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Decision of the International Control Commission of the C. I. in the Matter of John Pepper.

After perusing the declaration of John Pepper and after examining the material the I. C. C. states:

1. Pepper, actuated by fractional considerations, refused to submit to the decision of the E. C. C. I. that he should leave America and proceed to Europe, where he should place himself at the disposal of the E. C. C. I., and remained in New York and the neighbourhood) for the purpose of inciting the majority fraction of the C. P. of America against the E. C. C. I.

2. In the desire to deceive the E. C. C. I. and the C. P. of America, Pepper, in collaboration with Lovestone, concocted the story of his journey from New-York to Mexico, and for several months assured the E. C. C. I. and the I. C. C. that he had carried out the directions of the E. C. C. I. regarding his coming to Moscow, but nevertheless, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he had been compelled to return from Mexico to New York. As a matter of fact Pepper, as he has confessed in his declaration to the I. C. C. of 11th of July, never went to Mexico at all.

3. By carrying on fractional work, not only within the C. P. of America but also against the Comintern, Pepper, together with Lovestone, managed to bring the Party Congress of the C. P. of America, which consisted for the most part of supporters of Pepper and Lovestone, against the line laid down by the Presidium of the Comintern and incited the delegates of the Party Congress against the delegation of the E. C. C. I. to the Party Congress.

4. Pepper did not only not admit in the I. C. C. in the course of two months his impermissible attitude towards the Comintern, but persistently continued to maintain that during the Party Congress of the C. P. of America he was not in New York and did not lead majority fraction, although the falsity of Pepper's words has already been exposed by a whole number of comrades (Green, Hannes, Stachel, Minor and other). Pepper only first confessed when all his lies were completely exposed and Lovestone was expelled from the C. P. of America. While the affair of Pepper was being dealt with in the I. C. C. another case came to light in which Pepper deceived the E. C. C. I. In 1928, Pepper handed to the E. C. C. I. an account of his expenses for a journey to Korea, when in actual fact he had not made this journey at all.

5. The whole impermissible attitude of Pepper, his neglect to carry out the directives of the E. C. C. I. and his deception of the E. C. C. I. and of the C. P. of America, is in the first place explained by the fact that Pepper, as a Right opportunist who was not in agreement with the fundamental line of the Comintern, worked for the formation of an opportunist fraction within the Comintern. In order to conceal his fractional intentions, Pepper proceeded to play a double game: he submitted to the E. C. C. I. a declaration (with reservations) in which he announced his submission to the decisions of the E. C. C. I. in regard to the American question, but at the same time he re-

fused to confess to the I. C. C. that he, Pepper, had stayed in New York during the Party Congress of the C. P. of America for the purpose of carrying out his opportunist line at the Party Congress of the C. P. of America.

In view of all this the I. C. C. resolves to expel Pepper from the Comintern on account of his refusal to submit to the directives of the E. C. C. I., on account of his deception of the C. P. of America and of the Comintern, on account of his role in the C. P. of America which amounted to his leading the fraction of the majority, together with Lovestone, and egging on his followers to fraction struggle for the purpose of pursuing his opportunist line.

Moscow, 19th August 1929.

**The International Control Commission of the
Communist International.**