

Elect Browder CPA President; Committee of 60

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Earl Browder was elected president of the newly-formed Communist Political Association yesterday afternoon by the unanimous vote of cheering, applauding delegates.

Eleven vice-presidents headed by William Z. Foster were also elected, together with a national committee of 40 regular and 20 alternate members. John Williamson was chosen secretary of the new association and Charles Krumbain elected treasurer.

The elections came toward the close of a day's session which had been featured by a special report on the 25th anniversary of the Communist movement by Robert Minor and which was concluded with a summary of the convention proceedings made by Earl Browder. In this summary the new President of the CPA replied to the "editorial judgment of our convention" appearing in the Herald Tribune. He called attention to the fact that one year ago that paper had editorially recommended

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that the Communist Party be dissolved, but that now when the party is dissolved the paper says it is "concerned." The party came to agree with what the Herald Tribune had suggested for its own reasons, but apparently this does not satisfy that publication.

ANSWERS "LIBERALS"

In regard to the leaders of the "liberal" Liberal Party, Browder pointed out also that two of them, "doctors in logic," George Counts and John S. Childs, had written a book last year demanding that the Communist Party dissolve. Now, they are not satisfied that this has taken place.

"We can be sure," Browder commented, "that this convention puts a solid ground under our feet as we go out to do battle with all enemies of human progress."

Those who give a negative judgment on its work will either be inhibited by a lack of enthusiasm for the nation's war task or by their prejudices or special interests.

FOSTER NOMINATES BROWDER

It was at 5:15 p.m., with President Ben Gold of the Fur and Leather Workers - International Union in the chair, that William Z. Foster rose to nominate Browder to the presidency of the new association. In his nominating address, Foster pointed to the goal of 100,000 members set by the association and predicted that it would be realized. Then, with a demonstration sweeping the floor of the convention and the galleries, Foster stated that there was only one man who could be thought of for the leader of the new association and named the former gen-

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Dilling Bases On Rabid An

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, May 22. — Echoed through the Federal courtroom Albert Dilling of Chicago ment for his former wife, Elizabeth Dilling, author of The Red Network in the Nazi plot trial.

Dilling's 45-minute tirade was delivered at a session where Justice Elcher had just cracked down again with heavy fines. Henry H. Klein, attorney for Eugene N. Sanctuary, had been fined \$300 for refusing to sit down after many requests and Ellis O. Jones, defendant, who represents himself had been fined \$100.

ECHOES HITLER'S LIES

Counsel for the author of The Red Network repeated Hitler's lie that Jacob Schiff and Kuhn Loeb Banking Company financed the Russian revolution.

Dilling railed also at the Talmud as "immoral and criminal"; praised unnamed Popes for allegedly attacking the Talmud; called the American Jewish Congress "Socialist" and "Communist"; vilified the B'nai B'rith Society; said Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter was "Communitistic"; said Jews control the "revolutionary movement" and that the President was completing a "revolution."

Dilling indicated he intends to turn the trial into an anti-Jewish, anti-Roosevelt tirade with "evidence" against Jews and the President.

ADMITTED BERLIN TRIP

Embarrassing moments spotted his statement, however, as he admitted making several trips to Germany with his wife after Hitler took power.

Dilling, incidentally, revealed that he had been involved in his wife's work. Together they organized the Paul Reveres, a pro-fascist movement in 1932, he admitted. They travelled through Europe on mysterious missions and she wrote her anti-Jewish book, The Octopus, under a nom de plume at his request, he declared.

Lawrence Dennis, whom the government calls, the "Alfred Rosenberg of America" called that Nazi leader a "great racist and anti-Russian" in concluding his opening statement today.

DEFENDS ANTI-SEMITISM

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eral secretary of the dissolved Communist Party.

The nomination and election of Browder had been preceded by the report of the Presiding Committee, which acted as a nominating body. This report was submitted by Browder, who reviewed the caucuses which had been held by the state delegations and reported that the vote cast in these caucuses had been overwhelming for the 60 candidates submitted to the convention for final balloting.

REPORTS ON VOTING

Of a possible 229 votes, 50 out of the 60 candidates had received at least 226 and of these 16 had received a unanimous vote. The lowest obtained by any of the 60 was 215.

Twenty percent are women, Browder stated amid applause. While this represents an increase in the number of women on the national committee it is not as yet adequate, he stated. Fifteen percent are Negroes, and there are five trade unionists. This latter feature, Browder said, constitutes "a timid step" in drafting trade

unionists to the committee which will be expanded in the future.

Speaking as one of these trade unionists, Louis Weinstock who is secretary-treasurer of District 9, Brotherhood of Painters and Paperhangers, told of his pleasure to be a member of the national committee of the CPA. He emphasized its preamble, its stand for the traditions of the great American leaders and the fact that the fight of labor progressives against racketeering was one in which the Communists had always been active.

UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE

The report of the Presiding Committee was accepted by unanimous vote, and the 40 regular members of the national committee and 20 alternates were declared elected.

The delegates listened attentively to the earlier special order of business of the session, when the history of the Communist movement in America was reviewed by Minor. He showed that in that quarter of a century the Communist Party had served America and its people with "honor," referring to the fight for recognition of the Soviet Union, collective security,

strong trade unions, Negro rights, and social security. Thunderous applause greeted his statement that the party had stood out in its fight for the Scottsboro boys and that "they did not die."

Minor paid a particular tribute to the leadership of Browder in the period of great test in the recent past, and emphasized the enormous contribution which Browder has made to America with his stress on that foreign policy which would have crushed Hitler and prevented Munich and which now can speed victory.

The CPA, Minor concluded, has

received a splendid heritage from the Communist Party.

OLD TIMERS SPEAK

A colorful feature of this special order of business was the presence on the stage during this report of a number of veterans of the Communist and labor movements.

It was agreed that dues should be set as recommended by the Constitution Committee until January, 1945, the national committee to decide within 90 days after consultation with the districts on any changes that should be recommended in the schedule.

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