

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

GUS HALL is the leading Communist spokesman in this country. During the past year he has spoken to thousands of students at colleges across the country and has been seen and heard by millions of Americans on television and radio.

Mr. Hall's advocacy of peaceful coexistence of countries with different social systems and his unqualified stand against thermonuclear war has received wide attention. His elaboration of Marxism-Leninism in relation to the American scene and his advocacy of a peaceful transition to socialism has seriously challenged the falsehoods and slanders made against Communists. In this pamphlet he discusses issues which are of importance to all Americans.

Mr. Hall served an eight-year sentence in Federal prison as one of the top leaders of the Communist Party on a frame-up charge under the fascist-like provisions of the Smith Act. He has also been under indictment on the "membership section" of the Smith Act since 1948, and is presently under bail and court restriction on that charge.

Together with Benjamin J. Davis, Mr. Hall is today facing trial for refusing to register the Communist Party under the odious definitions of the McCarran Act. They face possible sentences of up to \$60,000 in fines and thirty years imprisonment; their trial is now pending.

The case of the Communist Party is now before the Court of Appeals in a stand against the McCarran Act that is made in defense of the rights and constitutional liberties of all Americans.

Mr. Hall was born in Minnesota fifty-one years ago in a family of twelve. As a young man he became a trade union organizer and active in the socialist movement. He was a leader in the Little Steel Strike in Ohio, in 1937, and one of the founders of the United Steel Workers Union under the leadership of Phillip Murray. He served his country in the Navy during World War II.

He has run for public office, written and spoken as a Communist, and his pamphlets represent the authoritative view of American Communists. They include *End the Cold War*, *The United States in Today's World*, *The Summit Failure*, *Our Sights To the Future*, *Peace Can Be Won*, and *Marxism and Negro Liberation*.

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The Only Choice PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

By GUS HALL

Dr. Robert Hutchins said to a conference of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions meeting here in New York: "We believe that the rate of change in the modern world has produced a new predicament for man. Greater changes are coming in the future than any we have experienced. This Age of Change may be marked by violence and chaos or it may be an Age of Reason."

At this meeting the Research Center announced that it is going to spend millions of dollars each year for the next ten years to study the following questions:

- Can man in this new age control the surge of technology for the good of individual freedom and general welfare?
- Can man prevent total nuclear war which could destroy civilization?
- Can man provide a more abundant life for all without crippling losses of individual liberties? *But some losses!*
- Can man open up the resources of mind and spirit that could raise human life to the highest level of its potential?

And it concludes with the old socialist soap-box slogan (without giving due credit), "We believe an Appeal to Reason may still be heard."

You may rightly ask, why do I open my remarks by quoting

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