

# Communist Party Expels Minton and McKenney

The State Committee of the Communist Party of Connecticut has expelled Bruce Minton and Ruth McKenney for conducting a factional struggle against the line of the Party and its national leadership.

The text of the statement of the Connecticut State Committee, which is signed by the committee's chairman Joe Roberts, and secretary Mike Russo, follows:

"The State Committee of the Communist Party of Connecticut, at its meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7, with one abstention, unanimously expelled Bruce Minton and Ruth McKenney from the Party.

"Following the recent Communist Party's National Committee meeting, Bruce Minton and Ruth McKenney issued an anti-Party document attacking the basic line of the Party and slandering its leadership, and circulated this document outside of Connecticut.

"Characteristic of petty-bourgeois 'radicalism,' they attacked Comrade Foster for calling upon the Party and the American people to fight for world peace on the grounds that it is impossible under capitalism to check the outbreak of war or to achieve a period of peace.

"Minton and McKenney conducted a vicious struggle against the policies of the National Committee regarding the role of the Party in the 1946 elections and called for the immediate organization of a 'class-conscious labor party.'

"Under the pretext of freedom of discussion, their aim was to undermine the confidence of the membership in the Party leadership and our National Committee, even going so far as to question the right of the National Committee to elect a General Secretary.

"In the course of the discussion of their anti-Party position, it became evident that they were in contact with anti-Party forces outside of the branch.

"Their branch unanimously condemned their anti-Party position and upheld the National Committee meeting decisions unanimously, following which the State Committee acted to expel them.

"In expelling Bruce Minton and Ruth McKenney, the State Commit-

tee calls upon the membership to guard against those individuals who, under the pressure of the sharpening struggles and the intensified attacks against the Party, resort to ultra-revolutionary phrase-mongering and factionalism to weaken the unity of the Party and to undermine its effectiveness in the struggle to defeat the reactionary offensive of monopoly capital.

"At its last meeting, the State Committee reaffirmed its confidence in the National Committee of the Party and greeted enthusiastically the election of Eugene Dennis as General Secretary of the Party and the election of Henry Winston, John Williamson and Jack Stachel to their respective posts as steps which will improve and strengthen the functioning of the National Committee."

## Spain Vets' Parley Sept. 21

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade will open their first post-war convention Saturday, Sept. 21, with a memorial service in Madison Square Park and a parade to the convention meeting hall on West 48 St., it was announced yesterday by Jack Bjoze, secretary.

The memorial service will be marked by the placing of a wreath at the foot of the Eternal Light in commemoration of the men of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who died in Spain and in World War II.

Following the service, the veterans will parade to 48 St. and the Fraternal Clubhouse, where the convention will take place. The parade will be led by Milton Wolff, national commander of the organization. A fourteen-piece band will play many of the famous anti-fascist songs to which the men marched in Spain.