

Two Letters on Comintern Address

(From Cleveland District Organizer.)

The corrections made by the Communist International in the lines of both the Majority and the Minority of the Central Committee give the Party the correct line for its work. The errors of both the Majority and the Minority could not be corrected by the groups themselves or by the Party as a whole in the light of the sharp factional situation in the top layer of the Party. Obvious errors were tolerated and overlooked; slight deviations were magnified. Self-criticism was taboo except in the districts.

The convention could not fulfill its mission, owing to the factional situation. Nevertheless the convention pledged that irrespective of the nature of the final decision of the Comintern it would be accepted unreservedly. This was the pledge of the leaders—this was the pledge of the delegates speaking for the membership.

The Comintern has rendered its decision. Its analysis of the political situation and of the errors made by both groups is correct. Its condemnation of factionalism is justified and correct. The need of unification of the Party—particularly in the upper stratum—is imperative.

Its denunciation of leaders who have broken their pledge to the Communist International and to the membership, its mention by name of those who have committed gross right wing mistakes developing almost into a tendency, are correct.

The need of re-organization of the secretariat has been pointed out by the Comintern as a "basis of securing real collective, non-factional activity." Not knowing the composi-

tion of the new leadership of the Party, yet knowing that the Comintern always acts in the best interests of all its sections, I pledge my own most energetic efforts and the full support of the District Executive Committee of District 6 to this leadership in carrying out the decisions of the Communist International on the basis of "iron proletarian discipline, to which all organizations and each individual member unconditionally submits," "submission of the minority to the majority," "inner Party democracy and proletarian self-criticism."

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From Woman's Department Head.

I wish to add a few remarks of clarification of my position to the enclosed statement. I very sincerely endorse the Address of the Comintern and will co-operate to the best of my ability in carrying it into effect. This address is a political document of very great importance in the life of the American Party. It opens up a perspective of a new unity in the Party, a strengthening of discipline, and the elimination of factional organization. At the same time it establishes a clear Communist line which brings the American Party into its correct place in the world struggle against imperialism.

At the same time I wish to express my strong disagreement with certain tendencies among leading and active comrades of the Party which have come to light with the publication of this Address, and before. Such are the tendency to maintain factional groupings and factional policies and ideology in the

face of the clear intention of the Comintern to wipe out factionalism in the Party. Particularly the tendency toward a double accounting with the Comintern in this situation must be condemned, the easy acceptance in words and the rejection in deeds of the Comintern policy by which some hope to be able to maintain a line in opposition to the Party and the Comintern without detection. All such tendencies must be energetically combatted and comrades urged to show their true colors at this juncture.

Then there is the theory of the degeneration of the Comintern, which seems to be finding acceptance in some quarters, which accompanies various right and left deviations, and is nothing but Trotskyism, although those concerned might reject that term. The crystallization of right wing tendencies, of resistance to the authority of the Comintern and the discipline of the Party, of opportunism and petty bourgeois tendencies toward resistance to proletarianization of organization of factional defense actions against organizational measures for carrying through the line of the Comintern, all these seem to be tendencies arising as a reaction against the Address of the Comintern. All these tendencies are to be condemned most emphatically and actively combatted. Acceptance of the Comintern Address in spirit and deed, as well as in word and loyal and united effort to carry through its line in the Party, such a course will cleanse and strengthen the Party and steel it for the struggles it is now entering upon.

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