

# CALIFORNIA COMMUNISTS

## ACT ON DRAFT RESOLUTION

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—The California State Convention of the Communist Party recessed last week-end after electing delegates to the National Convention of the party, and adopting resolutions affecting the Draft Resolution and Constitutions submitted by the National Committee.

The state convention resolution on the Draft Resolution was adopted by a vote of 128 for, one against, and 7 abstentions.

The convention adopted specific amendments to the section of the Draft Resolution on the party, dealing with the name and form of the party, on democracy and the right to dissent. Amendments to the Draft Preamble of the Constitution, and on the clause guaranteeing the right of dissent, were also adopted. The amendments to the Preamble did not change its basic content.

The delegates also heard a report of the Resolutions Committee on the Negro question, which after considerable discussion was referred for further study and action to the National Convention.

By an overwhelming majority, the delegates voted against any change in the name and form of the party at this time, but to leave the matter open for further exploration and discussion both in the party and with other socialist-minded groups.

On the Draft Resolution of the National Committee, the convention adopted a statement which said:

"The sense and common direction of most of the county convention resolutions indicate a desire by the big majority of our membership to express support for what we understand to be the underlying concepts of Part Four of the resolution, namely; making basic changes in our party; for retaining its character as a working-class party of action; for applying Marxism-Leninism creatively to the American scene; for functioning with a maximum of democracy and unity."

The statement said that the party discussion and the county conventions stressed the many serious inadequacies of the Resolution, and singled out a number of important questions "requiring much more fundamental discussion before a position could be fully formulated."

"It is our belief," the state convention resolution declared, "that on many of these questions a much more thorough discussion of a searching nature is needed in order to achieve understanding and unity on these matters. A hasty and unsatisfactory statement on some questions, without such further analysis, would not lead to greater clarity and might be harmful to party unity."

"Nevertheless, while sharing the

conviction that the Draft Resolution is inadequate on many questions, and contains much that is still subject to debate, we believe that it represents a step forward in the attempt to break through our isolation and sectarianism, and contains much that is new and valid for the coming period."

The declaration proposed "that we express our recognition of the essential forward direction of the Draft Resolution as amended, recognizing the role it has played in stimulating the current discussions, and rejecting any characterization of the Resolution as revisionist or right opportunist in its overall content, and further rejecting the characterization that it represents no break with the past."

It urged the National Convention "to act only on these questions in the Resolution which have had sufficient discussion to get an adequate expression of the views of the membership, and sufficient time to reach valid conclusions, leaving the other questions open for further discussion." On all other questions, it urged the National Convention strive to adopt positions to be submitted for approval of the membership and the party organizations; and it called on the National Convention to act in the spirit of unity expressed in the Open Letter of the National Committee.

## Nevada A-Test Set for Spring

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today that a series of "low-yield" atomic tests will be held in Nevada late this spring, presumably involving nuclear anti-aircraft missiles.

## Lebanon Backs Ike Doctrine

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Jan. 24.—Premier Sami Solh announced his government's support of the Eisenhower Doctrine today. He hinted he may try to use his influence to bring other nations of the Arab League into a positive attitude to the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Solh also announced Lebanon soon would sign a cultural treaty with Turkey and a trade agreement with Iraq.



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