

CP Body Reports Meeting Decisions

The National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party yesterday made public a statement on actions taken at its meetings of March 14 and 21. The statement included committee decisions in respect to rejection of a proposal urging John Gates to resign as editor of the Daily Worker, investigation of the "leak" of the discussion to newspapers, developments around academic freedom week and racketeering in the labor movement.

The N.A.C. statement follows:

A report was adopted dealing with some problems of the

struggle on the ideological front, including the need to systematically engage in principled though friendly polemics on the various theoretical and policy differences that exist between the Party and many socialist-oriented individuals and groups with whom the Party is developing contact and united front re-

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lations, as well as the need to wage a sharper ideological struggle against the anti-Marxist views of certain prominent ex-communists who have recently resigned from the Party.

In this connection, there was a preliminary and critical examination of the role of several Marxist publications. Proposals were adopted to prepare a number of articles expressing the viewpoint of the N.A.C. and to organize in the near future a conference of Marxist publicists to exchange opinions on how to reinforce the battle of ideas. Other proposals arising out of the discussion, including a motion requesting John Gates to resign as editor of the Daily Worker were defeated. In the opinion of the majority of the N.A.C. these related matters can be properly acted upon only by the full National Committee which is now in the process of being elected.

A draft of a statement and other recommendations were approved dealing with labor's struggle against federal and state anti-labor probes and legislation and with labor's fight to rid the trade union movement of racketeering.

The importance of events arising out of Academic Freedom Week in the New York colleges was analyzed and certain practical proposals were adopted to help advance the movement for academic freedom.

In accord with the Party constitution the N.A.C. voted to send minutes of its sessions to all members of the National Committee. Starting with the first meeting of the full N.C. in April, minutes of the N.C., in turn, will be sent to all State Committees.

The N.A.C. also took note of the garbled and slanted news story on its session of March 14 which appeared in the New York Post. (Subsequently a similar and malicious version appeared in the New York Times.) The committee called attention to the fact that now, as during the pre-convention period, the commercial press is making every effort to distort the meaning of and to counteract the positive impact of the decisions of the National Convention. The press is trying to intervene in the internal affairs of the Communist Party and to sow division, confusion and suspicion within its ranks.

The N.A.C. is confident that these efforts will not succeed. However, it considers that the entire Party must be vigilant and must energetically and unitedly unmask all slanders and machinations directed against it. Above all, we must all zealously guard the unity of the Party and collectively intervene to put an end to all factions and factional activity.

The N.A.C. is looking into the rumor that some Communist leader may have "leaked", directly or indirectly, a distorted version of the March 14 meeting of the NAC to the New York Post. Whatever the facts, and regardless of the nature of the "information" which may have been given, the N.A.C. considers that in the Communist Party, as in any other political party or in a trade union, only the duly elected committees can authorize the publication of the proceedings of any committee or conference. The NAC also considers that any unauthorized individual issuance of such information to the press is contrary to working class principles, a violation of Communist ethics and conduct and is to be categorically condemned.