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# Decision of the CEC

## [of the Central Caucus-CPA Opposition]

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Dear Comrades:—

The CEC has unanimously adopted the following declaration in accordance with the stand taken by the Conference of the members of the CEC, the DOs, Editors, and Federation Secretaries [New York: May 8-12, 1922]:

After hearing the report of our International Delegate [John Ballam] and after thorough discussion of same, the CEC declares:

THAT it is impossible to comply with the conditions for unity as agreed upon by Carr [Katterfeld] and Moore [Ballam].

Because of the inadequate and incomplete investigation of the American question by the American Commission of the EC of the CI.

Because of the short time devoted to the matter by the EC of the CI.

In face of the mass of misinformation concerning the Communist movement in America under which the EC of the CI is laboring.

The CEC considers that the first duty of the representative to this country from the EC of the CI [Genrik Valetski] should consist in the complete investigation of the Communist movement in America.

We propose the following:

1. In order to acquaint the CI with the real conditions in this country, a committee of investigation

from both factions, headed by the delegate of the CI [Valetski], be organized, to make a thorough investigation as to the condition, activities, membership, influence, and claims of both factions in this country. This committee to have access to all documents, reports, files, and establishments, legal and illegal, and to have the right to call and attend membership meetings of both factions.

2. After investigation of both factions and reorganization of the faction headed by the majority of the former CEC, in conformity with the Thesis on Organization adopted by the 3rd Congress [June 22-July 12, 1921], final plans for uniting of the Communist forces in America shall be drafted, on the following basis:

(a) The former majority [regular CPA] complies with the decision of the CI by immediate expulsion of all those who advocated the liquidation of the CPA.

(b) After the faction led by the majority of the former CEC [regular CPA] is reorganized in accord with the conditions outlined above, a convention of the two factions shall be called for the purpose of solidifying the Communist forces in this country.

Fraternally submitted,

**Central Executive Committee,  
CP of A [Opposition].**

**J. Davis [Mrs. A.S. Edwards],  
Executive Secretary.**

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