

# ***Reds Here Suspend Touring Party Aide***

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One of the Communist party's top leaders, Charles Loman, has been suspended from his state party posts by New York State Communist leaders.

Mr. Loman, a member of the party's national committee and its Kings County chairman, is understood to have gone abroad last month. There are reports that he left without party permission and without rendering a required accounting.

There is an unconfirmed report that his Brooklyn organization refused to support the state board's suspension by sixteen votes to twelve.

Party leaders declined to confirm or deny that the Brooklyn group has had major party funds under its control. One estimate is that perhaps as much as \$250,000 may have been built up in the last seven

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or eight years. It was understood that there had been squabbles over the last two years about making such funds available for national party activities.

The only comment from the party was a statement issued by the state board—an executive group within the state committee. The statement will be published by *The Worker*, Communist newspaper, in this week-end's edition.

It was signed by Benjamin J. Davis, state chairman, and William Albertson, state secretary. It reads:

"Because Comrade Charles Loman has taken an extended trip, leaving his positions of responsibility without discharging his official obligations to the State and National Committees, the New York State Board of the Communist party has suspended Comrade Loman from all state posts, pending his return.

"The National Executive Committee has concurred in the action of the state board."

The national executive committee is a thirteen-member group in a national committee now reported to have fifty-three members.

A request for comment at Mr. Loman's home went unanswered yesterday.

## Planned Trip Reported

Elsewhere, it was reported that he had obtained a passport last Nov. 20, saying he planned to leave here on Dec. 15. The Supreme Court last June had ruled against previous State Department denials of passports based on Communist associations.

One story was that he had said he would leave on a two-month trip to Ghana, Egypt, and perhaps visit other places in Africa and the Soviet Union. Still another version said he was planning a three-month pleasure trip to England, France, Italy and Austria.

Mr. Loman is a 51-year-old Oklahoma-born Negro who has lived in this area since about 1936. He was permanent secretary to the New York State Communist convention in 1945.

He figured prominently in the Communist national convention here in February, 1957. He then supported William Z. Foster, now the party's chairman emeritus, and Davis, in their battle against John Gates. Gates was considered the leader of the nationalistic as against the pro-Soviet group in the party.

Mr. Loman had proclaimed that he had been the only member of the New York State party board to vote against a Gates group proposal to give up the party form and create a political and educational association. Other quarters contended there had been other dissenting votes.

## Named National Aide

Mr. Loman served in the convention's constitution committee, and was elected as one of twenty members-at-large on the new national committee. He was to hold office until the next convention.

Gates supporters began quitting after the convention. Mr. Gates resigned from the party on Jan. 9, 1958, after the Foster-Davis group had decided to turn *The Worker*, of which he had been editor in chief, from a daily into a weekly.

Mr. Gates' resignation charged that "substantial funds which would help to meet the paper's emergency are being deliberately withheld by a minority of

comrades" who opposed the 1957 convention program.

The Foster-Davis leadership has recently been under fire as "revisionist" and "Titoite" from what it calls "an ultra-left faction."

The national executive committee last August charged the so-called ultra-leftists with "consistent refusal to use party channels of debate, deliberate sabotage of party decisions and campaigns, and refusal to support *The Worker* or the party fund drive."

It also cited "extensive travel by representatives of the faction for the purpose of setting up local factional groups in different areas and similar actions."

The committee listed the ring-leaders as Harry Haywood, Armando Roman, Ted Allen and Joe Dougher. The committee proposed that district committees discipline or expel them.

The national committee decided last month to take a referendum this month to delay the next national convention until next November. The party deadline was next June.

It also called on the national executive committee to eliminate "any caucuses still operating within the party" and to work on a planned move of the national office to Chicago.