

and no Negro women present at this meeting. They charged that the Party had failed to eliminate white chauvinism and urged that another meeting be held in the near future to deal exclusively with the Negro question.

To alleviate this situation, one western district of the Communist Party recommended that county committees should evaluate their Negro work by discussions with various Negro Party members; Negro committees should be established to analyze work in Negro communities; and each area should be examined for its activity in community organizations, trade-union and its educational programs.

B. Effects on Noncommunist Negroes (Negro Membership in the Communist Party)



Throughout its history, the Communist Party, USA, has constantly endeavored to increase its Negro membership. According to William Z. Foster, the highest percentage of Negro membership in the Communist Party was attained in 1947 when it totaled 17 per cent of the entire national membership.

Along with the decline of the national membership since 1948, the Communist Party has experienced an even greater decline, percentage-wise, in its Negro membership. At a national conference of the Party