Green: 'People Will Not Be Silenced by Edict'

The following statement was issued here this week by Gil Green, Illinois State Chairman of the Communist Party, shortly after the Supreme Court decision upholding the conviction of "The 11" Communist leaders, of which he is one.

"It is a sad day for America when the High Court proceeds to make a cynical mockery of the Bill of Rights. It is this decision which constitutes a clear and present danger to the peace and liberty of the American people today.

"The meaning of the Supreme Court action is obvious. Our 'crime' is that we advocated and worked for peace at a time when Wall Street and Washington seek to plunge the world into a ghastly atomic war. With this decision the Supreme Court has completely succumbed to the war hysteria and joined the war pack.

"But the American people have still to be reckoned with. They will see through the anti-Communist barrage of poison gas. They will not be intimidated and silenced from speaking out against the senseless slaughter in Korea.

"They will speak up more vigorously than ever for their democratic rights, for the rights of the Negro people, in defense of their living standards and against the suicidal madness of a new war. This and this alone can save our people from the imminent threat of world war and fascism.

"As for me, this decision can imprison me, it cannot silence me. I shall continue to speak out for peace and to advocate the liberating principles of socialism. The truth cannot be jailed."