

# **Greensboro News Says Scales Left CP; Re-Trial Unchanged**

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 18. —The Greensboro Daily News today quoted Junius Scales, former North Carolina chairman of the Communist Party, as saying he quit the party. But U. S. Attorney Robert L. Gavin said Scales' position would not affect plans to retry him under the Communist membership clause of the Smith Act. "He will be tried" probably in February, Gavin said.

Scales was convicted in 1955. On Oct. 14, the Supreme Court reversed the conviction and that of Illinois Communist Party chairman Claude Lightfoot.

The Daily News said Scales declared in a letter and subsequent phone conversation that he had "ceased being a member after the party's February convention."

(The Daily News story was confirmed in New York by Mrs. Scales.)