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1. Petitioners Richmond, Connelly, Kusnitz, Steinberg, and

Spector are set free. <sup>H</sup> Richmond at the time of his indictment, had for

many years been the editor-in-chief, ~~executive editor~~ and ~~top director~~

of the Daily People's World, the official organ of the Party on the West

Coast. He had joined the party in 1931 and received his indoctrination

in communist technique at the offices of the Daily Worker, the official

party paper on the East Coast. In 1937 he was chosen by the Party's

Central Committee to be managing editor of the Daily People's World

and was transferred to California. From 1946 through 1948 he <sup>regularly</sup> regularly

attended ~~some~~ secret meetings of the state and county Boards of

the Party, admission to which was possible only by virtue of the fact that

his name appeared on a special list prepared by the <sup>Party chairman or its</sup> ~~Party's~~ security chief.

Party strategy was mapped out at ~~these~~ "very secret meetings" attended by

Richmond and

by the core of the Party machinery, including at least seven of the peti-

tioners here. Richmond served on a special committee with reference to

<sup>"pre-convention discussion"</sup> ~~convention planning~~ with petitioner Yates; he represented the <sup>Committee</sup> ~~State Board~~

at the 1950 convention; he addressed many Party meetings preaching the

"vanguard role" of the <sup>Party and the importance of the</sup> People's World in the Communist movement; and

his articles in the paper urged the "Leninist and Marxist approach."

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Gonnelly, a party member since 1938, was the Los Angeles

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editor of the People's World. During the mobilization effort *early in* ~~prior to~~

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World War II he devoted his efforts to "building up sentiment against . . . the war effort" among steel, aircraft, and shipyard workers. He attended the same secret meetings attended by Richmond.

There can be no question that the proof sustained the charges against Richmond and Connelly in the conspiracy. Their newspapers were the conduit through which the Party announced its aims, policies, and decisions, sought its funds, and recruited its members. It is the height of naiveté to claim that the People's World does not publish appeals to its readers to follow Party doctrine in seeking the overthrow of ~~the~~ the Government by force, but it is stark reality to conclude that such a publication provides an incomparable means of promoting the Party's aim of forcible seizure when the time is ripe.

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Petitioner Kusnitz, following an organizational indoctrination period in New York City, became a party leader in California in 1946, *served as "section organizer" and later as* and ~~was~~ "Organizational Secretary" in Los Angeles ~~when indicted~~. Her position was directly below that of the Chairman in Party hierarchy.

She attended many secret meetings and was present at a Party meeting

with petitioner Yates when Yates advocated the necessity of "Soviet support" and "Marxist-Leninist training" as a means of bringing about the Soviet <sup>type</sup> type of government . . . all over the world." She contributed articles to Communist publications and was very active in the "regrouping of . . . clubs into smaller units;" conducting a "six session leadership training seminar;" ~~carrying on campaigns for~~ carrying on campaigns for subscriptions to the People's World; and leading the ~~the~~ "Party Building drive" for the recruitment of members.

Petitioner Henry Steinberg, active in the Young Communist League, and associated with the Party since 1936, was the "educational director." He took part in the creation of the program for the Party's training schools in Los Angeles County. His "Education Department" sponsored several meetings, one honoring the 25th anniversary of the death of Lenin; he worked closely with petitioner Schneiderman, the Party Chairman in California; <sup>attended meetings regularly,</sup> was active in circulation drives for the People's World, and ~~he~~ was the principal speaker at many meetings.

<sup>move up</sup> Petitioner Spector has been active in the California Party since the early 1930's. He taught "Marxism-Leninism" in Party Schools and was

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<sup>307-308</sup> Division Organizer in Los Angeles County. He attended "underground

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attended meetings generally



meetings" with ~~other~~ petitioners, ~~including~~ Lambert, Dobbs, Healy,

Carlson, and Schneiderman. The witness Rosser testified that these

meetings were "so hid that you couldn't get to them unless you were

*A 704* invited and taken there." In 1946 he "conducted classes" for Party

members in Hollywood, and as a member of a committee of three Party

*delit* officials, he examined the witness Russell in 1947 on charges of being

a Party "police spy."

*He was referred to by a cohort as "well informed" on the teachings of Marx and Lenin and was announced as the instructor at a leadership training school on the subject of "the state"*