

Communists Unanimously Adopt Constitution Preamble

Delegates to the first convention of the Communist Political Association yesterday unanimously passed the preamble to the Constitution introduced by Earl Browder.

The preamble sets forth the aims of the new organization which "is shaped by the needs of the nation at war." The association "bases itself upon the working class" and carries forward the traditions of America's foremost patriots.

It adheres to the principles of Marxism and strives to "inaugurate an era of world peace, expanding production and economic well-being."

The preamble in full states:

The Communist Political Association is a non-party organization of Americans which, basing itself upon the working class, carries forward the traditions of Washington, Jefferson, Paine, Jackson and Lincoln, under the changed conditions of modern industrial society.

It seeks effective application of democratic principles to the solution of the problems of today, as an advanced sector of the democratic majority of the American people.

It upholds the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights, and achievements of American democracy, against all the enemies of popular liberties.

It is shaped by the needs of the nation at war, being formed in the midst of the greatest struggle of all history; it recognizes that victory for the free peoples over fascism will open up new and more favorable conditions for progress; it looks to the family of free nations, led by the great coalition of democratic capitalist and socialist states, to inaugurate an era of world peace, expanding production and economic well-being, and the liberation and equality of all peoples regardless of race, creed or color.

It adheres to the principles of scientific socialism, Marxism, the heritage of the best thought of humanity and of a hundred years experience of the labor movement, principles which have proved to be indispensable to the national existence and independence of every nation; it looks forward to a future in which, by democratic choice of the American people, our own country will solve the problems arising out of the contradictions between the social character of production and its private ownership, incorporating the lessons of the most fruitful achievements of all mankind in a form and manner consistent with American tradition and character.

For the advancement of these aims, the Communist Political Association establishes the basic laws of its organization in the following Constitution.

Summary of Resolutions Endorsed by CPA Delegates

Every fundamental phase of American life was touched in a series of resolutions adopted by the delegates to the Communist convention. They include:

1. National Unity for Victory, Security and a Durable Peace. "America now enters the most decisive phase of the war." . . . In essence, the resolution stated: To further strengthen the national war effort, the unity of the nation and orderly progress in the postwar, it is essential to build a stronger labor movement and democratic mass movement.

2. Reconversion. "The problem of reconversion cannot be postponed for action until after the war." The resolution dealt with necessary legislation aimed at fast, efficient reconversion and adequate provisions to take up the unemployment slack during a briefest possible transition period to civilian production.

3. Wage Policy. Using the steel workers wage demands as the basis of an improved national wage policy, the substance of the resolution is indicated in its opening paragraph: "The wage demands of the steel workers deserve the active support of the entire nation. The steel workers, now as in the past, are championing the interests of the entire labor movement."

4. Servicemen and Veterans. ". . . The government and the American people must meet in full their fundamental obligations to our servicemen and women as they return to civilian life, especially to guarantee them jobs and social security. . . ."

5. Women. "Fascism is the most deadly foe of women" and democracy must not only make adequate social and economic provisions for all women, but also acknowledge their rightful place in the political scene.

6. Farmers. This resolution gives a detailed analysis of the farmer's problems and pays tribute to his magnificent contribution to the world's air against fascism. . . ."

7. The South. Submitted by the delegates from Virginia, North and South Carolina, this resolution, in its essence, paid tribute to "the magnificent war record of the southern states" and calls for the extension of complete constitutional

rights to white and Negro southerners, meanwhile urging "an adequate federal fund providing for long-term credits at low interest rates for the building and extension of new branches of private industry, agricultural undertakings, slum clearance and necessary public work."

8. Anti-Poll Tax Bill (HR7). "This national convention goes unqualifiedly on record for the passage of HR7, without changes, amendment or addition."

9. Anti-Semitism. "Anti-Semitism is un-Americanism: Its eradication is the concern and task of every American who holds dear the moral fiber of America, the democracy and freedom of his country."

10. Wagner-Murray-Dingell Social Security Bill (S. 1161-H. R. 2861) The convention pledged its wholehearted support to the passage of this comprehensive, vital national health measure.

11. International Trade Union Unity. "The achievement of international labor unity will help establish basic guarantees that the democratic nations will remain united to win the war, to establish a durable peace and to build a better world."

12. China. In substance, this resolution stated: "China and the United States must work more and more closely together in unison with all of the United Nations to realize the historic agreements of the Cairo Conference and the Declaration of Moscow . . . it is necessary for American to coordinate its military efforts in the Far East more fully with those of China and to augment lend-lease aid to China, including the Eighth Route Army."

13. Western Hemisphere. This resolution praised the growing hemispheric unity of the people against Hitler's plan of political and military diversions" and lauded Secretary of State Hull for his increasingly stern opposition to the spreading cancer of fascism in Argentina, Bolivia and elsewhere below the Rio Grande. The resolution sharply assailed "the maintenance of the Puerto Rican nation in colonial bondage against the will of its people . . . as "inconsistent with the aims of the nationay war effort. . . ."

[Note. The above are, of course very brief descriptions of the resolutions adopted.]