

CP convention makes monopoly main target

DETROIT.—The Michigan State convention of the Communist Party just concluded and approved the National Administrative Committee's letter to the membership that called for consolidating and uniting the party around the decisions of the recent national convention.

The delegates who came from trade unions, community, farm, upstate and youth groups also adopted resolutions dealing with specific Michigan issues and situations.

The convention heard a report of the work of the Party in Michigan and a program for its activities in the coming period.

Like everywhere else, the report said, in our state the main enemy to peoples advances are the monopolies. Here reside the great auto trusts, GM, Ford, Chrysler who seek to dominate all aspects of the economic, social, political life. The report spoke of how the monopolies seek to weaken and hamper the great Michigan labor movement, while placing economic burdens on the backs of the workers. The formation of an anti-monopoly coalition led by labor is the main strategic aim in the period ahead. This will open the path to realization of the American ideal of government of the people, for the people, by the people.

Additional resolutions were support to the fight to desegregate housing in Michigan for an extensive program of low cost housing on a non-segregated basis, full integration of all existing projects, an end to victimization of Negro owners and buyers, vigorous action against vandalism, bombings, racist violence and positive action for the enforcement of the district court decision outlawing segregated public housing.

The convention also adopted a resolution charging that the present Senate investigation of "labor racketeering" is part of a plan, led by the National Association of Manufacturers to pass national anti-labor legislation modeled on the so-called "right-to-work laws" passed in 18 states and to discredit trade unions so as to subject them to anti-trust laws.

The convention adopted a fund drive quota of \$10,000 to be raised from April 15 to June 30, the purpose of which will be for education and public information on issues.

A resolution on labor was adopted giving support to completing the local AFL-CIO merger and helping to mobilize the people for defense of the economic interests of the workers.

The convention pledged support to helping increase the circulation of the Marxist newspapers, the Daily Worker and Michigan Worker in their current circulation drive. Resolutions to aid the foreign-born in their defense against deportations and the effects of the Walter-McCarran Act were pledged. A number of resolutions were referred to the new state committee such as youth work and others.