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Secretariat, CPUSA,
43 East 125 Street,
New York City.

Comrades:

You will find enclosed two statements. One statement deals with the matter of my resignation as secretary of the National Textile Workers Union. The other statement deals with the present inner party situation.

Fraternally yours,

Albert Weisbord

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**Statement Concerning my Resignation as Secretary of the
National Textile Workers Union.**

Comrades:

On June 9th, at the last meeting of the fraction of the National Executive Committee of the National Textile Workers Union, I announced that at a previous meeting with members of the party Secretariat present, I had made the motion that I should proceed immediately to Gastonia to stay a minimum of three weeks and to take charge of the situation in the field until matters became normalized and the crisis due to the ~~murder~~ frame-ups was over. I further stated this motion had passed and immediately after the session of the National Executive Committee, I would proceed South.

Following this, I presented the following motion, which motion, of course, was not to be considered in conflict with the Secretariat decision: "That Comrade Weisbord get a leave of absence till the convention (of the union), it to be understood that this means resignation." This motion was presented to the fraction in spite of the fact that I had received notice at the meeting the day before, on June 8th, of a decision of the Secretariat that I was not to present my resignation at this time.

At the time I offered my resignation as secretary of the union, I felt that I had such serious political disagreements with the present leadership that if I had not resigned I would have to be removed, and that with such opinions I could not maintain the responsible party post of CIO textile representative and that under such circumstances, especially since I was now leaving for the South, that it would be better for a textile comrade to take hold of the

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post of secretary of the union. It was clearly understood that the change of secretaryship must take place in such a manner that the union would not be hurt by such a change. As a previous telegram giving my position had been suppressed I was desirous of demonstrating my political disagreements in some manner before leaving for Gastonia, since I feared that once in Gastonia, due to the terror of the bosses, I might never have the opportunity again.

However, I believe it is my duty now to state that my resignation was a breach of discipline particularly serious at this time. Now above all, when the party is faced with tremendous difficulties, when it must face the great problems that the third period of post war capitalism brings to us, when the party is at a turning point in its history, when it is faced with a Trotsky-Cannon split and the threat of a split from the open and secret opposition forces of Lovestone and Gitlow, when it must bend its energies more than ever to the struggle against the right danger within the party, at this time more than ever an iron discipline is necessary within the party and once the secretariat had decided I was not to resign it was an act of petty-bourgeois individualism for me to have brought forward my resignation no matter what my intentions may have been.

For this breach of discipline I am ready to accept the most severe punishment, and as a loyal member of the Communist International and the Party, I will do all in my power to amend whatever damage may have been caused by such action, by carrying out with the greatest promptitude whatever decisions may be made for me to carry out.

Fraternally yours,

Albert Weisbord

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