

# Small Vote May Cost Communist Party Place on the Ballot

The Communist Party, with only 42,075 votes recorded for Israel Amter, its gubernatorial candidate, today faced removal from the ballot unless tallies from missing election districts upstate raised its total vote to 50,000.

The Communists have been campaigning solely on the issue of opening a second front in Europe.

### Early Threat to ALP

Last June the party surprised political observers by placing a full ticket in the field thereby threatening to cut into the American Labor Party vote. Since then, however, the Communists and their followers in local unions praised both Dean Alfange, ALP nominee, and Amter as the only "win-the-war" candidates.

The party first directed an intensive campaign against Bennett charging that he and Farley were "appeasers and friends of Franco." During the past few weeks the Communists switched their attacks to Dewey.

Since the Communists lost their place on the ballot in 1936 for failure to poll the necessary

50,000 votes for governor, they nominated Amter this summer by filing petitions with the Secretary of State containing 50,000 signatures with at least 50 in each county.

### Investigation Of Lists

The lists were immediately challenged by the American Legion and civic groups. Last week, after the courts upheld Amter's right to run, the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities subpoenaed the petitions. The lists are now in Washington being examined by Dies Committee investigators.

In 1938 Amter polled 100,000 votes as candidate for Congressman-at-large. The party then claimed to have held the balance of power which resulted in the defeat of Dewey by Lehman by less than 65,000 votes.