

Enlightenment Campaign on the Comintern Address to the Communist Party

Statement of Political Bureau on Expulsions

Pursuant to the Polbureau decisions of August 12th, the Secretariat of the Central Committee addressed individual letters to all the Party members named in this decision and demanded an answer from them within 48 hours. These individual letters have now been answered by a collective statement signed by D. Benjamin, B. Gitlow, W. Miller, M. Nemser, E. Welsh, W. White, B. Wolfe, and H. Zam.

In their declaration the signatories declare that "The Address and line of the Polbureau based upon it are wrong and injurious," and that "On the basis of the Address the Political Committee is proceeding to wreck the Party," and further, that "we will not cease our struggle," and, finally, that "we fight against the line of the Address and its application by the Polbureau."

The Polbureau and the E. C. C. I. demanded of these members of the Party a repudiation of their declaration of war against the Comintern. They answered this demand by declaring "we will not cease our struggle" and "we fight against the line of the Address and its application by the Polbureau."

The Polbureau and the E. C. C. I. demanded of these members of the Party a repudiation of their insolent counter-revolutionary cable to the E. C. C. I. They ignore this demand.

The Polbureau demanded that these members of the Party repudiate the openly anti-Party and anti-Comintern factional documents circulated by the Lovestone splitters within and around the Party. They answer by declaring this unprecedented warfare against the Party "the right and duty of Party members."

The Polbureau demanded from these Party members a repudiation of Lovestone's counter-revolutionary attack against the Party for its activities on International Red Day. They answer with silence.

The Polbureau and the E. C. C. I. demanded of these Party members to live up to the conditions of membership in the Communist International as expressed in the 21 points. Point 16 declared that "ALL THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONGRESSES OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE BINDING FOR ALL PARTIES." They answer with a declaration that the decision of the E. C. C. I. on the problems of the American Party does not suit them and that, therefore, they "will not cease" their struggle against it.

The statement of these Party members again reiterated the Lovestone opportunist platform in opposition to the line of the Sixth World Congress. With petty-bourgeois arrogance it declares that the right and

duty to define the line of the Communist International does not rest with the Communist International but from among all the millions of members of the Comintern, from among all the dozens of sections of the Comintern, falls upon the shoulders of Lovestone. With the powers of sole arbiter thus allocated to Lovestone, the document proceeds to condemn the revolutionary application and development of the line of the Sixth Congress of the Communist International by the Communist International itself and by the Tenth Plenum of its Executive Committee and to proclaim Lovestone's reformist interpretation the only permissible one.

The signatories to the last statement evidently feel that: Although they answered a request of the Comintern to Lovestone with a collective statement signed by all, together with Lovestone, they now produce a collective document without Lovestone. By this maneuver, they aim to create the appearance that they are not tied up organizationally with Lovestone. But their refusal to condemn Lovestone, their association with Lovestone in the cabled reply to the E. C. C. I., their failure to repudiate the provocative attacks of Lovestone on the Party's campaigns of August 1st, Gastonia, and others, makes them responsible for every anti-Party and anti-Comintern act of Lovestone. The Party understands their maneuver very well: the members have so decisively repudiated Lovestone and stand so firm for the Central Committee and the Comintern as to make the signatories of this document doubt whether it is advisable to appear openly in association with the slanderous attacks of Lovestone against the Party.

With the declaration that they will continue their fight against the Comintern the signers have registered their unwillingness and unwillingness to remain members of our Party. Under lying protestations of adherence to the decisions of the Sixth World Congress they challenge the decisions of the second World Congress concerning the 21 conditions of membership in the Communist International.

In recognition of this undeniable fact and in application of the decisions of the Polbureau of August 12, the following are hereby declared expelled from the Party—D. Benjamin, B. Gitlow, W. Miller, M. Nemser, E. Welsh, W. White, B. D. Wolfe and Herbert Zam.

Any association with the expelled, any support given them is incompatible with the duties of membership in the Party.

POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE
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