
Letter to Charles Dirba in New York from C.E. Ruthenberg in New York, May 5, 1920.

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New York, May 5, 1920.

To the Majority Group CEC

Comrades:—

We are prepared to discuss with you and come to an agreement in regard to all the details of a joint convention call, including the date of the convention, but until and unless such an agreement is reached the call which we have issued will stand.

The question whether this call stands cannot have the slightest effect upon the negotiations, inasmuch as we are prepared to withdraw it and substitute a joint call if an agreement is reached, and, as we view the matter, this condition on your part is made in order to delay our convention, as once the call is withdrawn you can then raise impossible conditions as obstacles to prevent agreement on the joint call.

We are not quite so gullible as you may think and while we reiterate our willingness to enter into the joint call, our present call will stand and in the absence of any agreement before the District Conventions are held, the National Convention will be held as we have arranged.

Fraternally yours,

[C.E. Ruthenberg]
Executive Secretary,
Communist Party of America.

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