

# Foster Terms Committee Session Finest Party-Building Parley Held

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The three-day session of the National Committee of the Communist Party concluded last Friday night was described by William Z. Foster as "the finest Party building meeting" the Party had ever held.

Motions adopted by the committee included:

1. Approval of the political line of reports by William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis and the following sub-reports: Party building by John Williamson, the wage struggles by Jack Stachel, tasks among the Negro people by Henry Winston, and the National Board's recommendation for expulsion of Browder, by Robert Thompson.

2. Plans to launch a national party building drive aimed at recruiting 20,000 new members between March 15 and June 1, with the aim of doubling Party membership by the end of 1946.

3. Endorsement of a national drive to raise \$150,000 for the Party press, to begin May 1 and run to July 4.

Earlier the committee voted unanimously to expel Earl Browder as a deserter from Communism.

The sessions Friday were marked by discussion of the rich possibilities of Party building among trade unionists, Negroes, veterans, and youth.

Max Weiss, chairman of the educational commission, delivered a report on the youth and submitted a memorandum on youth work recently adopted by the National Board. The memorandum, which

was approved by the National Committee stressed that "fulfillment of its responsibilities to the nation and to the youth requires that the Communist Party shall drastically improve its work and organization among the youth.

"It must be established that responsibility for work among the youth and concern with youth problems is the responsibility of the entire Party organization and all of the committees."

A discussion based on that section of the report of Dennis dealing with the 1946 elections, was the high light of the meeting. Speakers stressed the need of strengthening the independent role of labor and its allies to defeat reactionary and

pro-fascist candidates in the primaries and in the general elections, regardless of party labels.

In his closing remarks, Foster summarized discussion and highlighted the tremendous significance of the strike struggles in checking the offensive of big business against the living standards of the people. He re-emphasized the need for mass pressure to curb the imperialist "big stick" foreign policy of the Truman Administration.

Since the influence of Browder was thrown off, it was felt generally great strides have been made in Communist leadership and activity in mass struggles.

Following the spirit of the keynote speech of Foster, speakers stressed the need for combining Party building with an educational campaign on socialism as the only final solution to the problems of the American people.