

Draft Program of the Communist Party

Foster Corrects News Agency On Communists' Draft Program

The United Press has for the second time commented on the recently published draft program of the Communist Party. In a Washington dispatch by Lyle C. Wilson, the UP replies to a statement issued by William Z. Foster, the party's national chairman, correcting misrepresentations in an earlier dispatch by the same correspondent.

The first UP story had stated that the American Communists were proposing "a political marriage of convenience with the Democrats." The second story failed to give Foster's criticisms of this statement or his exposition of the true position of the Communist Party as con-

tained in its draft program entitled "The American Way to Jobs, Peace and Democracy."

The second UP story, however, did quote several passages from the draft program in an effort to back up the news agency's original assertions. Actually the quotations tended to confirm Foster's position.

The text of Foster's statement to the United Press follows:

Many newspapers on May 10 carried a Washington dispatch of the United Press featuring the statement that the Communists propose "a political marriage of convenience with the Democrats."

It should be clearly understood

that this was the language and judgment of the writer and is obvious grist to the Republican mill. It is not the position of the Communist Party, as expressed in its recently published draft program, "The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Democracy."

The Communist Party holds that the basic issues confronting the American people in the coming elections are, the deepening economic crisis, the menace of McCarthyism, and the danger of another world war. Our Party calls on the workers, farmers, the Negro people and other democratic-minded people to unite on

the broadest basis to defend their economic interests and halt the dangerous trend toward war and fascism.

To achieve these objectives we propose that labor and its allies support those candidates who take a stand against fascist McCarthyism and against deeper involvement in the Indochina war. Many such candidates will appear on the Democratic Party lists, some will be on Republican tickets in farm areas, and others will be candidates of the American Labor and the Progressive Parties.

The Communist Party calls upon all democratic and peace-loving Americans to unite to oust the Eisenhower-Dulles-McCarthy cabal, etc., with its Cadillac Cabinet and war orientation and to elect an Administration more responsive to the people's needs.

We recognize, of course, that under present conditions labor will take its first steps along this line principally within the frame-

work of the Democratic Party. But it is sheer nonsense to call this policy a "marriage of convenience" with the Democratic Party, which on the whole, is a reactionary organization, controlled by Wall Street interests and Southern Dixiecrats.

In this election, organized labor will function chiefly through such bodies as the AFL League for Political Action, the CIO Political Action Committee, and in various instances, through the American Labor Party and the Progressive Party. The Communist Party considers such political activities to be the first steps in a broad political realignment, which in the not-too-distant future will result in a great independent labor-farmer party of workers, farmers, Negro people, etc. Such a political realignment will place the United States firmly on the road to peace, democracy, and well-being.

—WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.