

STATEMENT BY FOSTER, ARONBERG AND BITTELMAN

For the Sake of Clarity.

In the Daily Worker of January 9th, the Central Executive Committee published a statement under the caption "Pay no attention to destructive factional rumors." In this statement, the CEC conjures up a series of rumors (of which there are many more afloat pro and con) and then heatedly warns the Party against them.

The Central Executive Committee statement refers to a coming letter from the Comintern to the American Party. It raises this question in such a confusing manner, that it is necessary to state the matter correctly. The facts are as follows:

It is a matter of common knowledge in the Polcom that the Comintern is now preparing a very important political letter to the American Party. In the Polcom meeting of January 8th, Comrade Lovestone definitely stated that he had positive knowledge of the preparation of such a letter. In view of the fact that this letter is being prepared, and being convinced of its great importance to our Party, the Minority of the CEC proposed that the Party elections be postponed until the arrival of the letter, so that the Party membership could be guided by its line. The CEC Majority voted down this proposition whereupon the Minority submitted its proposals to the Comintern.

We protest against the raising of such issues before the Party as the CEC does in its statement. The inevitable effect of such a method must be to confuse the Party membership in the midst of the elections.

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