

The Political Committee in its meeting of June 25th had before it a declaration of Comrade Bertram D. Wolfe as follows:

Secretariat, Communist Party,
United States of America.

New York, June 23, 1929

Dear Comrades:

I have your letter of June 21 giving me 48 hours to make a written statement of my position on the latest Comintern de-

cisions. At the same time you instruct me what my statement "must" declare.

My convictions on the questions involved prevent me from making the declaration you dictate.

For example, I cannot honestly declare "that I recognize the complete correctness of the Comintern Address and the related Comintern decisions on the American question" since I regard that address and the accompanying decisions as **INCORRECT AND INJURIOUS** to the American section of the Comintern and the Comintern as a whole. I submit to the decisions referred to not because I agree with them but in spite of my disagreement, as a matter of discipline and loyalty to the Comintern.

You also instruct me that I must "denounce and emphatically condemn the anti-Comintern conduct" of the delegation from our Sixth Convention to the Comintern. I emphatically do not regard the conduct of our delegation as anti-Comintern, but on the contrary, am convinced that it did its best to defend and urge what it thought and what our convention thought was in line with the best interests of the Comintern.

To sum up, my position is one of disagreement with the recent address and related decisions and submission as a matter of discipline and loyalty.

With Communist Greetings,

(Signed) BETRAM D. WOLFE.

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The Secretariat and Political Bureau regard the statement of Comrade Wolfe inadequate particularly in his refusal to condemn his actions in the Presidium session of May 14th. The Secretariat also asked Comrade Wolfe for a statement of attitude on the splitting cable of Lovestone on May 15th as well as upon his attitude toward the violation of discipline on the part of Lovestone in returning to the United States.

Comrade Wolfe in his answer to the questions put to him clearly showed his unwillingness to condemn Lovestone's flagrant violation of CI discipline or to condemn the open steps taken in the cable of May 15th to split our Party. In addition to this Comrade Wolfe made it clear that he could not conscientiously defend the CI line and make himself an agent of the Central Committee and of the Political Bureau in the carrying through of the major campaign of the Party at the present moment: The Enlightenment Campaign on the CI Address. The Political Committee came to the conclusion that it cannot permit the establishment of the institution of passive members of the Polbureau, members who declare either their unwillingness or their incapability to carry out the Party line as formulated in the Address of the CI. Members of leading Party committees, who cannot be active in leading the Party membership in the campaigns of the Party, have no place on the leading committees of the Party.

At the Political Bureau Comrade Wolfe continued to take issue with the basic political line of the CI.

The Political Committee therefore decided unanimously, against the vote of Wolfe, to suspend Comrade Wolfe from membership in the Political Committee of the Party.