

# SKETCHES OF REDS CONVICTED IN CITY

## Trachtenberg Oldest at 72 —Some Served in Army in Second World War

Following are sketches of the six Communist leaders convicted of conspiracy yesterday:

### ALEX. TRACHTENBERG

Alexander Trachtenberg has been a publisher of Marxist literature for more than thirty years.

In 1924, three years after joining the Communist party, he founded International Publishers. In addition to serving as a national committeeman, he has been a member of the party's National Education Commission and treasurer of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

Now 72 years old, Trachtenberg sought asylum in the United States in 1907 after having been released from a Czarist prison for his part in the Russian labor movement in 1905.

He was educated at Trinity College and Yale University.

### GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY

George Blake Charney, now 51 years old, has been a member of the Communist party since 1933. Before serving as acting state chairman he had been its trade union secretary and an organizer.

Born in the Ukraine, he came here with his parents as an infant. He attended schools in the Bronx, the University of Pennsylvania, the Law School of New York University and Harvard University. He was admitted to the bar here in 1932.

From 1937 to 1940 he was a Communist party organizer in Harlem.

He served in the Army in the Pacific in World War II and received the Bronze Star.

### SIDNEY STEIN

Sidney Stein, 40-year-old assistant national labor secretary of the Communist party, is a writer and a butcher. He was once a delegate to the State Federation of Meat Cutters.

He changed his name legally from Steinberg, although the Federal Bureau of Investigation once reported he had entered the United States from Lithuania in 1930 under the name of Ovsejus Sarfsteinas.

He joined the Communist party about 1936 and became a party organizer in 1942 in New Jersey. He was made executive secretary of the Camden County Communist party and late in 1945 he became chairman of the New Jersey State Communist party. The F. B. I. captured him with Robert G. Thompson, one of the top eleven Communists, in the Sierras near Sonora, Calif., in August, 1953.

On April 26, 1954 he and three other persons were convicted in a Federal Court in San Francisco of conspiring to harbor Thompson. He served two years and three months of a three-year prison term.

### FRED M. FINE

Fred M. Fine, secretary of the public affairs commission of the Communist party, recently complained in an article in *The Daily Worker* that the party here had been "weak and uncertain" in the confusion that followed the attacks against Stalin in the Soviet Union.

Fine, 41, surrendered last Nov. 30. He had been a fugitive for four years, having been indicted in 1951 on charges of violating the Smith Act. He and his wife, Doris, and their 11-year-old son, Larry, lived then at 31-23 Eighth-

Street, Jackson Heights, Queens.

Fine enlisted in the Army in World War II and served for twenty months. He won battle stars for the Rome-Arno and southern France campaigns.

### WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON

William Norman Marron's activities in the Communist party were conducted under the name of William Norman. He is executive secretary of the New York State Communist party and has been a member of the party since about 1932.

Norman, whose last known address was 150-42 Seventy-fifth Street, Flushing, Queens, is 53 years old, married and has two sons.

Born in Russia, he was said to have received "derivative" United States citizenship through his father in 1919.

### JAMES EDWARD JACKSON JR.

James Edward Jackson Jr. is known as one of the intellectuals of the state party. Born in Richmond, Va., he attended Virginia Union University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, and Howard University, where he obtained a Doctor's degree in pharmacy.

He once was a field worker for the Carnegie Foundation.

He has been vice president of the Southern Negro Youth Congress and served as district organizer for the party, which he joined about 1933. His present title is that of Southern regional director of the Communist party.

In World War II he was a pharmacist technician in the Army and served in China and in India. He is married and has two daughters.