
Communique to the Membership of the Communist Party of America from Ludwig E. Katterfeld for the CEC, [circa August 24, 1922]

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To the Membership:

Our #1 [CPA] convention is now history. In due time the details regarding its work will reach you. You will already have heard that circumstances caused an early adjournment. But the most essential tasks of the convention were completed. The issues that the convention was called to settle were settled satisfactorily. The strife that has torn our ranks the past months should now cease, and all should unite in strengthening our #1 [CPA] to meet the onslaughts of the common foe.

A new CEC was elected, which takes a realistic attitude toward the present situation. The CEC will endeavor, through its development of #1 [CPA] activities as the basis for all our other work, to merit that confidence of the membership upon which alone Party authority can rest.

The various documents of the convention, which were adopted in principle and referred to the CEC for final writing, will be conveyed to you as soon as ready.

Word has just been received that Comrade Cook [James P. Cannon] is NOT coming.† There are no new instructions from the CI. The actions of the convention are therefore the last word.

Just a word of caution. Don't believe ALL that you read in the Press. Remember that newspaper writers have fertile imaginations, especially when we are concerned. Do not let yourselves be stampeded with wild rumors. As quickly as possible the facts will be communicated to you through Party channels.

Be extra careful, of course. Use new meeting places, but KEEP ON meeting regularly, and do not let your care interfere with the work of reaching the masses.

Yours for C--- [Communism],

CEC per J. Carr [L.E. Katterfeld].

†- The CPA was originally to delay the 2nd Convention, held at Bridgman, MI from Aug. 17-22, 1922, to await the return of Jim Cannon from Moscow with instructions. The CEC decided to hold the convention as scheduled and Cannon remained in Moscow.

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