

Decision of the Tenth Plenum of the E. C. C. I. on the Appeal of Lovestone

We herewith print the decision of the Tenth Plenum of the ECCI on the appeal of Jay Lovestone and the cablegram of the International Control Commission.

In the telegram of the ECCI the Communist International gives a clear answer to the political line, violation of discipline and splitting activity of Jay Lovestone. Once more the Comintern condemns the opportunist political platform of Lovestone as a platform directed against the line and decisions of the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International. The Communist International clearly characterizes Lovestone's position as one "finally descending into the camp of the renegades of Communism."

Regarding Lovestone's violation of Communist discipline the Communist International characterizes Lovestone's acts as "a gross violation of the discipline of the Communist International" and as "a criminal work of preparation for a split."

The Communist International like the Communist Party of the U. S. A. was not deceived by Lovestone's appeal supposedly to the Communist International but in reality against the Communist International. The Tenth Plenum of the ECCI correctly branded Lovestone's appeal as a maneuver against the unity of the Party "not at all intending to remain in the ranks of the Party."

Decision of the Tenth Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International on the appeal of Jay Lovestone, member of the E. C. C. I., against his expulsion from the Communist Party of the U. S. of A.

In refusing to carry out the decision of the Executive Committee of the Communist International removing him from work in the Communist Party of the U. S. A., in the interest of the recovery of the Party, Lovestone committed a gross violation of the discipline of the Communist International. He further aggravated his offense by the fact that after his return to America, disregarding the warning of the Central Committee on the necessity to conform to the decision of the E. C. C. I. he began a criminal work of preparing for a split in the Communist Party of the U. S. A. Most severely condemning the anti-Party conduct of Lovestone, which is impermissible in the ranks of the Communist International, the plenum does not consider it possible to change the decision of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. on his expulsion from the Party, by which Lovestone ceases to be in the composition of the E. C. C. I.

Lovestone, in appealing to the E. C. C. I. is making merely a maneuver, not at all intending to remain in the ranks of the Party, against the unity of the Party.

The Tenth Plenum endorsed the expulsion of Lovestone from the ranks of the Communist Party declaring "the plenum does not consider it possible to change the decision of the Central Committee of the CPUSA on his (Lovestone's) expulsion from the Party."

At the same time the Comintern wishes to give not only to Lovestone but primarily to those members who still have some hesitation as to Lovestone's anti-Comintern attitude the final possibility to verify Lovestone's true position towards the Comintern.

The cablegram from the International Control Commission sent under the proposal of the Tenth Plenum of the ECCI proposes to Lovestone to present himself in Moscow, informing him that in case of his non arrival his expulsion from the Comintern will be considered final.

The membership of the Party will be in full agreement with the sharp political condemnation of Lovestone's opportunist line and splitting activity, by the Comintern, because the overwhelming majority of the Party membership has already rejected and condemned the Right opportunist line of Lovestone and is engaged in putting into effect thru its practical work in the American class struggle the line of the Sixth World Congress and the Comintern Address.

The E. C. C. I., in exposing his Right errors and condemning his factional activities, declares that Lovestone has started upon the path of an open splitting struggle against the Party and the Communist International, counterposing to the program and decisions of the Sixth World Congress his own opportunist platform of the exceptional situation of America and his social-democratic conception of discipline, thus finally descending into the camp of the renegades of Communist (Brandler, Hais, etc.).

Nevertheless, in view of his appeal to the E. C. C. I., the plenum instructs the International Control Commission to review the appeal in the presence of Lovestone in the shortest possible time and make a final decision on his appeal. In case of the refusal of Lovestone to be present at the review of his appeal, the plenum considers Lovestone as finally expelled from the Communist International and from the composition of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

Notification of International Control Commission

Lovestone, from the International Control Commission, through the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America: The consideration of appeal is set for August 12th. In case of the non-arrival of Lovestone in Moscow within this time his appeal will not be considered and in accord with the Tenth Plenum decision his expulsion from the Communist International will be considered final. Inform Lovestone of this and advise us of delivery of this message to him and whether he is leaving.