

# U.S. Communists Looking To Negroes, Inflation, Tactics To Spark Return

Editors note: This is the last of three dispatches on the U. S. Communist party.

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New York — (U.P.) — American Communists are looking to 161 million Negroes, the peril of inflation and a sharp shift in tactics to spark a comeback.

The decks are cleared for the four-day 16th national party convention opening in New York this Saturday. Three hundred delegates, including recent alumni from federal prisons, will gather to "debate" — and approve — a resolution of independence from Moscow and a new 100,000-word constitution. They may be asked to ratify changes to the party leadership.

The new constitution allows members to dissent from party decisions—if this does not "endanger party unity." It says that all strikebreakers, spies and advocates of overthrowing or subverting American democratic institutions will be expelled.

William Z. Foster, postwar party chairman, is on the way out, according to Communist sources. He is 76 and ill. He is a Stalinist. He alone on the na-

## Measure Would Ban Steelhead Fishing

Salem — (U.P.) — Commercial fishing for steelhead trout would be banned in the Columbia river and its tributaries under provisions of a bill sponsored by Sen. Leander Quiring of Hermiston and Rep. R. K. Goad of Pendleton.

The measure also would ban commercial fishing for steelhead within a radius of three miles from the center of the mouth of the Columbia river.

The steelhead in the Columbia would be classified as game fish and would be reserved for sport fishing.

Sen. Quiring observed that the steelhead is already classified as game fish in both Washington and California.

national council opposed the "break" with Moscow. He defended the Soviet action in Hungary. He has spoken for the militants, the "tough" line. **Moscow Backing**  
Foster has backing from an important quarter, however. As

recently as last Sunday, Soviet Communist organs defended him against "right wing" and "national" Communists in the American movement. This puts pressure on his foes. They may have to revise the resolution. Arrayed opposite him is a fac-

tion led by John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, chief advocate of the "soft" approach, the Tito-style "independence" from Moscow.  
Straddling the middle is Eugene Dennis, the gray-haired party secretary, who has a habit

of abstaining on controversial votes.  
Foster's successor is anyone's guess and may not make any difference. The chairman is not all powerful.

The "split" may be for show purpose, one of those dizzying deviations full of fury but meaning nothing. Don't expect parades around the floor or outbursts at Communist conventions. If there are, don't expect them to change what party leaders have decided.

The Communists will discuss these "serious" errors, self-confessed:

1. The party underestimate American capitalism by predicting depressions in 1945, 1949 and 1954 which never came. It relied too much on Soviet judgments about what was happening in prosperous America.

Yet party officials still wistfully rely on "inflation" and "recession" as their hope to regain old members and win new ones.

2. It incorrectly believed that America would start World War III and that Americans would succumb to "McCarthyism."

3. It made a whopping mistake in supporting Henry Wallace, the Progressive candidate, for president in 1948, when he had no mass support from American workers.

4. It wrongly advocated a "Negro nation" in the South instead of fighting alongside others for Negro rights.

Now, all this has changed, says the party. It will try to become a leader in the battle to end segregation. It will, it says, no longer "bore from within" in unions and will abide by majority decisions.

In a resumption of the old "popular front" tactics, it will try to infiltrate the Democratic party, the trade unions and liberal groups.

It is even considering disbanding as a party, and calling itself a "political action association." Just as the "declaration of independence" might upset moves based on the party's subservience to Moscow, so the dissolution of the party could send J. Edgar Hoover's FBI agents on a merry chase into the underground.

"And now the American Communists would have us believe that they have changed their philosophy," Hoover warns.

"What a farce that is. . . There is nothing really new in the current Communist party from the time of its inception in 1919 has changed its name nine times. The constitution of the Communist party of this country has been changed 17 times, zigging and zagging for the attainment of its diabolical ends through deception and double talk."

"Regardless of what it does this week end," Hoover said, "of this you can be sure—it will be the same old crowd at the

same old stand banded together for the same old purpose—to advance the Communist cause and serve the Soviet Union.  
"They will use the same old technique with which they have hoodwinked so many people in the past."

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### Back Stairs: Ike Left Stiff and Creaky

**BY MERRIMAN SMITH**  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: President Eisenhower confided to former President Herbert Hoover this week that playing golf in the rain recently at Augusta, Ga., left him stiff and creaky at the joints.

Mr. Eisenhower went to a luncheon in honor of Mr. Hoover last Monday and as they walked into the dining room, the President told the former President about his golfing woes.

The President felt the after effects to such an extent, he said, that "what I played the next day you could hardly call golf."

The muscular stiffness must have lingered because when photographers asked Mr. Eisenhower for "one more" pose with Mr. Hoover, the President grinned and said, "Just so you don't ask me to wave."

It was at the state dinner given by King Saud of Saudi Arabia for President Eisenhower at the Mayflower Hotel. As the entree was served, waiters fanned out through the banquet hall placing gold-banded glasses of a white liquid in front of the Arab guests, none for the Western guests.

One of the younger members of the King's entourage sipped speculatively.

"Ugh," he said with a grimace.

"Goat's milk."  
He took another sip and turned to a table companion.

"I'd certainly like to get my hands on the person who spread the story that His Majesty is passionately fond of this stuff," said the Arab official. "Everywhere we've been in this country there has been an enormous supply of goat's milk. And I don't believe the King likes it any more than I do."

Members of the King's party do not smoke in his immediate presence out of deference to his dislike of tobacco and the use thereof. It was interesting at the banquet to see that Arabs seated near the King were not smoking after dinner, but those seated some distance away from

### Insurance Firm Sets New Records Last Year

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him at the end of the U-shaped banquet table were puffing away contentedly.

The Republican organization of North Augusta, S.C., is somewhat baffled and a mite discouraged about its efforts to bring about a real two-party system in their section of the South.

North Augusta is a town of 13,000 population just across the Savannah river from Augusta, Ga., where Mr. Eisenhower visits frequently.

When the President was in Georgia last week end, David A. Ward, president of the North Augusta Municipal Republican Club, telephoned the temporary White House switchboard to inform the Eisenhower staff that a letter from his group to the President was on the way, asking an expression of presidential encouragement.

The Republicans, for the first time in area history, have put up against the Democrats a slate of candidates for mayor and city Council in the upcoming municipal election.

According to Ward, "The President has said repeatedly that he favors the development of a strong two-party system all over America, but when we try to get it going down here, a member of his staff tells us, 'Sorry, Mr. Eisenhower does not like public statements on campaigns of this type.'"

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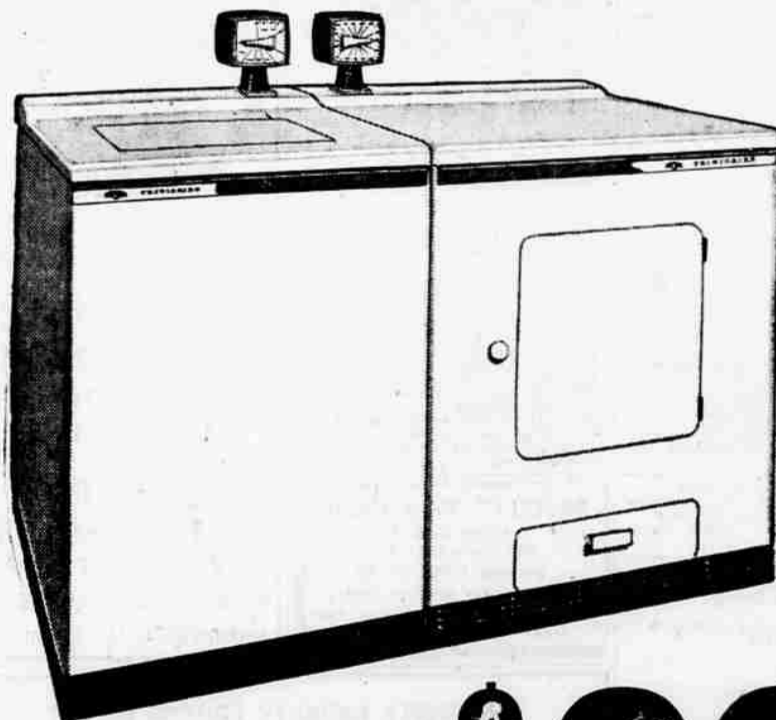
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