

Party Theory Discussed By CP Professionals

CHICAGO. — Many basic concepts of Marxism were discussed here last week at a convention of the Communist Party division which includes people in the professions.

Active in many civic struggles, this division devoted much of its convention to matters of theory. The delegates voted to support the wording proposed by the Illinois State Committee that the Communist Party in the U.S. bases itself on principles which the party "interprets and applies and creatively develops in accordance with the requirements of the American class struggle and American traditions and customs."

However, the delegates deleted the word "interprets" as being unscientific. The passage is from the proposed new constitution of the CPUSA.

THE convention warned against

self-styled "vanguardism" by the party, but pointed out that the party has a vanguard role to play inasmuch as socialist ideas do not arise spontaneously among the workingclass.

By a very close vote, the delegates called for a review of the basic estimate of forces on a world scale and in the U.S. which is contained in the draft resolution. By a similar vote, the convention approved the recent statement of the Illinois State Committee on the events in Hungary.

The convention called on the party to resume its outstanding role in developing Negro-white unity. In discussing the violations of socialist democracy revealed by the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the convention dealt with the need for greater socialist humanism.