COMMUNISTS, UNITE!

An Appeal to the rank and file of the Communist Party and Communist Labor Party.

Every true Communist finds in the present unfortunate division of our ranks much cause for anxiety and activity. It is a position we are in danger of losing. We have been the causes for the catastrophe which occurred at the Chicago conventions which created this deplorable condition within the组织. We are demanding that every obstruction to a unity of the two Left Wing parties shall be immediately removed to make way for one great party of Communism in this country.

The membership is coming to a realization of what occurred there and the thought that lies at the bottom of all its conclusions is that whatever differences there are in the organization and tactics of the two parties, all of them exist at the present time. It is evident that the programs of both parties are based upon the program of the Third International formed at Moscow. Words, sentences and paragraphs are lifted almost bodily from that program and put class against class. All real differences in the methods by which these differences exist in tactics and inner party construction are not of such a nature as should create a permanent division of the two sections. They can be thrashed out in a unity convention to the entire satisfaction of both parties if not of a few leaders and so-called philosophers who take upon themselves to believe that the mantle of Lenin has fallen upon their ranks.

"All power to the worker" is the slogan of both parties. "All power to the rank and file within the party" is a slogan which we must adopt in our party work. It is especially necessary in the interest of the rank and file, as the programs have been lived up to the fullest extent. Let the rank and file assert its rights and we will have one strong party of Communism in this country at once.

The conditions existing at the present time within the party rank and file are deplorable. The situation in Cleveland is a replica of the vast majority of local branches throughout the country where the membership has made a decision for one or the other parties. For which party our membership is affiliated, all as compared to the greater question of UNITY. The rank and file of both sections see fundamental differences between the two parties. As for the rank and file of the Left Wing party, its programs are based upon the program of the Third International formed at Moscow. Words, sentences and paragraphs are lifted almost bodily from that program and put class against class. All real differences in the methods by which these differences exist in tactics and inner party construction are not of such a nature as should create a permanent division of the two sections. They can be thrashed out in a unity convention to the entire satisfaction of both parties if not of a few leaders and so-called philosophers who take upon themselves to believe that the mantle of Lenin has fallen upon their ranks.

This condition must be brought to an end. It is intolerable, without sense or reason. Thousands of members, true revolutionists as any who remain in either parties are dropping out discouraged and disheartened because of the division of the ranks. As a result of the division, the membership has decided to affiliate, it has meant little. The other party has immediately organized. Affiliations by locals has passed without incident, that the organization machinery. The membership has immediately split wide open and thus weakened. Our press is weakened on account of this division. Funds which should be used in propaganda and organization among the unenlightened workers are diverted toward building up dual organizations, duplication of effort and in establishing headquarters etc.

The rank and file are demanding UNITY. They are going to have unity. They are going to get unity. They are prepared to fight any and all obstructions that have been or will be placed in their path. To the rank and file this appeal is made. To those by whom their sacrifices of time, money and effort have made this work possible are those who may have had the job of the day.

Jimmy Higginson in the party, whose nickels and dimes have paid for the propaganda and organization work; who have served faithfully and oftentimes, the party is to have to say it, without honor or recognition; these thousands and tens of thousands of workers urge: DEMAND UNITY. DEMAND OF YOUR OFFICIALS THE REMOVAL OF EVERY OBSTACLE TO UNITY!

We of the Communist Party take favorable action upon the invitation of the Communist Labor Party for a Unity Conference.

If any stand between unity of the two Left Wing elements please take a look at your conscience and your heart; ENEMY THE WORKERS.

Strengthen the demand of the Communist Labor Party for Unity.

In unity there is strength. In unity we can strike from the threat of labor the blood-stained hands of capitalism and establish a world of Communist comradeship.

Yours for a united Communism,

THOMAS ALLISON.