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to train additional youths. In addition, certain Communist Party, U.S.A., youths will be asked to go to the South during the summer of 1965 to work with civil rights organizations.

Formation of New Youth Organization

Ever since the demise in 1957 of the Labor Youth League, the former youth organization dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, U.S.A., the establishment of another nationwide youth organization has been a goal of the party. A positive step was taken in this direction in late 1963 when Gus Hall ordered the formation of a Marxist-oriented youth organization to attract non-Communists as the first step toward their eventual recruitment into the party. The founding convention of this new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, in San Francisco, Calif. The name selected for the new organization was the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America, in honor of the late Dr. William E. B. DuBois, a prominent crusader for civil rights who, at the age of 93, joined the Communist Party, U. S. A.

In memorializing the late Dr. DuBois, the new organization apparently hopes to win recognition and support from both domestic and international civil rights proponents, African nationals, and more particularly the Negro youth of the United States. Following the trend of recent years of playing down the Communist label, the new Marxist youth organization is designed to attract youth interested in peace, disarmament, civil rights and the like.

Public Appearances by Party Leaders

The increased number of public appearances by leaders of the Communist Party, U. S. A. in the last few years, whether it be in the form of press conferences, on radio programs, or on college campuses, is utilized in an effort to project the image that the party is a legitimate political party; to gain increased acceptance and respectability for the party; to generate an atmosphere of good will and understanding; and to spread Communist propaganda.

Since students constitute a primary Communist target group, party leaders in their public appearance continue to concentrate on college and university campuses throughout

the country. Over the past 3 school years, party spokesmen have average 50 campus appearances each year. Their audiences ranged in size from an intimate 13 to a huge 4,000. The latter number heard Dorothy Healey, a member of the party's national committee, when she spoke in the stadium of the California State College at Los Angeles, Calif., on May 20, 1964. Audience from 500 to 800 were common.

While almost of the public appearances of party functionaries before students took place at colleges and universities, several speeches were made at secondary educational institutions.

That some success is achieved by the party in the many appearances of its leaders on college campuses is indicated by the fact that party youth club have been established recently at the University of Chicago and the University of California.

Skillfully imparting the Communist line with espousals paralleling Soviet views, party spokesmen made 44 appearances before college groups during the calendar year 1964.

Propaganda

The Communist Party, U.S.A. continually makes strenuous efforts to increase and expand the distribution and consumption of its literature. James Allen, a member of the party's national committee, remarked at a meeting of the party's New York staff in May 1964, that sales of party's publications had increased 7 per cent nationwide.

This increase is important since the Communists consider their press and publications to be the most important and effective vehicle for agitation and propaganda. Through the dissemination of newspapers, books, pamphlets, leaflets, and other printed matter, the party indoctrinates its members and sympathizers and is able to reach and propagandize the non-Communist masses.

The major Communist bookstores operating in the United States at this time are the Jefferson Bookshop in New York City; New World Book Fair, Philadelphia; New Era Bookshop, Baltimore; Global Books, Detroit; Modern Bookstore, Chicago; Mary's Bookshop, Milwaukee; International Books, San Francisco; and the Progressive Bookshop, Los Angeles.

In regard to the increased political activity of the leaders of the Communist Party, U.S.A., while party leaders would re-

joice over a successful campaign by a Communist, they also look to this activity to obtain other benefits. In addition to affording opportunities to assert that the party is a legitimate political party and to lending the party an aura of respectability, this activity provides publicity and reduces the party's isolation from the mainstream of society. It enables them to influence vital issues of the day; to distribute propaganda; to present the party program to the electorate; and to advance the cause of communism.

Some persons may not believe that a Communist could reach a position of responsibility in Government through the election process. They have only to consider the thousands of votes cast for William Cottle Taylor, vice chairman of the party's southern California district, who publicly identified himself as a Communist while running in the California primary as an independent candidate for the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County. Although Taylor was defeated, he rolled up an impressive 33,576 votes, or some 13 per cent of the total vote cast for this office on June 2, 1964.

Communist Influence In Racial Matters

The ever-increasing evidences of racial unrest in the country during the past year have witnessed a parallel in the increasing emphasis being placed by the Communist Party, U.S.A. on the Negro question and the racial movement generally. There are clear-cut evidences that the party has not only been "talking," but also has been directing and urging the increased participation by its adherents in the racial movement. As in any similar party effort at infiltration, where there is participa-

tion there is influence in varying degrees.

These party efforts, though embellished with high-sounding expressions by party leaders, claiming a sincere interest in the Negro and his problems, are, in reality, just another of the great deceptions practiced by the party through the years. Theirs is only a single aim; namely, the gaining of Communist objectives looking toward the ultimate goal of the spread of communism throughout the United States. The racial unrest, then, offers the party a ready-made springboard from which it is able to project its strategy

and tactics.

The past year found the party devoting maximum attention to its efforts to influence civil rights developments. Always alert to exploit discontent and promote disorder, the party continued to regard the civil rights issue as one facet of the class struggle within the capitalist system. With this Marxist-Leninist analysis as a guide, the party has an objective the use of the civil rights issue to create a Negro-labor coalition which it would dominate to advance the cause of communism in the United States. As in the words

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