

# U. S. COMMUNISTS MARK 39TH YEAR

## Party, Meeting Here, Echoes Demand That Americans Leave Taiwan Area

The Communist party of the United States celebrated its thirty-ninth anniversary last night by echoing the Communist world's demand that the United States withdraw its military forces from the Taiwan area.

A crowd of 1,300, most of them in the older age groups, half-filled Carnegie Hall. The meeting was marked by a restrained show of enthusiasm.

Telegrams to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and to President Eisenhower were read, demanding that the United States not "interfere in China's internal affairs." They asked that the United States stop convoying military supplies to "Chiang Kai-shek's mercenaries on Quemoy."

Eugene Dennis, national secretary of the party, called United States moves in the Far East "criminally dangerous." He said that any attack on Communist China would be "insane," and that it would "in fact be an attack on the commonwealth of Soviet countries."

Mr. Dennis demanded that Communist China be seated in the United Nations. He said the United States should recognize Communist China "and thus make 600,000,000 more friends for America."

A telegram from the Chinese Communist party urged the United States party to fight "revisionists within its ranks." Greetings were received from Communist parties in other nations.

Applause greeted most of the pronouncements, but there was none of the cheering or mass chanting that marked party meetings in earlier days.

Benjamin J. Davis, state chairman of the party, said that if "the atom maniacs in Washington bring war to the world it will not only result in the wiping out of Jim Crow but also in the destruction of capitalism."

Mr. Davis said that President Eisenhower's policies on integration and the Far East crisis made him unfit to hold his office. "He ought to be impeached," he said.

Party old-timers were introduced from the platform—men and women who had led strikes and other battles in the Thirties—and their appearance brought the loudest responses of the three-hour meeting.

William Albertson, secretary of the New York State Communist party, presided. Arnold Johnson, national legislative director, also spoke. The meeting was sponsored by the state committee of the Communist party.

A dramatized presentation of the history of the party filled a part of the program.

The ranks of the party have thinned through the years, apparently because of purges within the party, prosperity in the United States and disillusionment with Soviet communism.

Party membership in the Thirties was estimated at 80,000. Now, John Gates, once editor of *The Daily Worker*, who resigned from the party, said the party had fewer than 7,000 members. Others close to the party say that there are fewer than 3,000 registered members.

Party officials declined to subsidize a daily newspaper and *The Worker* is now published but once a week.