

# Let's Face It

THOSE elements in New York's political life that have been speculating on the possibility of a split in the state's democratic coalition because of the recent Duclos article will not get much comfort out of the Resolution of the National Board of the Communist Political Association.

Needless to say, the speculation was thoroughly dishonest and completely groundless. It was, incidentally, not confined to New York City. I have on my desk clippings from various upstate cities which indicate it was picked up there and applied to local electoral situations.



The general idea in these clippings is that the Communists are no longer interested in maintaining unity with other sections of the population but are going back to "preaching revolution." Somehow that means they will try to take the American Labor Party away from Sidney Hillman and destroy that party's coalition with the Democrats.

Here are some relevant passages in the National Board resolution which answer that nonsense:

"It is imperative that the American people resolutely support every effort of the Truman Administration to carry forward Roosevelt's program for victory, peace, democracy and 60 million jobs. . . .

"Toward this end it is necessary as never before to decisively strengthen the democratic unity of the nation. It is essential to

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weld together and consolidate the broadest national coalition of all anti-fascist and democratic forces, including all supporters of Roosevelt's anti-Axis policies."

THE resolution then proceeds to advance a program which has become, by and large, the program of all democratic, forward-looking sections of American society and which has already been put on the immediate order of business by these sections. Here I refer not only to the labor movement but to farm and middle class groups, as well. In the past some of these groups have been considered highly conservative.

No, there is no suggestion that the Communists will cease to fight for unity of the widest sections of the population on behalf of the Roosevelt policies. On the contrary, the recognition that this program cannot be realized without sharp battle against monopoly capital will necessarily lead to greater efforts to aid in the development of that unity. Whatever illusions may have existed in the labor movement that the program could be won with the cooperation of monopoly capital were bound to result in less strenuous efforts to gain the support of other sections of society.

The fact that this program is on the national order of business reflects, incidentally, the great advances made in the thinking of the American people as a result of the war. As War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson

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put it the other day, we have learned from our war experience that employment for all is possible and that government must take the responsibility to put it over.

In foreign affairs the popular will is so overwhelmingly for international collaboration that those fighting it must thoroughly disguise their opposition or be rendered completely impotent.

WHILE it is true that certain big business circles who supported the anti-Hitler war are now shifting back to their former reactionary position, the fact that Truman administration spokesmen and Truman himself have strongly supported many of the basic aspects of that program indicates that sections of the bourgeoisie for whom Roosevelt spoke have also progressed beyond their prewar position.

It will, of course, require maximum popular backing and unity to put through the program, just as in the case of the earlier, more primitive measures of the New Deal. That same backing and unity had to be applied electorally to keep FDR in office and to elect state officials and Congressmen who were in harmony with his program.

With FDR dead, perhaps even a broader unity will be needed in New York to elect those who support his program, since his great influence in his home state will be lacking.

It becomes, therefore, sheer drivel to suggest that Communists will deviate in the slightest from their devotion to building that electoral unity.