Left-Wing Labor Group Here Urges a Revolution

The left-wing Progressive Labor Movement has decided to defy a city injunction against it by issuing a call for revolution to replace the existing government.

In a signed editorial in the avowedly "communistic" group's weekly "Challenge," Fred Jerome, the editor, declares he is violating the State Supreme Court's "two-bit restraining order."

"There is no lawful government in this country today," he writes. "Only a revolution will establish one. If that is 'civil rebellion,' let us make the most of it."

The two-year-old group was one of three organizations against which Corporation Counsel Leo A. Larkin obtained a Supreme Court restraining order last Friday, aimed at averting further racial disorders in Harlem. The others were the Harlem Defense Council and Community Council on Housing.

Defense lawyers had argued in court this week that the groups were being made "fall Communists Disavow Link to Progressive Movement—

Deny Role in Riots

guys" for rioting that started July 18 and flared intermittently for five days.

The order bars the defendants from demonstrations in Harlem and from activities likely to "induce civil rebellion and the overthrow of lawful government."

No Reckless Riots'

In his editorial, Mr. Jerome, who is 25 years old, calls for "public demonstrations in the streets of Harlem" until Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy is dismissed.

He goes on: "And when Murphy's uniformed goons attack the crowd with gas and guns, let us not run and let us not pray — let us fight back."

"This is not a proposal for wild and reckless riots in which

the killer-cops will be able to massacre the people," he writes. "No. It will take careful planning and it will take organization — through such groups as the Harlem Defense Council."

Meanwhile, the Communist party of the U.S.A. held a news conference yesterday at which Gus Hall, Henry Winston and William L. Patterson, dubbed its "leading spokesmen," denounced the Progressive Labor Movement and denied that the party was instigating rioters anywhere.

They said that the movement's leaders had been expelled from the Communist party for "adventurism" and "cowardice" some years ago. They contended that the movement was small and that it existed only as "parasites on the body of the Negro freedom movement."

In ideological rivalry, the Progressive Labor Movement tends to parallel the Chinese Communist line of militant and, if need be, violent struggle. The Communist party here aligns itself with the world coexistence theme espoused by the Soviet Communists.

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