
Circular Letter #20

to All CPA District Organizers

from Abram Jakira, Executive Secretary,

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TO ALL DOs

Dear Comrades:

You probably already know of the convention held in Cleveland [CPPA: Dec. 11-12, 1922]



the CEC.

Some time ago we have informed you of the difficulties that have arisen in the JF [Jewish Federation] of the LPP [Legal Political Party, i.e. the Workers Party of America]. A split seemed to be inevitable. However upon the request of the Centrists [Workers Council-Olgin faction], the CEC of the Party appointed a sub-committee to con-

sider the matter of avoiding a split. After a series of meetings with the Bureau of the JF, we have succeeded to come to an agreement and a split was prevented. The convention [1st: Dec. 16-17, 1922] was recognized by the CEC of the LPP [WPA] and is now history. A new Bureau was elected and we hope that from now on the JF will again become an important factor in the Jewish labor movement.

You are requested to see to it that our comrades [JCF-Bittelman faction] stop their fight with the non-party members of the Jewish branches and work hand in hand with the Jewish Federation of the party [CPA] and the LPP [WPA] and jointly help build up the LPP [WPA]. A detailed report of the convention has appeared in the Jewish daily [*Freiheit*], and will be made by the Jewish Bureau as well as by the delegates who attended the convention.

Some time ago we have sent you copies of an Industrial Questionnaire with the request that it be acted upon as speedily as possible. Up to now, only a few DOs have replied. This matter is very urgent and important, so please remind your lower units that the questionnaire must be returned at once. The failure of the lower units to return the questionnaires show conclusively that the Party machinery is not functioning well and that it is not prepared for quick action. I again remind you of the importance of this and URGE you to reply as soon as possible.

According to the constitution, the CEC is to pay to the Federations a certain percentage of the dues paid by the respective language branches. However, a number of DOs failed to submit detailed financial reports arranged according to language branches. As a result of this, the accounts submitted to the Language Bureaus show the dues paying membership in their federation far less than the actual membership of the Federation is composed of. A number of federations have sent in a protest to the CEC on this matter, considering that something is wrong with the accounting system of the Party. The CEC therefore urges every DO: (1) to submit his financial reports regularly, twice a month; (2) to report according to language branches.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent to the members of one of the SD in D2 [New York]. We enclosed this copy for your information. You may be guided by the contents of this letter in case a similar situation arises in your district.†

Fraternally,

J. Miller [Abram Jakira],
Exec. Secretary.

†- This letter is not present in the archival folder.

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