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To all DOs:—

The American Bureau of the Red Trade Union International now has four organizers in the field. Two are UCP members and 2 CP members. These organizers have the duty of securing union affiliation for the RTUI. They will work through UCP and CP union and shop committees. UCP affiliations are instructed to give them every assistance. They all carry credentials addressed to the DOs. DOs are asked to pay attention to the work of the CP organizers. They must not be allowed to use UCP connections to make propaganda for the CP. All districts may not be reached by these organizers.

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Interesting news has come to light due to the recent expulsion of a member from the CEC of the CP [Maximilian Cohen]. We now learn that:

- 1. The CP had resolved that if unity was achieved, no member of the UCP was to be permitted upon the CEC of the united party.
- 2. That no member of the UCP was to be given any responsible position in the united party.

3. It was understood by some of the CP officials that every active UCP members who was objectionable to the CP officialdom and every member who might endanger the future domination of the CP officials was to be read out of the united party.

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You are to instruct all groups to make a study of the new party program and constitution at once. District Committees will bring the activities of their affiliations into conformity with the new constitution.

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The following resolution was passed by the convention: "A member whose services are required in the district can transfer to another district only by permission of the District Committee of the district to which he belongs. Should such member whose services are required insist upon leaving the country, a membership certificate shall be refused him by the CEC."

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We sent you a program of action recently re: the unemployed. We add this to that program — In calling your first mass meeting of the unemployed, you are to allow it to consider the election of its Central Committee and officials. But you are also to see to it that members of our party are slated for these positions and elected to them. One way to do this is to inform the mass meeting that at a preliminary and similar meeting certain officials were already elected (members) and name them. This will agree with the action you have been instructed to take, namely, first to call a meeting of members who are unemployed and there elect a Central Committee. The above additional ad-

vice is given because we must give the unemployment to understand that they are running the affair.

If unemployed organization already exists in your district, then members are to permeate it. Our members are instructed to accept official positions of any kind and to act as delegates whenever possible for any union which has decided to call demonstration of the unemployed.

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The minutes of the convention have been sent to you. There are not enough copies to give each group one copy. We ask you to pass them from group to group until all groups have read them.

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Study classes and groups have made demand for the theses [of the Comintern] in the various languages. We want to call the attention of the DOs to the fact that the theses have been printed in the Russian, German, and other official organs as well as in the Jewish L.O. [Labor Organ].