## CP Hits Move to Persecute Foster

The National Committee of the court decisions that it would im-know to be too ill to endure the CPUSA in a press statement by peril his life to undergo the arduousness of a trial without Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Pettis stresses of court trial. human act of government" which vindictive disregard of due legal U. S. Attorney General Herbert process, of all constitutional proagain to trial its national chair-directed at all anti-McCarthy man, William Z. Foster.

It called for immediate protests In this instance, they're out to to the Attorney General Brownell, "get" the man whose life and tal-Department of Justice, Washing-ents are devoted with every ton, D. C., to "stay the brutality breadth of his being to the cause of those who, unable to destroy the of the working class, the nation's dauntless spirit of Foster, are bent welfare, of democracy, of peace. on destroying his physical life."

The statement follows:

eral Herbert Browneel seeks to cedure. This "show-cause" order Justice? force trial of William Z. Foster, is nothing but a death warrant beloved national chairman of the served upon one whom the De-CPUSA, in face of three previous partment of Justice has cause to

Perry, yesterday urged all liberty By this move, the Eisenhower loving Americans to protest the "in- Administration once more bares its Brownell seeks in forcing once cedures, and its persecution mania

Americans.

Once again, U.S. Attorney Gen- this step is related to legal pro- to the move by the Department of

fatal consequence. From its own court-appointed physicians, the government is in possession of affidavits establishing

the fact that William Z. Foster has been disabled for many years by a most serious heart ailment.

Sylvester J. Ryan of the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, determined newly on the basis of physicians' reports

that Foster could not endure the

Less than a year ago, Judge

physical strain of a trial. What motive other than jeopar-It is the sham of shams to pre-dizing the life of this great worktend as does the government that ing class leader can be ascribed

> On what is this new order based? Brownell cites as "evidence" of

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Foster's ability to stand trial the fact that he has been seen to take walks and drives and h walks and drives and he has on occasion visited his daughter and met with colleagues and that he has engaged in some writings.

What should be apparent to all as limited relaxing activities for a man in Foster's situation is dis-"evidence"-that the defendant may well be able to stand trial."

With a cynical pose of "humane-ness" in the fact of Foster's serious physical condition, the government promises to turn this into a "short" trial. But the vicious

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purpose is ill-concealed.

For the intent of the government is to railroad W. Z. Foster, 173 years old with vengeful speed to prison—if not to death. The heinousness of this order is further shown by the attempt to not le only try Foster on the indictment to on which the 11 leaders of the t CPUSA were tried and from which Foster was severed by illness, but a to conjure up a t'en abandoned d f that indictment named w the chare of membership in the c

By this move they want to es-tablish a precedent for dragnet arrests and indictments as part of si the widening terror against all who si by word or act manifest resistance to the McCarthyite fascist en- ri choachment.

We of the National Committee of the CP, speaking out of a sense of deepest concern for the freedom, democracy and welfare of the e American people, want to alert a the working class, the farming emasses, the Negro people, the men and women of the professions, the S young generation to the danger of this inhuman act of government.

We urge the widest immediate registration of protests to Attorney General Brownell, Dept. of Jus-tice, Washington, D.C., to halt m

this act of McCarthyism.

Let the people act to stay the brutality of those who, unable to destroy the dauntless spirit of North Foster, are bent on destroying his ways to be the stay of t physical life.