
Notice of a Hearing of Expulsion for Maximilian Cohen in New York from Charles Dirba, Executive Sec. CPA, Jan. 12, 1921

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January 12, 1921.

Dear Comrade Allen [Cohen]:—

The Central Executive Committee has received the following formal charges against you:

The undersigned hereby prefer charges against Comrade Allen [Cohen] for knowingly and deliberately acting against the interests of the Communist Party by making false and misleading statements before a subsidiary party meeting, and for violating a decision of the CEC.

Specifications:

1) AT a meeting of the English Propaganda Committee, DII [New York], SD2, Jan. 9, 1921, Allen [Cohen] falsely accused the CEC of suppressing news on the unity question.

2) At the same meeting he divulged private conversations and discussions of CEC members not appearing upon the minutes of the CEC.

3) He asserted that the CEC, or a member thereof, held a blacklist against 200 members of the UCP.

4) He created dissension and confusion among the Party membership, using for this purpose his high office as editor and CEC member, during the present acute and critical situation created by the unity deadlock between the CP and UCP, by stating before many members of the CP that the majority of the CEC was in the way of unity; that in order to accomplish unity he (Allen [Cohen]) was ready to step aside; that the question of unity was out of the hands of the CEC; that while he (Allen [Cohen]) was honestly in favor

of unity, their (the CEC's) position on unity was camouflaged and hypocritical; that the accomplishment of unity is the important matter and the 6 conditions laid down by the Third International are only the means and unimportant; their (CEC's) object was to smash the UCP; that one of their (CEC's) members, a district organizer, with whom they (the CEC) all agreed, had stated that the CEC should be ours (CP) and all district and sub-district Organizers too; that no honest opinion on unity was allowed by the CEC.

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The investigation committee elected by our CEC and consisting of Sullivan [A.S. Edwards], Johnson [=???], and Baldwin [Oscar Tyverovsky], will meet tomorrow evening, Jan. 13 [1921], 8:00 pm at ---- to conduct a hearing on these charges.

You are asked to appear before the committee at that time, bringing with you any witnesses you may want of your own.

Fraternally yours,

*C. Dobin [Charles Dirba],
Exec. Sec. CP of A.*

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