

Financing of Ultra-Radical Propaganda in the United States: A Report dated August 20, 1921 [excerpts].

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Explanatory:

The information contained in this paper has been obtained from all conceivable sources. It should be noted at the very start that there are hundreds of organizations and publications which are not included in the figures given below because it has been practically impossible to either procure reliable figures on the amount of their business or to safely estimate the same from our general knowledge of the workers of the organization. In some instances, it will be found that the name of the organization or publication is given without any figures. This is done because it would be improper to prepare any paper which purports to cover the entire field of ultra-radical activity without including them. When I use the term "ultra-radical activities," I mean activities which are at least more extreme

than those of the old line Socialist Party or groups; therefore, the Socialist Party, for instance, is not included.

Very largely the figures are based upon financial statements or the books of the organizations themselves. Where there is a pure estimate, the figure is indicated by an asterisk. The financial statements and the reports upon which this statement is based cover a period of approximately 18 months. A daily amount is taken to cover 365 days per year; that is, the figure given as the average daily amount spent means Sundays and holidays included.

The statement does not include books published under private auspices or the many thousands shipped into the country from abroad, even those from the Bolshevik presses in Moscow.

Communist.

	<i>Total Daily Ave.</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Press</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Dues</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
United Communist Party (National)	\$1021.00	\$ 123.50	\$ 322.45	\$ 182.27	\$ 287.30	\$ 105.48	A
United Communist Party	1222.22	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	B
<i>The Toiler</i>	51.85	-----	-----	51.85	-----	-----	C
Communist Party (National)	1163.39	-----	-----	-----	not inc.	-----	D
Russian Federation	225.59	inc.	inc.	inc.	inc.	inc.	E

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<i>Vilnis</i>	\$ 25.70	-----	-----	\$ 25.70	-----	-----	F
Finnish Branches	164.38	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	inc.	G
Jewish Federation	20.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	H
Polish Section	33.16	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	inc.	I
<i>Novyi Mir</i>	198.57	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	-----	J

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Syndicalist.

	<i>Total Daily Ave.</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Press</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Dues</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
IWW National Headquarters	\$ 968.45	inc.	-----	inc.	-----	inc.	K
Agricultural Workers Ind. U.	419.13	6.14	-----	194.02	-----	218.97	L
Textile Workers Industrial U.	34.75	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Hotel Workers Industrial U.	11.40	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Railroad Workers Industrial U.	15.68	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Metal Mine Workers Ind. U.	255.78	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Clothing Workers Industrial U.	145.88	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Marine Transport W. Ind. U.	16.10	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
Lumber Workers Industrial U.	33.63	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	M
General Defense Fund	266.45	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	
<i>Western Worker</i>	8.33	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	
<i>The Forum</i>	28.25	-----	inc.	-----	-----	-----	
People's College of Duluth	33.33	33.33	-----	-----	-----	-----	
OBU — California work only	12.00						

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Miscellaneous.

	<i>Total Daily Ave.</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Press</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Dues</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Gold shipments from Soviet Russia	\$41,095.89	-----	-----	-----	\$41,095.89	-----	N
Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union	2054.79	-----	-----	-----	-----	2054.79	O
ACWU Strike Fund	5890.41	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	P
		*	*	*			
American Civil Liberties Union	596.58	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	inc.	Q
		*	*	*			
American Red Star League	550.00	550.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	R
Arbeiter Ring	60.00	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	inc.	
Arbeiter Ring Agitation Fund	93.15	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	inc.	
		*	*	*			
Federated Press	207.95	-----	-----	207.95	-----	-----	S
		*	*	*			
International Ladies Garment Workers Union	846.84	-----	-----	-----	-----	846.84	T
		*	*	*			
Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Fund	337.45	337.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	U
		*	*	*			
<i>Soviet Russia</i>	379.29	-----	-----	379.29	-----	-----	V
		*	*	*			
<i>Ukrainian Daily News</i>	109.80	inc.	inc.	inc.	-----	-----	V
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A.— Based on December 1920 statement.

B.— Appropriation from Moscow (Basis of 90 days).

C.— Weekly salaries \$148; Printing and paper \$200; Postage \$15.

D.— November 1920 statement (deficit \$1525.31).

E.— October 1920 to March 1921.

F.— March 1921 to April 1921.

G.— Annual expenditures 1920 (\$60,000).

H.— Solicitation for paper included.

I.— May 1920 expenses \$994.85.

J.— Includes books, pamphlets. Financial statement for September 1920.

- K.— November 1920 statement. Deficit \$3040.52.
- L.— September 1920 statement. Deficit \$9,000.
- M.— (Disbursements) Exclusive of remittances to National Headquarters.
- N.— \$45,000,000 to cover 3 years.
- O.— 250,000 members @\$3 per annum (excluding special assessments).
- P.— Special strike fund for 1921 (Their figures \$2,150,000).
- Q.— Weekly report for Dec. 6, 1920 — low figures. Deficit \$674.68 for the week.
- R.— Includes shipments abroad.
- S.— Statment of June 25, 1921.
- T.— 103,000 members @\$3 per annum (*excluding all but dues*).
- U.— Based on weekly receipts for May 7, 1921.
- V.— Estimated costs of publication and distribution.

Analysis:

The enormous expenditures of the American Agency of the Communist International in connection with the unity proceedings of the Communist Parties are not included above.

The item under “Gold Shipments from Soviet Russia” is the largest individual amount based upon authentic estimates from abroad showing that the amount of such gold shipped to the United States was 45 millions of dollars (\$45,000,000). This amount I have split into thirds covering 3 years of Bolshevik activity.

According to the figures given above, the total amount per day is \$70,913.66.

What does this figure mean? It means a total annual expenditure of \$25,883,485.90. The amount expended annually would represent the income at the rate of 6 percent on an investment of \$431,391,431.66, or, in other words, nearly one-half a billion dollars. Do not forget in considering this figure that the statement itself shows many organizations and publications which have not been included in these figures.

There has recently been established one fund, along, of \$2,500,000, left by a man who recently died and whose will provided that the income from that fund is to be used for the advancement of “liberal” ideas. The income from this fund at the rate of 6 percent would amount to \$150,000 per year, or \$410.93 per day.

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