

Communist Party Invites Discussion on Program

The national office of the Communist Party has contracted for space in the Worker and in Political Affairs for the Party Discussion now under way. It is expected that the issue of the Worker of June 10 will inaugurate the discussion.

The Worker and the Daily Worker will continue to publish their own discussions in their letters columns and in articles.

In announcing the party discussion, a National Discussion Committee of the Communist Party issued the following statement:

"The recent National Committee meeting decided to hold a national convention around the end of December, 1956. For this purpose it decided to hold two discussions at all levels of the Party. The first is in process now, on the recent N.C. meeting and will continue until the September National Election Conference of the Party. This discussion will serve as the basis for the draft resolutions for the pre-Convention discussion for the National Convention.

"The National Committee has arranged that contributions to the discussion will be printed in The Worker starting June 10th (if enough material is ready by then), in Political Affairs, and in whatever district bulletins are established. The discussion printed in The Worker will not be a separate supplement, but part of the paper.

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IN ORDER to print the maximum number of contributions, articles in The Worker will be limited to 1000 words and in P.A. to 2000. Articles should be typed if at all possible, and sent to National Discussion Committee, CPUSA, 101 West 16th Street, NYC 11. Articles should be forwarded through the districts if possible. Unsigned articles cannot be accepted otherwise.

"We invite non-Party contributions to the discussion as well.

"We need hardly add that the purpose of this intensive discussion now under way in the Party and that will continue until the convention has as its prime purpose the overcoming of our isolation and should serve to stimulate and strengthen our mass work rather than substitute for it."

Soviets Say They Can Build Atomic Plane

LONDON, May 23.—The head of Russia's Atomic Energy Commission said today Soviet scientists now have "all the prerequisites" for building an atom-powered airplane.

E. P. Slavsky, head of the "Chief Directorate for Use of Atomic Energy," said in an interview broadcast by Moscow Radio:

"We shall work on the creation of atomic reactors and engines for sea vessels, land vehicles, aviation, and other transport.

"We are planning to build an ice-breaker with an atomic engine.

"We have all the prerequisites for building an airplane with an atomic engine in the near future."

Ullman Heard By Grand Jury

William Ludwig Ullman, former Treasury official and Air Force major, went before a Federal Grand Jury yesterday to purge himself of contempt for refusing to answer questions.

Ullman was the first victim of the new Federal immunity law, which withdraws the protection of the Fifth Amendment in "sedition" cases if "immunity" is granted.

The Supreme Court recently turned down Ullman's appeal against the immunity law.

Ullman was closeted with the Grand Jury about two hours.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas Bolan said that on the basis of answers Ullman gave the Grand Jury, he would be asked to return tomorrow for further testimony.

Ullman had been granted "immunity" from prosecution by Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld in February, 1935.