

1,500 AT RALLY HERE GREET FREED REDS

More than 1,500 persons gathered at Carnegie Hall last night to greet Communist leaders released from prison terms for conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the Government.

Benjamin J. Davis Jr., state chairman of the Communist party, announced that the rally had raised \$1,742 from a collection and the sale of pamphlets. This was in addition to admission tickets at 90 cents each.

The proceeds will help finance a pending case in the Circuit Court of Appeals for George Blake Charney, state secretary, and five other New York Communists convicted in 1956.

The principal speakers were Robert Thompson, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Louis Weinstock and Pettis Perry, the most recent Communists to complete their sentences.

Eugene Dennis, John Gates and Davis, who finished their sentences earlier, and John T. McManus, editor of The National Guardian weekly, and Paul Novick, editor of The Morning Freiheit, also spoke.

They pledged to seek amnesty for three remaining Communist leaders in prison—Henry Winston, Gilbert Green and Irving Potash.

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