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William F. Dunne,
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Dear Bill,

I have taken the liberty to alter the leaflet in several respects, changing some parts, adding others, and taking away still others. I think the leaflet will hit the workers squarely in the eye, and is fairly good.

I have made the following changes:-

1. In the slogans I have changed the demand to read, "full recognition of our own union" instead of recognition of the union, since we do not wish to fall into the trap of the company making concessions that can be interpreted as more recognition of that union.
2. I have changed you to we throughout. We will be closer to the workers. Already some workers can say thi, since they have already read this leaflet and agreed with it. And it is not too "artificial."
3. I have changed a few words in the text not of great importance.
4. Only your name is signed to the leaflet. Since I am not there I have taken my name off.

I have added the following points:-

1. Several paragraphs dealing with the concrete actions of the U.T.W. fakers in breaking the strike. In these paragraphs I also emphasized the fact that the workers themselves in both cases started the strikes themselves.
2. I have added the following important point:-
"They are still on strike in Gastonia and organizing in more than 60 other mills, under the banner of the National Textile Workers Union of America. This is the kind of a Union we want. This is an important addition. I think we must have the fact that the National Textile Workers Union is leading other struggles and that that is the right kind of a union.
3. I have added the sentence as follows:- "Already hundreds of strikers have been refused work in the mills."
4. A couple of paragraphs emphasizing again
 1. That the workers got none of their demands
 2. That blacklist means that no fighting union will be formed in Elizabethton.

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I have taken out the following points:-

1. The part that says that some workers are discouraged. I do not believe this is necessary to say or emphasize.

2. The part about Weinstock. She is not there now, and has no influence. We need some space, and it was a bit of a diversion from the main line of thought.

3. I have eliminated that paragraph that deals with the fact that a handful of merchants and professional men should not determine what the workers shall do. We have already said that in the preceding paragraph, and it is not necessary to emphasize it until we are faced with the issue of the petty-bourgeois actually fighting us.

4. The point that the rayon industry is basically an explosive manufacturing industry that can be turned over night into un cotton, dynamite and T.N.T. The fact that the rayon industry has explosive chemicals is pointed out in the paragraph where I have added the word explosive. That it is a war industry does not have to be stressed before the workers, who can easily be lead to suspect that we are not in Elizabethton to form a textile union, but to fight the war danger and for Communist activities. We must not fall into this trap and show that the workers are other than textile workers, since at the present time time they produce textile stuffs and nothing else.

All the comrades seem to think the leaflet is a mighty good one. Here is hoping it will do the work and we can break in properly.

I am trying my best to get you some money and everything else you need. Will write you again either today or tomorrow.

Fraternally yours,

CEC TEXTILE REPRESENTATIVE

Weisbord.

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