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FENG WEN-PIN TO LEAD
 NEW DEMOCRACY YOUTH

The Youth Movement is a very important phase of Chinese Communist Party organization. Formerly known as Communist Youth, it is now known as the New Democracy Youth Movement.

The Peiping radio of 11 April gives an account of the organization's first national convention, which was attended by 340 delegates representing 139,800 members. The meeting adopted a constitution, laid plans for work, and elected an executive committee. The convention chairman was Feng Wen-pin. (Ueda: 13,682, 4,321, 3,112).

As with the Ser Min Chu I Youth Corps of the KMT, the chairman or Party Leader is the titular head of the Youth Group, but its actual responsible officer is the General Secretary, to which post Feng Wen-pin was elected by the convention.

Feng has been a highly-placed leader of youth among the Communists for a long time. He is now 40 years old, a native of Chu-chi, in Chekiang. He joined the KMT in 1926, and the Communist Youth in 1927. In 1930, he went to the Soviet Region in west Fukien, and was soon engaged in youth work in the Fourth Army.

In 1933, the International Legion of Young Communists was organized, in which he was made political commissar. Later he became secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Youth. In 1937, the Youth Group was abolished, and he became chairman of the youth movement of the CCP. He set up at An-wu Pao in San-yuan County of Szechuan a youth training quarters where several thousand youth were trained. Later he was sent to Yen-an for further indoctrination or to battle areas or the rear for work, to extend the youth movement, and drill many student cadres for the Central Committee. In 1945, he was elected a member of the Central Committee and now is leader of their youth work.

Feng is clear-headed and affable, with a flair for youth work. He has a high place in both Party and Army, but it was bought with the sacrifice of many lives and the future by countless numbers of young men.

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