

LEFTISTS TO WEIGH UNITY IN 1960 RACE

National Parley of Various Groups Set for Cleveland—

McManus Is a Sponsor

Left-wingers are calling a national conference to study "united Socialist action," including a possible coalition for the 1960 Presidential race. The session is to be in Cleveland Nov. 28 to 30.

The listed sponsors include John T. McManus, Independent Socialist candidate for Governor here this fall; Vincent Hallinan of California, 1952 Progressive party candidate for President; former Gov. Elmer A. Benson of Minnesota, a Farmer-Laborite; Dr. Holland Roberts, who polled more than 400,000 votes as an independent candidate for California Superintendent of Public Instruction earlier this year, and the Rev. Joseph P. King, United Socialist candidate for the House in Chicago last Tuesday.

Older organizations invited include the Socialist Workers party, Socialist Labor party, Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation and Communist party, according to Eric Reinthaler of Cleveland, the conference secretary. Thirty-five hundred invitations have been mailed out, he said.

McManus Scans His Vote

The Communist party denounced Mr. McManus this fall for lining up with the Trotskyite Socialist Workers group in the new party. This presumably helped cut his city-wide vote to 23,538, as against 37,992 for Corliss Lamont, Independent Socialist candidate for Senator, and 27,096 for Hugh Mulzac for State Controller, both of whom the Communists endorsed.

Scott K. Gray Jr. polled 25,232 for Attorney General. Upstate returns are not yet available.

Mr. McManus said yesterday he believed that the Communist party "was able to influence only about 1,500" votes of the disparity.

Mr. Lamont's better showing, Mr. McManus said, reflected his being personally "well known, regardless of party, for his peace position and interest in civil liberties."

While disappointed that his party obviously failed to attract the 50,000 state-wide votes necessary to get on the next election ballot without petitions, Mr. McManus said the administrative committee would meet next Thursday night to decide the party's future.

"I think we'll stay in business," he added. He is publisher of The National Guardian weekly.

His party's campaign cost, he said, was "probably not in excess of \$15,000."