

CP Backs Campaign To End A-Bomb Tests

Support of efforts to end A-bomb tests and atomic warfare and a concerted effort to re-build the Communist Party at all levels were the chief features of a two-day quarterly meeting of the Communist Party's national committee, it was announced yesterday at the organization's headquarters.

The meeting, held here July 27-28, brought together 49 of the 64-member committee and twenty visitors.

A report by Eugene Dennis, party national affairs secretary, on the world-wide movement to ban the A-bomb tests was adopted unanimously. The report and discussion indicated that wide non-partisan activity against the tests, reflecting popular fear of radioactive fallout, was under way in a number of areas.

Sid Stein, secretary of organization, outlined a program aimed at "reconstructing the very foundations of our movement." The report developed ideas on reestablishing party organizations and re-winning to party ranks those who left or became passive in the recent past.

"Reconstruction is urgent," Stein said, "so that the party can make

its maximum contribution to the fight for peace, full equality for the Negro people, civil liberties and the many-sided struggles of the labor movement.

The discussion, ranging over many aspects of party policy, indicated support of the report and the basic decisions of the 16th national convention of the party. The report was adopted and will be published.

The national committee greeted the release from Smith Act sentences of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Robert Thompson, Pettis Perry, Alexander Bittleman and Louis Weinstock, who were present, as well as V. J. Jerome and Arnold Johnson, who were on vacation. Speakers urged intensified efforts to win amnesty for Henry Winston, Gil Green and Irving Potash, national party leaders still imprisoned.

In other actions, the meeting voted to:

- Submit to the membership a four-month plan of work based on

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the organizational report.

- Approve a report of its committee on publications dealing with recommendations to improve the content of publications towards furthering the reflection of policies adopted by the 16th national convention.

- Approve a report of its appeals committee.

- Approve the action of the National Executive Committee in not electing general officers and in naming a collective leadership of nine secretaries, seven of whom comprise the party's Administrative Committee. These are: Eugene Dennis, national affairs; Sid Stein, organization; Benjamin J. Davis, Negro affairs; James Jackson, Southern affairs; Hy Lumer, education and publications; Fred M. Fine, labor affairs; John Gates, public affairs; Earl Durham, youth work, and Carl Ross, farm work. The latter two are not included in the Administrative Committee because of geographical consideration.

- Approve appointments by the National Education Committee of Herbert Aptheker as editor of Political Affairs, and Dr. Albert Blumberg as legislative director.