

# **REDS HERE CONFESS MAJOR PARTY RIFTS**

The New York State Communist party acknowledged yesterday that it was rent by major dissension. The public admission ended a three-month effort to give the impression that last February's Communist national convention here had unified the party.

The state group is by far the largest single unit of the Communist party in this country. Its admission of serious internal rifts came yesterday in an appeal in the Daily Worker for an end to factionalism.

The appeal was issued at the beginning of a period during which all county Communist organizations of this state are to hold conventions. The Manhattan and Brooklyn conventions, where some of the bitterest fights are expected, are being held this week-end.

Conceding that New York

Communist party leaders and others had formed rival caucuses, the statement declared that members of the state committee "who participated in caucuses in the past have pledged that they will not participate in meetings of factions or caucuses."

The chief factions in the Communist party are the fanatically pro-Moscow group headed by William Z. Foster and former City Councilman Benjamin Davis; the "revisionist" group headed by John Gates, editor of the Worker, and a centrist group headed by Eugene Dennis, which reportedly holds the balance of power in the party.

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