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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to forward herewith a confidential report (IS/1) embodying a secret resolution passed by the Fifth Congress of the Communist International concerning the formation of militant Communist organizations in foreign countries.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F.W.B. COLEMAN.

Enclosure:

1. "Resolution Re Militant Organizations."

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 2042

December 23rd, 1924.

RESOLUTION RE MILITANT ORGANIZATIONS.

The following secret resolution regarding the formation of militant organizations was passed at the Fifth Congress of the Comintern.

R e s o l u t i o n .

The Fifth Congress considers that the absence in Communist Parties of organized fighting groups which would become cadres for the execution of revolutions constitutes a serious gap in the activities of the Comintern.

At the same time the general political situation is such that in any one of the imperialist countries a favorable movement might occur for the proletariat to seize power.

Owing to the absence of a special organization, capable of being entrusted with directing the revolution the favorable moment will not be utilized and the seizure of power by the proletariat will once again be postponed for an indefinite and possibly a considerable period of time.

With a view to overcoming the existing gap in the organization of both individual parties and the Comintern, the Fifth Congress authorizes the Executive Committee of the Communist International to draw up a programme for the formation of militant organizations in each Communist

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Party, the leadership being entrusted either to the Central Committee of the local Communist Party, or to the Comintern through the appropriate Section, dependent upon special circumstances.

The following basic rules will be acted upon in the setting up of proletarian cadres:-

1. Each Section of the Comintern will take steps to form proletarian cadres, the strength of which shall be dependent upon the strength of the Communist Party concerned, population of the country, etc., subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

2. Leadership and training of the cadres are entrusted to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the country concerned, provided that it is possible to work unhindered by any special obstruction by the authorities.

If it is impossible to work in the country itself the center is transferred either to Russia - to the appropriate Section of the Comintern - or to a neighboring country.

In the latter event, all preliminary work in connection with the formation of cadres and short-term courses of training will be carried out by the center, while local work will be limited to recruiting members and to the execution of tasks connected with the preparation for a revolution, such as:-

- A. Intelligence.

- B. Preparation of the population, workmen and troops, and propaganda among them.

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2. Organization and selection of future staff headquarters, stores for fire-arms, etc.

3. Each Central Committee should designate the staff of a "Revkom" (Revolutionary Committee) which will take over authority in the event of a successful revolution. The Executive Committee of the Communist International will ratify the plan of organization in the near future. Expenditure incurred will be met out of the general budget. Advances must not exceed 1/20th of the monthly allotment.

The above resolution has been circulated to Central Committees of all foreign Communist Parties.

Funds, however, are being withheld by the Comintern and separate payments have not as yet been issued.