
Letter from the WPA CEC Majority to ECCI Requesting the Recall of John Pepper, March 27, 1924.

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To the Executive Committee of the
Communist International.

Dear Comrades:—

The status of Comrade John Pepper in America has not been clearly established. An impression has been prevailing in the Party that he is here by the authorization, direction, or commission of the ECCI. If this is the case, we, the undersigned, who constitute a majority of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party of America, request the ECCI to recall Comrade Pepper.

This request has been very well considered. We wish the ECCI to know that it is our firm conviction that the welfare of the American Party imperatively demands that it be granted. An extensive discussion on this question occurred at our recent Party Convention [3rd: Dec. 30, 1923-Jan. 2, 1924], with the result that 37 delegates out of a total of 52 present at the Convention authorized us to present this request to the ECCI in their names also.

Comrade Foster will give you a detailed explanation of the reasons for this request. He is fully authorized to present our point of view and speak in our names on all question relating to the controversy in the Workers Party of America.

With Communist Greetings,

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