

State CP Officers Elected

Officers of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party were elected at the group's last meeting, it was announced yesterday at party headquarters, 23 W. 26th St.

Officers named included former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis as chairman and George Blake Charney as State secretary. The post of District Organizer, heretofore viewed as the leading office, was abolished. Davis and Charney will share equal responsibility in the leadership of the party.

Other officers are George Watt, organization secretary; William Albertson, labor secretary, and William Weinstone, educational director. The posts of secretary of Negro affairs and secretary of pub-

lic affairs will be filled at the next meeting. A State board of 23 members was also elected to conduct the affairs of the organization between the bi-monthly meetings of the 60-member committee.

Since there were no opposing candidates, all officers were elected by acclamation with from one to five votes opposing. Prior to the elections, Charney and Davis stressed the need for a representative leadership and for uniting the party based on the decisions of the recent 16th National Communist Party convention. This position was supported by the overwhelming majority of those present.

Prior to the elections a report on civil rights was presented by Davis. He described the recent

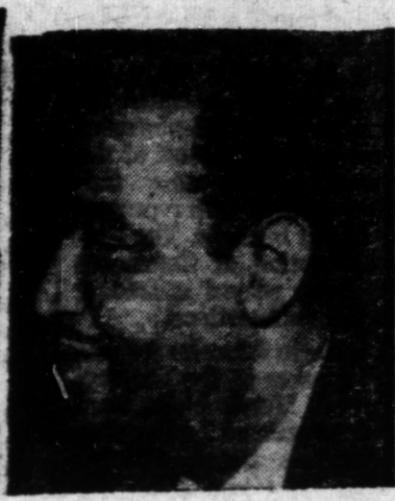
Pilgrimage of Prayer in Washington on May 17 as the most significant event in the history of the fight for civil rights since the Civil War."

Following Davis' report the State Committee voted to press its support for the civil rights bills now pending in Congress and to actively participate in the campaigns to combat discrimination in housing, education, employment, etc. in our own city and State.

The State Committee unanimously endorsed the Brown-Sharkey-Isaacs anti-discrimination housing bill now before the City Council and assigned Davis to present the views of the Communist Party at the hearings scheduled for tomorrow.



CHARNEY



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This will be the former Councilman's first return to City Hall since he emerged from serving a five-year term under the Smith Act. 1949. Davis was one of the 11 Communist national leaders convicted under the thought-control law in