

# Resolution Adopted on On 'Road to Socialism'

Following is the resolution on the "American Road to Socialism" adopted by the national convention of the Communist Party:

The Committee proposes to the Convention the following actions on Section III of the Draft Resolution.

I. That this convention approves the sense and the intent of the Draft Resolution dealing with the advocacy by the Communist Party of the peaceful, constitutional, democratic road to Socialism in the United States;

That the theoretical questions flowing from this concept be given serious study and elaboration in the forthcoming Party documents, particularly in the Party Program. Among these questions are:

a) The role of the State as an instrument of class rule in the period of peaceful transition;

b) The need to elaborate more clearly the specific forms of the Constitutional procedures in achieving a peaceful, democratic transition;

c) The need to clarify the relationship of the anti-monopoly coalition to the transition to Socialism, and the forms of struggle facilitating this;

d) The need to deal more adequately with the question of democracy and civil liberties under Socialism in the U.S. A more positive treatment is needed in presenting the enormous expansion of democracy under Socialism, far greater than under any form of bourgeois democratic rule. At the same time learning from the errors committed in other countries in developing our own forms which are in accord

with the democratic traditions in our country.

That in the final editing of this Section of the Resolution it be strengthened along the lines of the concise paragraph contained in Comrade Denis' keynote address which reads as follows:

"The Draft Resolution's concept of our advocacy of and endeavor to chart a peaceful, democratic, and constitutional road to Socialism in America has also been approved overwhelmingly. For this concept expresses what we Americans strive for, and is a further development of our established position. It embodies our basic view that socialism can be established only through a radical and fundamental extension of American democracy and a revolutionary transformation of all property relations, and it emphasizes that ALL roads to Socialism are roads of mass struggle, waged under the leadership of the working class and its Marxist vanguard. But now this concept takes on a new meaning in light of the profoundly new and favorable changes in world relationships."

II. The sub-committee considers the Resolution on Social Democracy a vital contribution which will help us overcome our isolation from the labor, Negro peoples and other mass movements and enhance our struggle for an anti-monopoly coalition and for Socialism.

The sub-committee unanimously recommends that this convention endorse the basic ideas in the Resolution and ask that in the editing

it be strengthened along the following lines:

a) To make more clear that the cooperation we seek is intended to and will strengthen all participating socialist forces;

b) To include reference to some of our positive experiences in the late 30's;

c) To make more clear the need for mutual and friendly criticism;

d) While stressing left-sectarianism as the main danger, to indicate likewise the danger of right-opportunism—along the lines of the present Draft Resolution.

III. The sub-committee unanimously recommends that the convention endorse the basic ideas in the Draft Resolution Part III regarding the perspective of an eventual united socialist movement or party.

It further recommends that this section be strengthened as follows:

1) To make more clear that this perspective is not immediate but is the climax of a series of struggles and developments and that a "quickie" approach would both weaken our party and distort this perspective;

2) To point out that the road to advancing socialist unity is thru

A: Joint and parallel actions on the main issues of the day as the key to strengthening the socialist component in the developing anti-monopoly coalition.

B: Extending the process of frank exchange and discussion that has been taking place during the past year, clarifying ideological questions, and ensuring that our Party at all levels increasingly participates in this process.