

# The Proposed C. P. Changes

By Robert Minor

A letter from Mr. W. Robert McCarthy, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Youth for Democracy, requests me to correct an error that appeared in my answer to a question, published in the Daily Worker on Feb. 18. A young man of 18 had formulated a question in such a way as to refer to the recent dissolution of the Young Communist League and the founding of the A.Y.D. as if what had happened was a "change in the name of the youth organization." In my answer I carelessly used the same terms in which the question was asked. I should have pointed out that the question was erroneously formulated and that the American Youth for Democracy is an entirely new organization, that the Young Communist League was altogether dissolved and did not "change its name." I stand corrected, with due apologies.

Answers  
to  
Questions

Mr. McCarthy's letter says:

"I wish to make clear that the outset that it was not a 'change in name' but rather the complete and unconditional dissolution of the Young Communist League that made it possible for myself and many other non-Communists to join with young Communists in the free and voluntary association around common aims which brought about the formation of the non-partisan and inter-racial organization of American Youth for Democracy.

"As I understand it the Commu-

nist Party is now discussing the question of finding the best form of organization for American Communists, a matter that is quite different from the formation of a non-partisan organization of the type of the American Youth for Democracy. As I understand it from the press, your adult Communist organization will continue to exist, with certain adjustments of its way of functioning and with a change of its name from 'party' to 'association.' The Communist youth organization, on the contrary, ceased to exist and its former members joined with non-Communists to form a non-partisan organization.

"The activities of the AYD involve the most varied forms and are participated in by young people of the widest political affiliations and mostly with no set political attachments. Our organization has brought about the integration of Communists and non-Communist youth in a single organization along lines dictated by the best experiences of the American youth movement.

"In this respect I do agree with Mr. Minor that the dissolution of the Young Communist League did result in an enormous increase in the organized cooperation of Communist and non-Communist youths who agree on the great decisive issue of support of the war."

"It is very interesting in this connection to note the statement of Winston Churchill in his recent speech with reference to the all-embracing unity established in the Yugoslav People's Movement as being initiated by the Communists. The Yugoslav Partisans have displayed a unity and singleness of

purpose in the struggle against youth's most vicious enemy, fascism, and the AYD will strive to emulate their glorious example.

"Before our convention many proposals were discussed in wide circles of the youth movement for the formation of such an organization as we now have in the American Youth for Democracy. Among the proposals was the one that the Young Communist League change its name and broaden its program. This was, however, withdrawn by the Young Communist League itself in recognition of the fact that no unilateral decision of any single group could achieve a broad democratic non-partisan unity.

"It should be made clear that we in the AYD can speak only for our organization and are responsible only for the decisions and actions of our national convention and our subsequent policies and activities.

"I think today it is important that all American discuss all problems related to facilitating cooperation between Communists and non-Communists who agree on the key issue of winning the war and rallying to the support of our Commander-in-Chief. Therefore, I wish to thank the Daily Worker for the opportunity to participate in the clarification of this point.

"Sincerely yours,

"W. ROBERT MCCARTHY,

Secretary-Treasurer."

The next question, to be answered in Saturday's Daily Worker, will be:

"What if our President were defeated at the coming elections and a reactionary elected was to refuse recognition of the Tehran decisions?"