

BEN GITLOW, CLOSING CONVENTION DECLARES THE WORKING CLASS IN THIS COUNTRY WILL BE VICTORIOUS

"Our Party accepts the leadership of the Communist International," declared Benjamin Gitlow, making the closing address of the Fifth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party. Gitlow had acted as chairman thruout the closing session.

Continuing Gitlow said: "Under that leadership (the Communist International) we will enter the struggle of the working class. Under that leadership we are confident that in the near future in this country the working class will be victorious."

Benjamin Gitlow said: "Comrades, this marks the close of the Fifth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party. We leave this convention more consolidated and more unified than ever before in the history of our Party. This convention was convened at a time when the ruling class in the United States saw fit to execute two members of the working class on account of their loyalty to the workingclass.

"We met at a time of growing reaction in the United States. We met at a time when the reactionary bureaucrats in the labor movement were sharpening their weapons to exterminate the left wing and the Communists from the trade union movement. We met at a time when the capitalist ruling class of this country were preparing new attacks upon Latin-America and the other colonial peoples. We met at a time when the imperialist powers throughout the world were preparing and are preparing to make an attack upon the Soviet Union. We met at a time when the imperialists were doing everything in their power, and using by all means at their command to crush the Chinese revolution.

"Nevertheless, we are determined in this country to carry on the work of the Communist Party. We have tremendous difficulties to face. Our Party must function in a country where capitalism is supreme and most powerful. We face the future hopefully. We are not discouraged by the obstacles in our way. We are determined, first, that we shall build and strengthen the Party organization; second, we are determined that we shall defeat the offensive of the capitalist government and the reactionary labor bureaucracy against the left wing and the Communists in the trade unions. We are determined in the United States to raise the issue of the recognition and defense of the Soviet Union (Applause). We pledge ourselves to do everything to further and defend the Chinese revolution. We pledge ourselves to do everything, in the event of a war, to fight for the defeat of our own capitalists, and if that war will be against the Soviet Union, for the victories of the Red Army (Prolonged Applause).

"Our Party accepts the leadership of the Communist International (Applause, Hurrah!). Under that leadership we will enter the struggles of the working class. Under that leadership we are confident that in the future in this country the working class will be victorious. The future remains for the revolution!" (Prolonged Applause).

Following the recommendation of the Central Executive Committee, the delegates to the Fifth Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party voted to move the national headquarters of the Party from Chicago to New York.