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“As for Troskyism, I have been a persistant and consistent opponent of its bankrupt negation. To-day it has thrown off its mask and boldly reveals its counter-revolutionary (T-1368) character. In its most recent basic document—the open letter of the Fourth International—Trotskyism shamefully declares ‘Nowhere in the world is genuine Leninism so bestially hounded as in the USSR.’

“Such a vicious statement is a basic Trotskyite concept coloring all its propaganda—at a time when the USSR is under attack from the official American Legion, the Liberty League, the Hearsts and the Macfaddens.

“The Communist movement in America has shown its vitality in forwarding a class struggle farmer labor party as the rallying ground for the masses in the battle against Fascism. Thus has the movement demonstrated its understanding of the American scene. Armed with that understanding the Communist Party will advance, certain in the knowledge (as Browder has stated) that it is the heir of 1776 and 1861, to which urgent call for unity in the face of the Fascist danger all workers, Socialist Party members in particular, must respond.”

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(Mr. McGohey hands paper to the jury.)

(T-1369) Mr. McGohey: Should I wait?

The Court: Yes, I think it better.

Mr. McGohey: I should think so.

The Court: What was the date of that, Mr. McGohey?

Mr. McGohey: October 2, 1935.

Q. Mr. Budenz, after that statement was published did you thereafter become a member of the Party? A. Yes, sir, I became an open member of the Party.

Q. What do you mean when you say you became an open member of the Party? A. Decision had been made,