

Hemisphere Unity Inspires CPA Parley

When Earl Browder told Latin American fraternal delegates at the constituent convention of the Communist Political Association Sunday night that a new era of major industrialization of Latin America must be achieved in the interests of the United States as well as our southern neighbors, the delegates rose and cheered in a prolonged ovation.

Enthusiasm swept the convention hall as each fraternal visitor rose to speak.

Sen. Elias Lafferte, chairman of the Communist Party of Chile, told of the Democratic Alliance backing President Juan Antonio Rios and the hope of forming a single united working class party. In June, he announced, the Workers Socialist Party will officially enter the Communist Party, which is the strongest Communist group in the Americas, having four senators, 15 deputies and 120 city councilman in Chile.

Sen. Augusto Duran, Communist Party chairman of Colombia spoke with modesty of his 'small' Party which has one deputy and one senator in the national Congress and 80 city councilman as a result of last year's elections. Only a year ago, he related, as a result of the infiltration of opportunistic elements in the Colombian Party, it commanded no more than 80-100 votes in Bogota, capital of Colombia. Now, he said, it had 600 supporters, and soon it will be "really important." Sen. Duran was a commissar under the famous "Campefino" in the Spanish war.

GREETINGS FROM PERU

Congressman Juan Luna of Peru brought the greetings of the Peruvian Communist Party to the convention. He expressed the gratitude his people feel for Earl Browder's brilliant Hemisphere leadership, and told that in Peru the main order of the day is to achieve national anti-

fascist unity. Sr. Luna is secretary of the Committee for Labor Unity in his country.

Juan Antonio Corretjer, editor of *Pueblos Hispanos*, spoke of the great win-the-war sentiment which has swept his native Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico must be independent, as an essential war measure, he urged.

Rep. Salvador Ocampo, secretary of the Chilean Confederation of Workers, proposed that national economic councils be established, and an economic council on a hemisphere scale, composed of labor, management and government representatives, to plan production, industrialization and prices. He pointed out that such a scientific approach would keep the most imperialist-minded United States companies in line.

Greetings were read from the Communist Parties of Puerto Rico, Ireland and France. Lucien Midol, French Communist deputy and secretary of the French Railwaymen's Union, wrote that he was unable to attend the convention because he had to return to Algiers. He expressed the hope that upon his return he would hear that the Allied troops had already landed and were liberating his homeland, which would "live again, free, independent and progressive."

Then Earl Browder rose to thank the fraternal delegates for their warm greetings.

Trapper Tells One

WOODWARD, Okla., May 22 (UP).—Ted Hill of Mutual, Okla., swears to this one: He said he and Ike Welty, government trapper, captured eight coyote puppies and 11 'possums in the same den.