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THE CP CONVENTION

THE COMMUNIST Party opens its four-day national convention in this city tomorrow. This is the first such gathering since December, 1950, a date that preceded by a few months the imprisonment of the Communist leaders and the high point of the Cold War and anti-American McCarthyism.

The convention comes after months of sharp frank and open exchange of views by the members. For the most part this has been a searching and democratic discussion such as few organizations in America can boast of.

The interest in this convention spreads far beyond the Communist Party itself—in fact, far beyond the general movement for socialism. A large number of publications have discussed this weekend's convention at great length, if not with clarity. Newspapers throughout the country are carrying series of articles sent out by the wire services.

The very interest aroused by the convention is itself a sign that socialism has a future in America. It is also a tribute to the vitality of the self-examination to which the Communist Party has been subjecting itself in its efforts to chart an American road to socialism and root itself in American life and tradition.

On behalf of our readers, we extend warmest greetings to the delegates to the convention who will be coming to our city from all parts of the country. We hope that their deliberations will enable the Communist Party to emerge unified around a program that will enable it to play an influential role for peaceful coexistence and for the well-being of our people, and for socialism in our country.