

# Communists Open Convention Tomorrow

## LEADERS MOVE TO INVITE NON-PARTY OBSERVERS

In an unprecedented move, the National Committee of the Communist Party yesterday voted to propose to the opening session of its 16th national convention, due to convene here tomorrow, the admission of a group of non-Communist observers from the civil liberties, peace and church movements.

Among those who have indicated deep interest in the proposal and concern that the convention should proceed without harassment were Norman Thomas, six-time presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, and the Rev. A. J. Muste, long-time pacifist leader and secretary-emeritus of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Actual admission of the invitees will take place, however, only after the 300 convention delegates vote their approval.

"We have conducted an open

## CP Leaders Hit Press Rumors

The national and N. Y. state leaders of the Communist Party yesterday sharply assailed reports in the press of a "Moscow" vs. "Tito" line-up at the recent N. Y. State convention in connection with election of delegates-at-large. The press characterization were called a "false and disruptive" description.

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and democratic pre-convention debate on the policies of our party," a party spokesman said. "The convention delegates will arrive at their own decisions, based on their estimate of the national and world political scene. We are glad to have non-Communists who differ with us sharply to witness these facts."

The convention will be held at the Chateau Gardens, 10 East Houston St., near 2nd Ave., in

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New York. No hotel or mid-town hall was available to the party. A party spokesman said that more than a score of hotels and at least twice that number of halls had rejected the party's rental offers.

Chateau Gardens, inconveniently located for most delegates, was finally rented in the closing week of preparations.

The convention is scheduled to open at noon tomorrow with a keynote address by Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the party, and an address by its national chairman, William Z. Foster.

It is expected that the convention will then meet in committee sessions. Among the principal documents to be considered by the convention are the draft resolution, submitted by the national committee.

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# State Tax Cut for Workers Urged By CIO Leaders

By MILLY SALWEN

New York State CIO leaders pressed yesterday for a two-pronged program to ease state tax burden on workers. At the same time they warned that Governor Harriman's proposed changes for New York rent control would create a spiraling increase that "will simply mean a cut in wages for workers" at a time when "landlords never had it so good."

They said that to alter the basis for setting rent controls as the Governor has suggested "could

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tion of the issues being discussed within the party.

At the same time the National Board of the party made public the following statement adopted last Thursday on the election of N. Y. delegates-at-large:

"The National Board of the C. P. takes note of a regrettable story at large that some purported basis exists for a challenge to the tellers report regarding the delegates elected at the New York State Convention.

"The National Board is of the opinion that the decisions of the New York State Convention in respect to the election of delegates to the National Convention is a final and valid action, especially so since no challenge was made by any delegate at the time of the tellers unanimous report accepted by the Convention and no request made by any delegates to impound the ballots of the delegates elected by the State Convention to the National Convention. Since there was no proper authorization for impounding the ballots after the convention they were therefore automatically invalidated.

We therefore view any rumor or act to challenge the delegates election outcome in New York as a serious and utterly illegal procedure which could only have a disruptive and all-sidedly damaging consequence to the unity, work and good conduct of the coming National Convention."

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## Convention

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tees last September, and the draft of a new party constitution, made public last December.

A new national committee will be elected before the conclusion of the convention.

Greetings to the convention have been received from Communist parties in Britain, France, Italy, the Soviet Union, Canada, Mexico and many other countries.