

NEW RED CHARTER PROVIDES RIGHTS

The Communist party's new constitution here provides "complete paper guarantees for exercise of all democratic processes," Fred M. Fine, chairman of the constitution committee, said yesterday. He said he used the word "paper" because "any constitution has to be enforced."

The 5,000-word document was made public as completed by an editing committee after adoption by the party's sixteenth national convention Feb. 12. Changes from a draft made public Dec. 9 appeared to be largely technical, except for a new recognition of a right to resign and an automatic review in cases of expulsion.

Provisions promising greater intraparty democracy had been strengthened. Members of the national and state committees elected at large, the new version said, will be limited to not more than one-third of the total. However, those elected by local groups were left subject to approval by national or state conventions.

"We will be the only Communist party in the world which elects its leadership in this particular way," Mr. Fine said. "In the past, the whole leadership was elected at the convention."

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