

million copies of a leaflet dealing with unemployment, and this leaflet will be completed soon.

Scheduled Meetings

In the latter part of April, 1958, or early May, 1958, the Communist Party will call two conferences -- one in the Eastern part and one in the Midwestern part of the United States. These conferences will deal with the following: (1) Unemployment; (2) Congressional elections; and (3) The status of the Party registration.

The National Committee of the Communist Party - USA will meet during the first or second week of June, 1958.

Causes for Resignations from the Communist Party and Factionalism

DENNIS stated that at the National Executive Committee meeting, BOB THOMPSON spoke about the resignations from the Communist Party of twenty-one people from the California Districts and the resignation of several leaders of the New York District from their positions. DENNIS said that THOMPSON placed emphasis on the ultra-Left in assessing the cause of these resignations, while he, DENNIS, also dealt with the ultra-Left and with the defections from the Right.

DENNIS said that the ultra-Left makes a lot of noise, which is out of proportion to the number of its supporters. DENNIS stated that the ultra-Left has only twelve persons organized as a faction in the James Ford Section in Harlem; yet, they make a lot of noise. They have supporters in Brooklyn. There is also a link between CHARLIE LOMAN and MANNY BLUM. DENNIS said that the national leadership will smoke out these people.

DENNIS stated that recently at a meeting of the New York State Committee, BENJAMIN DAVIS attacked W. W. WEINSTONE and insinuated that WEINSTONE is giving aid and support to the ultra-Left. DENNIS stated that WEINSTONE wanted the Communist Party to put forth a full slate of either Communist Party or Leftist candidates in the November election in New York. DAVIS took issue with WEINSTONE and led the fight against him.

In speaking about the elections in New York State, DENNIS said that what may happen is that an independent candidate

may run for United States Senator. He said that an effort has been made to get RALPH BUNCHE to run as a Senatorial candidate, but this probably will not happen. There is, however, a move to draft ELEANOR ROOSEVELT to run for the United States Senate from New York State.

DENNIS stated that THOMPSON made a very good report to the National Executive Committee and that he exposed the trade union policy of the ultra-Left. The ultra-Left states that there is no differentiation between leader and leader in the trade union movement. They are all alike. The main threat to the labor movement, according to the ultra-Left, is the "new class", which is the labor bureaucracy. DENNIS said that the Communist Party cannot tolerate such a viewpoint because the Party would be in a constant fight with the trade union leadership. It would get nowhere because there would be no room to maneuver.

In regard to election policy, the ultra-Left not only asks for a Communist Party slate of candidates or a Farmer-Labor Party, but would probably even endorse a Trotskyist slate.

With regard to the Negro question, the ultra-Left puts forth the slogan of Self-Determination in the Black Belt and emphasizes that Negro reformists are the main enemy. DENNIS said that the Communist Party - USA cannot support such a program.

Concerning the Soviet Union, the ultra-Left is attacking NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV. The ultra-Left attacks his thesis that war is not inevitable. The ultra-Left says that imperialism makes war inevitable.

DENNIS said that the ultra-Left had a national conference recently, which was attended by about fifty persons. He said that at this conference there was a move by the ultra ultra-Left to break away from the Communist Party and set up a new Communist Party, but the ultra ultra-Left was defeated by a vote of 38 to 18.

Then DENNIS said that within the ultra-Left there are still some good people who turned to the ultra-Left when JOHN GATES was the Editor of the "Daily Worker". He stated, We will have to try to win these few good ones away; however, the national leadership is determined to start a drive against all factions. The national leadership will stop the circulation of documents, appeals, etc., and will "crack down" on the ultra-Left.

With regard to the twenty-one resignations from the Communist Party in California, these will be condemned and the National Executive Committee will make certain that the attitude of National Committee members is known. The national leadership or National Office will expect all National Committee members to state their attitude clearly and let everyone know where they stand. In this regard, he particularly mentioned FRED FINE, SID STEIN and BILL SCHNEIDERMAN, and said that it also applies to anyone who had sympathized with the Right wing.

Then DENNIS stated that the National Executive Committee will also demand certain things from W. W. WEINSTONE, MANNY BLUM and the supporters of the ultra-Left. The National Executive Committee will demand that they fight for the line of the National Committee. DENNIS said that at the National Executive Committee meeting they voted for this policy and approach. Both CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and MICKEY LIMA voted for this approach. It is now a decision that all members of the National Committee will be expected to support majority decisions of the National Committee, even though they were in the minority in regard to these decisions and stated their objections at a meeting of the National Committee.

In the crackdown on the ultra-Left, the National Office will differentiate between leaders and followers. In Chicago, they will start with a couple of persons, one of whom is JAMES KELLER. He will be told to shut up or get out of the Party. In New York, this will apply to HARRY HAYWOOD and ARMANDO RAMON. In California, it will apply to AL LANNON.

DENNIS said that at the National Executive Committee it was voted that BOB THOMPSON should prepare an article dealing with the ultra-Left. It was also voted that DENNIS should prepare an article dealing with the Right wing and resignations from the Communist Party. Both these articles will be sent to all State Committees before they are published. These articles are presently being prepared.

The Jewish Question

DENNIS said that actually what is happening in the Communist Party - USA is that the Jewish question is being raised by bourgeoisie nationalists, provocateurs and spies.

He said that those representing bourgeoisie nationalism are PAUL NOVICK, MORRIS SCHAPPES and SALTZMAN. He said that NOVICK