
Memo to the Secretariat of the Executive Committee of the Communist International in Moscow from Ludwig Katterfeld in Moscow, Jan. 25, 1922.

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To the Secretariat,
Comrades:—

Recommendations.

The following cables arrived today from America:

“Fraina can not be found. Left for Argentina. Rejects orders, refuses accounts. Instruct Argentine Party to help trace him for us. — Rush ten thousand to be used solely for Damon [C.E. Ruthenberg], Caxton [I.E. Ferguson], and others release through special arrangements. Immediate compliance with request alone can save us losing this great opportunity. Incalculable advantages old and new firms [CPA and WPA, respectively]. Work seriously hampered without them. Urgent. Wire your plans.”

“Notice underground convention received 11 days before open convention [i.e., Dec. 12, 1921]. Postponing latter on such short notice would have seriously hurt launching new Party [WPA]. Membership pressed open convention. Those joining new Party would have rejected delay necessary to give us time to prepare and hold underground convention. They would have proceeded with their own incorporation. Our delegates are most trusted, active members, in preliminary conference decided all points of program and constitution adopted at open convention. New Party’s program, constitution, and policy in full accord with all your specifications. Rush wire exonerating us on ground insufficient time. Report follows. Lewis [Will Weinstone].”

1. Regarding the Fraina matter, a cable asking for assistance should immediately be sent to the Argentine Party followed by a letter giving detailed information. The American [Party] should be informed properly of any developments.

2. Regarding the request for \$10,000, I ask to be heard before the Committee deciding this matter. This should be at the earliest possible date.

3. In my opinion the matter dealt with in the second cable, that is, the holding of the legal party convention last month [Founding Convention: Dec. 23-26, 1921] without first calling an official underground convention, is sufficiently covered by the decision of the Executive Committee yesterday adopting a letter to be sent to the American Party in final settlement of the question. No further actions necessary from the Committee.

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