

# New Discussion on 'American Road to Socialism'

WITH the publication of the draft resolution for the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party the first phase of the Party discussion has come to an end. This phase centered around the reports of Eugene Dennis, Claude Lightfoot and Max Weiss to the April meeting of the National Committee. In addition to discussion bulletins issued by various districts of the Party, *The Worker* opened its columns to a special weekly section for the

presentation of a wide variety of views on the past and the perspectives of the Communist Party and the American Left.

Though originally it was intended that this phase of the discussion would be limited to two months, the discussion in *The Worker* was carried on from the issues of June 24 to Sept. 23—three months.

In presenting the draft resolution (published as a supplement to the New York-Harlem edition of the Sept. 22 *Worker* and also as a Political Affairs pamphlet)

the National Committee announced that the formal pre-convention discussion based on this draft will open Nov. 1. It will be concluded nationally in a special bulletin to appear on that date and every two weeks thereafter.

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IN CLOSING this phase of the discussion we wish to thank all those who participated, as well as *The Worker* for providing space for it. The frankness, freshness and vigor of this discussion were something new in

the life of the Party and augur well for its future. These contributions were a valuable guide to the National Committee in formulating the draft resolution.

By far the greater part of the articles and letters received have been published. Those which were not published either arrived too late, or in the judgment of the Discussion Committee covered ground already dealt with in earlier contributions.

A few of the late arrivals that fall within the scope of the draft resolution will be published in

the special pre-convention discussion bulletin which will begin to appear Nov. 1. We suggest that the authors of other unpublished articles recast their contributions in the light of the draft and resubmit them.

At the same time we invite all members, clubs, sections and districts to begin sending contributions to the special discussion bulletin. They should be addressed to this committee at 101 W. 16th St., New York 11, N. Y.  
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