

Illinois Communists Adopt Policies in Convention Here

CHICAGO.—Adding a series of its own amendments, the Illinois State Convention of the Communist Party last week endorsed the Draft Resolution which is to be acted upon by the National Convention.

In the two-day convention, close to 100 delegates and visitors dealt with a series of deep-going questions which have the subject of debate in the party for many months.

In the keynote address, state chairman Claude Lightfoot declared that "the spirit of principled unity contained in the Draft Resolution will have to guide our party for some time to come."

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THE delegates sent a message to President Eisenhower expressing "alarm at your inertia" in halting the wave of anti-Negro bombings and violence in the South.

Taking special note of the continued violations of constitutional

liberties in the United States, the delegates named Gil Green, imprisoned Illinois Communist leader and Smith Act victim, as honorary chairman. Tribute was paid to leading comrades who have died in recent years, Frank Mucci, Joanne Dixon, Alfred Wagenknecht.

After extended debate, the convention passed a resolution dealing with inner-party democracy and standing in support of the concept of democratic centralism. It was pointed out that this term "is a scientific one which cannot be voted out of existence."

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THE resolution added: "The effort to find other terminology which can be used interchangeably with it, for the purpose of making ourselves better understood to non-party masses, should be welcomed."

The Illinois delegates pointed out that new threats to peace had

arisen in the invasion of Egypt, in the Hungarian situation and through the new "Eisenhower Doctrine."

In the struggle for peace, the delegates urged the Communist Party to single out such questions as disarmament, against UMT and for tax reduction based on reducing military spending, for banning atomic weapons and combatting the menace of Strontium-90, for reopening friendly cultural and trade relations and exchanges between East and West.

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AN extensive resolution dealing with Negro-white unity was passed by the convention. Emphasis was placed on developing a program of action in support of struggles in the South as well as on local issues. These issues were pointed up as follows:

"Housing in its special relation to the Negro people, school problems in Negro and mixed communities, political representation in mixed communities, and economic questions of Negro workers in steel, auto, electrical, packing and other basic industries, as well as in white collar and professional fields."

Stress was laid on the struggle against white chauvinism, both within the party and among the people generally, pointing out that "the changed situation in our country requires a new and major placing of the mass struggle against the ideas of white supremacy."

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THE Illinois convention pledged efforts to strengthen the Marxist press and to fulfill the 1957 circulation drive goals for The Worker. It was pointed out that one of the chief ways that the Left can overcome its isolation from the main movements of the people is through building The Worker.

Lightfoot said, "The Worker is

an instrument that can help pull us out of the box we are in." He warned, however, that "while we are debating, subscriptions are expiring and the future of the paper is in danger."

The resolution declared: "If our movement is to grow and extend its influence, there must be a drastic improvement in the quality of The Worker. It is this weekly paper which has the greatest potential for a much larger and even a mass circulation in the immediate period ahead. In putting the main emphasis on The Worker, we do so understanding that it may be necessary to turn the Daily Worker into an East Coast paper so that the national efforts and resources are concentrated on the building of the weekly Worker."

Four Thailand Parties Form Socialist Front

PEKING, Jan. 27.—A Socialist United Front has been formed in Thailand at a joint conference of the leaders of the Sethakorn (Economist) Party, the Socialist Party, the Social Democratic Party and the Hyde Park Movement Party, it is reported from Bangkok.

The conference published a four-point program including national independence, democracy and improved living standards.

An executive committee of the Socialist United Front was established. The leaders of the four parties will take up its chairmanship by rotation.

The four parties will take joint action in struggle, but will each continue to maintain an independent status.

The conference urged other parties of Thailand to join the front if they agree with the struggle program.

Here Are Illinois Standings In 1957 Worker Sub Campaign

Following are the community standings in The Worker drive in the Chicago area:

	—The Worker—		—Daily Worker—	
	Quota	In so far	Quota	In so far
Albany Park -----	60	15	15	5
Central West -----	90	8	15	4
9th Cong. -----	70	9	15	2
12th Cong. -----	65	4	10	2
Lawndale -----	90	8	20	5
Far West -----	50	2	15	5
Southwest -----	50	7	10	5
Hyde Park -----	90	6	25	6
Southeast -----	75	1	10	0
South Chicago -----	25	0	5	0
Loop -----	35	0	5	0
Douglass-Lincoln --	40	8	5	1
South Side -----	100	1	15	0
Gary -----	40	1	10	0
Industrial -----	375	11	70	2

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