

Press Gives Prominence To CP Resolution

The draft resolution, issued this weekend by the National Committee of the Communist Party, received widespread attention of newspapers in New York.

The New York Times, Herald Tribune and New York Post all carried news accounts of the 23,000 word document, based on a press conference by Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Party.

In a lengthy front-page news story, Sunday's Times interprets the resolution with extensive quotes. The Times also prints close to a full page of excerpts from the document.

All news stories interpreted the resolution as confessing past mistakes of the party and proposing "drastic changes in program and structure."

News accounts also singled out key aspects of the resolution calling for an anti-monopoly coalition against big business and an increased struggle for Negro and labor rights.

Among the past errors of the party admitted in the resolution, and highlighted by the Times were: "The dogmatic application of Marxist theory to the American scene"; "left-sectarianism," or the overlooking of the role and views of non-Marxist organizations; incorrect approaches to Negro people's struggles; exaggerating the danger of war; overestimation of the fascist menace in America; and erroneous prediction of economic crises in the U.S. during the post-war period.

The Times said the resolution "looked to a new constitution, to be adopted by the convention, providing for an enlarged national committee and greater democracy and publicity for intraparty proceedings."