Circular Letter to All District Organizers of the Communist Party of America from Max Bedacht, Acting Executive Secretary, June 20, 1922.

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To all DOs:

Dear Comrades:

The 25th of June [1922] is the last day on which the members of the Opposition[†] can come into the party under the decision of the Comintern without discrimination and with full rights of membership, including that of voting in the process of elections to the convention. In order to give the Opposition every opportunity possible you must immediately get in touch with your sub-district organizers and they with their section organizers so that special meetings of the #1 [CPA] units can be arranged for June 25th. These meetings must be arranged in conjunction with members of the Opposition, with as many of them as you can reach and as would come. Efforts must be made to have all those members of the Opposition who are willing to submit to the decision of the Comintern to pay their dues to our party and to connect up with it then and there, to fill out application for #2 [WPA], pay their assessments,

and otherwise comply with the rules.

Wherever we have enough favorable sentiment among the Opposition their groups or branches should be encouraged to hold meetings on the 25th for the purpose of bringing their entire unit into good standing in the Party. Our organizers must keep in touch with such meetings so as to enable immediate connections between them and the proper units of the Party. If our sympathizers fail to swing the whole branch, they must come as individuals definitely on the 25th.

This instruction is issued so that no excuse may be given by members of the Opposition afterward that they were unable to connect up in time. Please make a conscientious effort to wind up this "Opposition Campaign" in good faith to the decision of the Comintern so that those failing to obey have no ground for attack on the score of our unwillingness to carry out our share of the bargain.

For the CEC of the CPA,

James A. Marshall [Max Bedacht], Acting Secretary.

†- Reference is to the former Central Caucus faction, which declared itself the actual CPA at a conference held in January 1922 before being firmly dissuaded of any such pretense by the Comintern early that same spring.

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