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State Organization Urges Passage Of Anti-Lynch Bill

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—Claudia Jones, lovely 23-year-old girl and youth leader, was elected by acclamation chairman of the New York State Young Communist League at the second Empire state convention of the organization.

Her nomination for the office was greeted with a spontaneous demonstration of 434 cheering delegates of both races, and the election by accelamation salequed.

Miss Jones is an active member of the Coordinating Committee for Youth Action in Harlem. She is also active in the Federated Youth clubs. A number of the Young Communist League for the past three years, she was recently placed in charge of the Harlem regional organization of the league.

The state convention was held during the past week-end, and had as its central theme the rallying of all youth for the defense of peace and the preservation and extension of democracy. This theme was emphasized by special decorations.

There were panels on unemployment, work among the Race, student problems, peace, trade union work, and the convention received many concrete proposals from these groups.

Resolutions passed by the convention included one favoring enactment of federal anti-lynching legislation; another for the lifting of the arms embargo against Loyalist Spain, and a third demanding the release of the remaining imprisoned Scottsboro boys.

Resolutions were also adopted calling for continuation of WPA and assailing the cut by Congress in relief appropriations.

John Little, white, state secretary was re-elected, along with Sam Banks, white, administrative secretary, and Seymour Schuster, secretary-treasure.

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