

## THE C.P. CONVENTION

WITH ONLY six weeks left before the Communist Party national convention, the Party's National Committee has addressed a significant message to its members.

The National Committee vigorously re-asserts its conviction that "this convention must strike out on a new course to initiate significant changes in our Party to correspond to changes in the world and our nation as well as to overcome long-standing and deep-seated weaknesses."

The Committee believes that the debate in the party's ranks has shown a deep probing and has begun to express "a more democratic content of Party life."

But the Committee is deeply concerned over some aspects of the discussion which it feels can do "harm to the unity and effectiveness of the Party." This is a tendency to substitute invective for serious argument.

The Committee reaffirms the main political direction of the Draft Resolution and the emphasis on the "necessity to overcome our long-standing left sectarianism." It does not consider valid any effort to represent the Resolution as a departure "from our basic scientific theory."

"No invectives of liquidationism, revisionism, or standpatism, nor abusive charges with respect to international workingclass relations should be permitted to distort the discussion of this document or smother our first efforts to break with the roots of our errors."

The National Committee takes note of the proposals that have been advanced to change the name and the form of the party. In line with its attempt to bring about unity, the National Committee proposes that fundamental theoretical and programmatic questions be discussed first, and that the February convention not undertake to change the name and form of the organization. However, the Committee recommends that the convention instruct the incoming National Committee to explore all proposals on form and name, to consult with non-party socialist-minded workers and leaders and to carry through properly organized discussion within the Party "with the objective of reviewing this question when we adopt the proposed new Party program or at some other appropriate time."

The National Committee has set high aims for the coming party convention. If those aims are achieved, it will be good not only for the Communist movement but for the American people as a whole.