

W. Side CP Divisions Hold Merger Confab

CHICAGO. — A joint convention of two West Side divisions of the Communist Party set goals for the current drive to build *The Worker* and called for the strengthening and improvement of the paper.

Much of the all-day session focussed attention on problems of work in the community such as schools, housing, Negro-white unity. The parley marked the merging of the Lawndale and Cacchione I divisions of the CP.

Other resolutions called for: strengthening of work in the national group field, attention to "a sustained program among the youth," endorsing both the right to dissent and democratic centralism with emphasis on improving the democratic functioning of the party. The delegates voted against any change in the name and form of the party at this time.

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THE spirited convention debated the problems of the Marxist press, pointing out that the emphasis should be on improving *The Worker* rather than trying to sustain the *Daily Worker* as a national paper. It was urged that the *Daily Worker* become an East Coast paper.

The resolution on *The Worker* declared: "While we do not agree with some of the editorial policies and some columnists, we feel that the main question before us is to insure the continuance of the paper. Moreover, we are confident that after the convention, our paper will be able to reflect more accurately and in a more balanced fashion the various points of view in the party."

The discussion on Negro rights and Negro-white unity singled out such community issues as the housing shortage, exorbitant rents, lack of Negro political representa-

tion, the critical overcrowding of schools. The convention resolved to overcome many shortcomings and to "take our rightful place in the mainstream of the struggle for full democratic rights for the Negro people."

GRADUATES ASSESS NEED FOR FUTURE

CHICAGO—Today's high school graduates assessed the outlook for peace, accord and progress during their midyear graduation exercises.

Here are samples of the answers to the question: "What do you think the youths want to see accomplished in the next ten years?"

James Burd, 17, Schurz High: "I want to see peace, accord, and the prospect of that frightful actual war—the results would be far-reaching."

Marlene Owens, 17, Hyde Park High: "I want to see peace and progress."

Perry Olsen, 17, Amundsen High: "I want to see more understanding."

Ronald Augustson, 17, Parker High: "I want to see more years of cold war. I hope the war will end if war did erase the Communist menace and make the world a better place."

Cody Moore, 20, Crane High: "I want to see a world throughout the next ten years where, I'll worry about it."

Judy Matthews, 17, South Shore High: "I want to see peace and I'd like to be as good a parent as I can be. I want very much that there will be complete agreement in the United Nations."

Study Social Issues at

CHICAGO. — A convention of the Communist Party division in the South Chicago community last week dealt mainly with community issues.

Delegates analyzed the composition of South Chicago, pointing out that some of the sharpest struggles have taken place here recently, involving the economic battles of the steel workers and the fight to end racist terror around Trumbull