Communist Party Convention:
Day 2 — Sept. 2, 1919.

by Jacob Spolansky

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Title of Case and Offense Charged
or Nature of Matter Under Investigation:

In re: Communist Convention
Held at 1221 Blue Island Ave.
Communist Matter.

Statement of Operations, Evidence Collected, Names and
Addresses of Persons Interviewed, Places Visited, Etc.:

At Chicago.

Employee, accompanied by Agent [August]
Loula of the office, attended the second session of
the subject convention, in which election of com-
mitttees on Organization & Constitution, Reso-
lutions, and other matters in organizing the con-
vention was under consideration.

For detailed report, Employee respectfully
refers to reports of Agent Loula and Employee
[James] Peyronnin.

Through undercover sources Employee as-
certained that important business transactions in
relation to the future policy of the Communist
Party are being conducted secretly.

The convention is being ruled by ALEX
STOKLITSKY, NICHOLAS HOURWICH,
[OSCAR] TYVEROVSKY, [GEORGE] ASH-
KENUZI, and [ALEX] BITTELMAN, who are
the real leading spirits in the creation of this Com-
munist Party and have the confidence of the ma-
jority of the delegates.

The convention elected an Emergency Com-
mittee of 19. Before the election of this commit-
tee took place, Alex Stoklitsky and several other
Russian radicals appealed personally to every del-
egate not to inquire as to the purpose of this com-
mittee. Employee ascertained that the real pur-
pose of this committee is the creation of a RED
GUARD. Employee 121 [N. Nagorowe], who is
attending this convention as a delegate, informed
me that the foreign speaking delegates, the ma-
jority of whom are Russian, despised the Ameri-
can delegates and are not trusting them a bit; that
at any important caucus the American delegates
are excluded and in most cases even not admis-
ted.

DENNIS BATT, who took a leading part
in organizing this convention, has no influence
whatever and the delegates don't pay any atten-
tion to his suggestions or motions which he makes.

Stoklitsky is the czar and Stoklitsky is the
man who gives instructions to all the delegates
how to vote. They all look upon him and as soon
as he raises his hand everybody follows him.

The proposed affiliation of the Communist
Party, headed by Alex Stoklitsky, and the Com-
munist Labor party, of which JOHN REED is
the leader, will not take place.

John Reed is a strong supporter of LUD-
WIG K. MARTENS and Alex Stoklitsky is in fa-
vor of controlling the so-called Russian Embassy
in New York by the Communist Party of America. The control of this embassy means the control of the expenditures, finances, and confirmation of the appointments by the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America.

Ludwig K. Martens did not send any of his representatives to this convention of the Communist Party, while the Communist Labor Party is represented by John Reed.

An undercover representative of the Military Intelligence [who] is attending the Communist Labor Party convention as a delegate informed Employee that Ludwig E. Martens has advanced a considerable sum of money for the organization and propaganda work of the new Communist Labor Party.