

# Illinois Communists Adopt Policies in Chi. Convention

CHICAGO.—Adding a series of its own amendments, the Illinois State Convention of the Communist Party last week endorsed the Draft Resolution which is to be acted upon by the National Convention.

In the two-day convention, close to 100 delegates and visitors dealt with a series of deep-going questions which have the subject of debate in the party for many months.

In the keynote address, state chairman Claude Lightfoot declared that "the spirit of principled unity contained in the Draft Resolution will have to guide our party for some time to come."

THE delegates sent a message to President Eisenhower expressing "alarm at your inertia" in halting the wave of anti-Negro bombings and violence in the South.

Taking special note of the continued violations of constitutional liberties in the United States, the delegates named Gil Green, imprisoned Illinois Communist leader and Smith Act victim, as honorary chairman. Tribute was paid to leading comrades who have died in recent years, Frank Mucci, Joanne Dixon, Alfred Wagen-

knecht. After extended debate, the convention passed a resolution dealing with inner-party democracy and standing in support of the concept of democratic centralism. It was pointed out that this term "is a scientific one which cannot be voted out of existence."

THE resolution added: "The effort to find other terminology which can be used interchangeably with it, for the purpose of making ourselves better understood to non-party masses, should be welcomed."

The Illinois delegates pointed out that new threats to peace had arisen in the invasion of Egypt, in the Hungarian situation and through the new "Eisenhower Doctrine."

In the struggle for peace, the delegates urged the Communist Party to single out such questions as disarmament, against UMT and for tax reduction based on reducing military spending, for banning atomic weapons and combatting the menace of Strontium-90, for reopening friendly cultural and trade relations and exchanges between East and West.

AN extensive resolution dealing with Negro-white unity was pass-

ed by the convention. Emphasis was placed on developing a program of action in support of struggles in the South as well as on local issues. These issues were pointed up as follows:

"Housing in its special relation to the Negro people, school problems in Negro and mixed communities, political representation in mixed communities, and economic questions of Negro workers in steel, auto, electrical, packing and other basic industries, as well as in white collar and professional fields."

Stress was laid on the struggle against white chauvinism, both within the party and among the people generally, pointing out that "the changed situation in our country requires a new and major placing of the mass struggle against the ideas of white supremacy."

THE Illinois convention pledged efforts to strengthen the Marxist press and to fulfill the 1957 circulation drive goals for The Worker. It was pointed out that one of the chief ways that the Left can overcome its isolation from the main movements of the people is through building The Worker.