
Minutes of Executive Motions of the Left Wing National Council: August 5-12, 1919.

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August 5th [1919 — No. 1] Ferguson:

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That the next physical meeting of the National Council be held in Chicago on August 29th [1919], without financial obligations on the part of the National Left Wing Organization to bring the members of the Council to Chicago; and that there be no such meeting between now and August 29th.

(Explanation: leaves Council on basis of original motion that this body met by executive motions.)

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Ruthenberg, Wolfe.

[**Not Voting:** Gitlow, Larkin.]

[*Motion carried.*]

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August 5th [1919 — No. 2] Ferguson:

That Cohen, Ruthenberg, and Ferguson be constituted a Convention Committee of the National Council with full power to complete all arrangements for a September 1st Convention to form a Communist Party, and to make the call for this Convention in conjunction with the Minority Conference group, or any part of this group.

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Ruthenberg, Wolfe.

[**Not Voting:** Gitlow, Larkin.]

[*Motion carried.*]

August 5th [1919 — No. 3] Ferguson:

That no further appropriations of funds be made by the National Council until August 29th at Chicago, and that all funds be held by the Secretary for expenses already incurred and the surplus as a Special Convention Fund, subject to disposition on August 29th or later.

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Ruthenberg, Wolfe.

[**Not Voting:** Gitlow, Larkin.]

[*Motion carried.*]

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August 6th [1919] — Ballam:

I move to strike out Clause 3 of the Ferguson-Wolfe resolution of June 28th, upon which I voted favorably.

(Explanation: clause relating to Emergency Convention.)

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Wolfe.

No: Ruthenberg.

[**Not Voting:** Gitlow, Larkin.]

[*Motion carried.*]

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August 9th [1919] — Cohen:

Motion that we accept the resignations of MacAlpine, Reed, and Gitlow on *Revolutionary Age* and that none of these be replaced; but that instead Fraina, Cohen, Ferguson, and Wolfe be constituted the Editorial and Managing Committee of the paper, with salaries limited to present salary of one editor and business manager.

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Wolfe.

[Not Voting: Gitlow, Larkin, Ruthenberg.]

[Motion carried.]

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August 12th [1919] — Cohen:

Motion that Reed and Gitlow be removed as editor and business manager respectively of *The Voice of Labor*, and that the matter of this paper be taken up by the executive body that comes out of the Communist Party Convention.

Yes: Ballam, Cohen, Ferguson, Wolfe.

(Wolfe objects to comment by Cohen; votes yes because *Voice of Labor* is being used to sabotage *Revolutionary Age*.)

[Not Voting: Gitlow, Larkin, Ruthenberg.]

[Motion carried.]

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