls, which practically will be turned into mass meetings and I will try to arrange the same in every city in the District.

Enclosed find weekly report and checks for \$255.00. Please send me receipts for this sum, also for \$531.20, given to you March 12th in Chicago, and for the \$28.870 (money order) for *The Communist* from Russian branches #7 and 8.

Fraternally yours,

E.F. [Leonid Belsky]

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