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Connecticut CP Comment

Bridgeport, Conn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The Connecticut State Board of the Communist Party agrees with the National Committee of the CPUSA in its statement of July 25, that "the resolution of the Central Committee of the CPSU is a most valuable and important contribution to analyzing the origins, effects and lessons of the mistakes made by the CPSU under Stalin's leadership."

However, we feel that the section of the National Committee statement calling for "further study and discussion" of certain aspects of past violations is inadequate.

These "violations" were of such a character that they cannot be treated so lightly. Particularly the curtailment of democratic rights and the happenings in the field of Jewish culture require not only further study and discussion, but more concrete explanations and guarantees against their recurrence.

We especially feel that the National Committee statement should have called for an explanation of the way in which a sentence in Dennis' article dealing with the Jewish question was omitted in translation by the "Pravda."

The failure to raise these points in the statement reflects a hesitation to criticize or question the Soviet Communist Party leadership when required.

We believe that the present situation calls for a greater exercise of independent judgment than is apparent in the National Committee statement.

—SID TAYLOR.

Wants to Thank Sam Coleman

Chicago.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The New York "Party Voice" of July is only now reaching some of us here. I want to thank Sam Coleman for his thoughtful article and underscore his last paragraph. He says, in relation to a new socialist regrouping, "We will only be able to play that (significant) role if we first drastically transform our Party

into a creatively Marxist, democratic organization. Then, when objective and subjective conditions are riper than now, we will be able to influence such a regrouping."

There are voices now raised for the C.P. to dissolve itself and call for a regrouping of broad socialist forces. Many of those serious errors of the past that we are now re-examining critically, were caused by a refusal to consider our actions and words in the light of how they would appear to those outside our ranks.

We know that sectarian policies have hurt us in the eyes of the masses. Our sincerity as an American party has been questioned. For the C.P. now, at the point of its greatest weakness and isolation, to issue a call to broad socialist forces for a "regrouping," would be a disastrous blunder. This badly timed move would be considered by these forces as a panicky move to heal our own wounds and get out from under our own losses, rather than as a sincere attempt to build a socialist party, and in fact, it would be.

We have first to prove ourselves again, as we did in the '30s, but without the sectarian errors of those years; we must prove our ability to work modestly and constructively in coalition; must ourselves practice inner-party democracy and self-criticism, and must demonstrate our ability to function as a responsible, indigenous part of the American scene. Only then can we go to non-Party progressives and socialists and suggest organizational coalition. This must follow a long period of working coalition in struggles and on issues.

Fraternally,

—J. M.

Washington Heights C. P. Resolution

Editor, Daily Worker:

Eighteen members of Washington Heights Communist Party voted the following resolution:

1.—That party membership be open to everyone who wants to achieve socialism in America, and wishes to work toward this aim.

2.—That all divisions and sub-divisions of the party should have standard organizational titles, such as, president, secretary, treasurer, etc. and the meetings should be conducted according to Roberts rules of order.

3.—That the party should be governed by majority rule; but minority opinion should be presented, respected and safeguarded.

4.—That the membership of the party shall have a direct voice in the nomination and election of the National Board and also in the election of leadership of lower party divisions.

5.—That major policy decisions of the party be subject to membership referendum.

A Letter From National Guardian

Editor, Daily Worker:

The news report in your issue of Sept. 26 of the National Guardian's views of the 1956 Presidential election contains certain inaccurate statements which ought to be corrected.

The Guardian did not, as you say, see "no alternative to voting for Stevenson and Kefauver." After noting that the readers of the Guardian were divided on the Presidential election, it said: "Most, we believe, intend to 'beat Nixon' by voting for Stevenson and Kefauver. . . ." The editorial then said: "We believe firmly that these votes should not be cast for the Democrats without exacting a price in terms of program." It listed the three main issues of such a program as:

1.—Peace in the world with guarantees for the right of socialist countries to be socialist and of colonial countries to be free.

2.—The right to a decent paying job and social-security for all Americans.

3.—Civil rights and civil liberties for all Americans.

Your news report also says that the Guardian editorial "in effect rejected the position of some of its readers who advocate voting for the minor parties." What the editorial actually said was:

"We cannot, in good conscience, argue in opposition to

those who intend to vote for the candidates of the minor parties. In the only remaining way open to them they are keeping alive the embers of independent political ballot action and, in most cases, intend to cast their votes positively for a program of social and political change."

The editorial also said that any campaign season is, "by hallowed tradition, the radical's best chance to reach people with the most demonstrable truth that

there is really little to choose from between the two old party camps and that something ought to be done about it."

The editorial was written with careful thought after much consideration and we would appreciate your publishing this letter in the interest of accuracy.

JAMES ARONSON,
Editor.

[Ed. Note: The full text of the Guardian editorial appears on page 2.]

Ford Workers Ready To Fight Automation

DEARBORN. — "The job you save may be your own" is a byword at the big Ford Rouge plant as automation cuts deeply each day into manpower rolls. The Ford Local 600 of the UAW through its newspaper Ford Facts is telling some startling facts of how automation is slicing employees' jobs away.

Ford Motor Co. in its tremendous drive to compete with its huge rival, General Motors for the small car market is slashing costs, speeding up production, in a reckless campaign to "get there first."

One part of its program has been to build thirty nine machining and assembly plants and twenty one parts depots, which when fully in operation may leave the Rouge plant a shell with a skeleton force.

Already this set of moves has reduced in the last ten years, Rouge personnel from 70,000 to 43,000 workers. One building, the old Press Steel used to have 11,000 working, now has half that amount, with the work either farmed out or being done by push-button automation.

In 1950 about 700 people were used in machining the Ford V-8 Block, production was 5,000 blocks from 3 shifts. For the last 4 years only 100 people have been meeting the production demand.

Or in Dearborn assembly there were 5 elevators, operated by 13 workers. A few of these workers were medical cases, due to their physical condition, unable to work on production. The elevator operators were replaced by automatic

control buttons, all the workers lost out and are jobless. On the tire mounting job, automation replaced 12 men.

Automation, speedup and the results of it are being seriously studied by Ford Local 600 officers. Failure by Ford to even bother about the effects of this production drive on workers will soon be brought to the company's attention. Once before the big UAW local in Dearborn got agitated about speedup and layoffs and then former FBI agent John Bugas, now company vice president told the union "there is nothing to worry about." No, not much, when some 20,000 less workers are employed in the plant and jobs are moving away each day or being eliminated by automation and speedup.

Unveiling Rites Sunday for Dora Rich

Unveiling ceremonies in memory of Dora Rich, leader of the Emma Lazarus Federation, who died a year ago, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the former IWO plot in New Montifore Cemetery, Pine-lawn, L. I.

Arrangements by the Emma Lazarus club members will provide a bus leaving Union Square, opposite Klein's, at 11:15 a.m. In case of heavy rain, the unveiling will be postponed a week.

Those planning to attend may phone details to the Emma Lazarus Federation, CHelsea 3-3640, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.