
To All Sections of the Russian Communist Federation:

A leaflet from the Executive Committee of the Russian Communist Federation of the CPA.

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To All Sections [*otdely*] of the
Russian Communist Federation.

Dear Comrades:

In the time of powerful reaction through which we are passing, when the best of our workers are arrested, when the prisons are filled with Communists, we appeal to you, dear comrades, to stand firmly at your posts, and not break up the divisions of our Communist Federation. Let not one member, while he is still under the paws of the satraps, stop working for the cause of Communism. We can answer our enemies as soon as there is a powerful, close, and strong organization of the Communist Party.

The wild beasts turned loose from their chains of American “democracy” upon the Communists did not let the opportunity pass to gratify themselves at the expense of our Federation. They devastated our printed organ, *Novyi Mir*, and arrested most of the members of the CC, at the head of which was the Secretary of our Federation [Oscar Tyverovsky]. All these arrests have temporarily stopped our work. The CC of the Russian Federation is now reorganized and has taken up the work anew upon the plan adopted by the National

Committee of the Communist Party.†

The idea has been created in some sections that our Federation no longer exists, that there is no Federation, and that the Communist Party is shattered, and has therefore decided to disband. Still other sections who happened to have severed relations with the Central Committee united for spite with other societies and leagues, the political complexion of which is unknown to us. The CC of the RF calls upon all sections at this grave political juncture, when black reaction is descending upon us with all its force, not to lose their communist character. Our Federation even under legal conditions always drew the line against inconsistent elements and fought them hard.

Just now, dear comrades, under the illegal conditions that have been created, our Federation should be specially crystallized from among the best, the leading and most disciplined Communists, clearly and with class-consciousness comprehending the principles of Communism. Therefore the CC of the RF earnestly insists that none join any organization not entering into the Communist Party of America.

The CC of the RF has taken every step to get in connection with the sections. If any section is not yet in contact, let it join with us in the very

†- This is a correct translation of the Russian original. Reference is obviously to the Central Executive Committee of the CPA.

near future.

Dear comrades, we hope you will continue the work begun for the liberation of the working class from the yoke of capital, and that no sort of prison or deportation from America may be capable of terrifying the class-conscious fighters for freedom. To work, then, comrades.

Long live the dictatorship of the proletariat!

Long live the Communist Party of America!

Long live the Third International!

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[Central Executive Committee
of the Russian Federation
of the Communist Party of America]

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