

CPA National Committee Backs Resolution, Calls Convention

The National Committee of the Communist Political Association at the conclusion of its sessions held in New York City, June 18, 19, 20 released the following statement on its actions:

1. The National Committee by a vote of 53 to 1 (the sole vote in opposition cast by Earl Browder) approved the main line of the resolution of the National Board on **The Present Situation and the Next Tasks**. An editorial committee was established and authorized to incorporate in the resolution all amendments made by the members of the National Committee and the membership throughout the country. The draft resolution as amended then shall be placed before the membership for its consideration in

the present discussion and for final adoption at the national convention.

2. The National Committee concluded that the responsibility for the opportunist errors and mistakes of the CPA—which are correctly characterized in the draft resolution of the Board and the Duclos article—rests in the first place upon Comrade Browder, the chief architect of our revisionism. Full responsibility for these right opportunist deviations must also be shared by the entire national leadership and particularly by the National Board, with the exception of Comrade Foster.

3. The National Committee unanimously agreed on the convening of a special national convention in

New York City July 26, 27, 28, in order that the membership shall be able to express itself conclusively and finally on the political line and immediate tasks confronting the CPA; review the present work and responsibility of the National Board and National Committee collectively and individually; and refresh and strengthen the national leadership of the CPA. The National Convention of course will be subject to ODT regulations which limit attendance to 50 people outside of metropolitan New York and prior to the month of August when further restrictions to travel will be put into effect. With the size of the convention circumscribed by the ODT regulations, provisions shall be made for the calling of state

conventions composed of delegates elected from the clubs empowered to elect the delegates to the National Convention. The present discussion on the draft resolution shall be continued until the convention.

5. The National Committee, in view of the early date set for a national convention, made no changes in the National Board of officers. However, it elected a committee consisting of four National Board members and nine members of the National Committee, to make a political examination of the leading cadres, a preliminary review of the responsibilities of the present national leadership, collectively and individually, and to propose recommendations for strengthening and

refreshing the national leadership. The committee elected consists of Israel Amter, David Davis, Bella Dodd, Eugene Dennis, William Z. Foster, Rose Gauden, Ben Gold, Nat Ganley, Ray Hansbrough, Charles Krumbein, Robert Thompson, Louis Weinstock, John Williamson. The findings of the committee shall be submitted to the national convention as information.

6. The National Committee elected a Secretariat of three members, consisting of William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and John Williamson, empowered with full authority to act between the meetings of the National Board, and to act as the authoritative spokesman of the CPA.