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Report on Textile Council Fraction  
and Top Fraction Meetings... Held July 6th 7 th

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To the C.E.C.  
Communist Party of America.  
185 East 43rd St.  
New York City.

Dear Comrades,

The following is my report on the two meetings  
stated above....

The Council meeting was well attended.... 15 comrades  
present out of 30.

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I was informed by the centre that a sub-committee  
composed of Foster, Weinstein and Ballam was to represent the party  
at this meeting. Comrade Foster was the only comrade who was present  
in time to participate in the meeting Comrade Ballam arriving after  
practically all of the comrades had participated in the meeting  
at about 8 p.m. Comrade Weinstein did not arrive at all.

We were informed by Comrade Foster that the centre  
had no recommendations to make except that we vote for the removal  
of Comrade Weisbord. However Comrade Ballam did ask me if I should  
like to go to New Bedford and on Comrade Foster's arrival he asked  
for Comrade Keller which led me to suppose that Keller was the  
choice of the C.E.C. This is the best choice that could have been  
made from the point of view of Unifying the fraction for concrete  
work... Comrade Keller's weaknesses will be best eliminated by close  
contact with the centre.

On the meeting of the council.

Comrade Weisbord made a motion that the Fraction protest against  
the removal of Comrade Weisbord, accepting their decision.

that we repudiate as unfounded the  
baseless rumors that have been spread about Weisbord.

Comrade Foster made a motion that the decision of the C.E.C.  
be accepted and carried out.

In the discussion of these motions...

Comrade Reid spoke against the C.E.C.

Comrade Solar spoke against the C.E.C. justifying comrade Weisbord  
in his demonstration against the party.

Comrade Keller was more or less confused but spoke for the C.E.C.  
suggesting however that Weisbord be not retired from Textile Work.  
Comrade Dawson, a member of the C.E.C. did not express any opinion  
on the question and did not assist in the mobilisation of the fraction  
for the party the she voted for the C.E.C. motions

Comrade Deck.... Spoke for the Party.

Comrade Burlik Spoke for the party

Comrade Harbach Spoke for the Party

Comrade Rappoport Spoke for the Party

Comrade Chernow Spoke against the Party.

Comrade Russek spoke for the Party.

On the basis of the discussion ~~Comrade Keller~~ Comrade Keller was  
selected for the post of Secretary.

No recommendations for organisational proposals were made.

Organisational questions were taken up at the the top  
fraction meeting on Sunday night.

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The N.E.C. Fraction was attended as follows.

Reid Murdoch Weisbord, Keller Denson Sellar Burlak.

I reported at this fraction that Comrade Weisbord in my opinion was not a member and was not to take any part in the meeting.

the fraction decided that Weisbord was a member.... minutes attached.

NOTE THE COMPOSITION OF THE TOP FRACTION....and their position on the question of Weisbord removal.

Reid, Sellar, Weisbord.... against decision openly in fraction.

Keller took a conciliatory attitude.

Denson.. a C.E.C. member took no part in the mobilisation of the fraction.

At this fraction Comrade Sellar was permitted to vote despite the opposition to the party line voiced by him at the previous meeting.

A motion was made to remove Comrade Deak unless he accepted decision of fraction (laying basis for Deak's removal as immediate closing up of personal affairs is ~~impossible~~ difficult for him to comply with) DEAK VOTED AND SPOKE FOR THE C.E.C.

An attack was made upon me as party representative, by comrade Weisbord stating that I had misused ~~union~~ Union Funds.

An attack was also launched against me as an ~~informant~~ informer for the centre at the enlarged fraction by Reid.

I understand that Comrade Weisbord is still a member of the C.E.C T.U.C. and according to his statement he was informed at the last meeting that I had carried out my work in a very clumsy fashion, and ~~thus~~ the fraction passed a motion that The C.E.C. be asked to send to the fraction a copy of my report on Weisbord.

In view of the fact that The C.E.C. appointed a subcommittee to supersede me at the Enlarged fraction.

In view of the fact that no instructions were given to the fraction (no recommendations)

In view of the fact that no other representative was present at the top-fraction on the Sunday.

In view of the attacks which have constantly launched against me in the past two months in the union fraction.

In view of the silence on the part of the C.E.C. representatives when I was attacked as an informer.

and in view of the fact that The District Committee of District #3 have been requesting that I be returned there for work, which I was conducting before the C.E.C. withdrew me, and which work has now fallen to pieces.

I propose.....

1. That a member of the C.E.C. be appointed party rep to the Union.
2. That I be returned to general work in District #3.
3. that for the next three weeks I assist Comrade Cahler in the organization of the Southern Conference.
4. That I be permitted to withdraw from the Textile Union and be assigned to the metal trades section of the T.U.E.L. which is the industry in which I have had most experience.

Sincerely yours  
W. Murdoch

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