
Report of the Secretary of the Russian Federation to the Secretary of the Party.

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Conditions in our Federation.

The Russian Federation of the Party is at present working in good order. Right after the unity in our Party the Russian Federation started to unite all the branches of the Federations — the former opposition [Central Caucus faction] and the Party. Unity of all our forces in the Federation has been achieved. The Russian Bureau called a convention of the Federation in order to work out plans how best to put the Federation on a better basis.

The congress of our Federation has achieved complete organic unity.† The congress of the Federation elected a new Bureau of 7 comrades. The Bureau organized itself into committees, which are functioning well. The Russian colony is in need of a Russian Communist paper and the conference of the Russian Federation has decided to issue a daily in the near future. The Bureau is now collecting money for that purpose.

The membership of our Federation are very active and have a great desire to work.

The G [??].

The comrades of our Federation are taking an active part in the G [??]. Our branches in District 5 [Chicago] decided to contribute to the G [??] one day's wages. In New York our comrades are participating actively in the work of the G [??]. In other districts

the comrades of the Federation are doing the same. The Central Bureau of LPP [Workers Party of America] sent out a circular to all branches of the Federation requesting them to take an active part in the work of the G [??].

The LP [Labor Party].

On the question of the LP [Labor Party], our Federation has carried out all the instructions of our Party. We have authorized a comrade who toured the country for the X [Trade Union Educational League] to speak to all our branches on the question of the LP [Labor Party]. Our Central Bureau of the LPP [WPA] has translated and sent out all the circulars and instructions of the Party. We have decided to translate the booklet on the Labor Party [*For a Labor Party: Recent Revolutionary Changes in American Politics*] into Russian. We have also instructed our Editorial Committee to have a few articles in the next issues of our Official Organ [*Kommunist*].

Industrial and RI [??].

The Russian Federation at the present time has a very small amount of members in the Unions. The conference of our Federation has taken steps to get all the membership of the Federation into the unions. The Bureau has appointed an Industrial Organizer and instructed all the districts, sub-districts, and branches

†- This English-language report variously uses the words “convention” and “conference” for the December 1922 gathering of delegates of the Russian Federation. The words used in the Russian-language report in the official organ are *Edinyi S'ezd* — First Congress. This more accurate translation of the Federation's self-description of the gathering has been inserted silently into this text.

to appoint Industrial Organizers. We have organized groups of agitator in the districts to carry on agitation for industrial activities.

On the Activities of the LPP [WPA].

Our Bureau appointed a Central Bureau of the LPP [WPA Russian Section] of 9 comrades, who are actively working in the LPP [WPA]. We have at present 60 branches with a membership of about 1,000. There are 40 branches more, which are not yet connected with the Central Bureau. Steps have been taken to connect the branches immediately.

[Daily Paper.]

The Central Bureau has opened a campaign for a daily paper in the Russian language. The paper is to come out not later than the 15th of February, 1923. The congress has levied a tax on the branches to pay \$5.00 for each member of the branch; the fund must be collected not later than the 1st of February. From the 1st of January the congress has decided to collect 25 cents a month from the members for a press fund for a period of 6 months. All the branches are instructed to organize entertainments for the benefit of the press fund.

[General Party Affairs.]

Stamps and all the supplies are being sent out regularly to all our branches.

On the question of simplifying the party ma-

chinery, our Bureau recommend accepting all the recommendations of District 6 [Detroit] with the exception of Branch Industrial Organizers.† Our Bureau recommends that the Industrial Organizers of the branches should be elected by P [Party = CPA] and should become members of the Executive Committee of the P [CPA] and also be Industrial Organizers of the branches of the LPP [WPA].

On the question of finances we can inform you that our Federation has not any funds at the present time and therefore it is not necessary to present you an empty blank.

We are issuing a monthly underground organ [*Kommunist*] with a circulation of 2,000.

Our recommendation to the CEC is that the CEC should issue extracts of the minutes of the CEC to all District Committees and Federation Secretaries for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the work and the policies of the CEC.

The Russian Federation has 1314 members:

District 1 [Boston] — 217
District 2 [New York] — 517
District 3 [Philadelphia] — 90
District 4 [Cleveland] — 50
District 5 [Chicago] — 254
District 6 [Detroit] — 126
District 8 [San Francisco]
and 11 [Minneapolis] — 60

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†- The Russian Federation faced sharp criticism from its Detroit district and debated the critique extensively at the congress.

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