

have stayed in to the next semester.

Q How, can you date the time of your leaving?

A I can date it most clearly by giving you the date of my joining the Communist Party, because my decision to leave Columbia was the same decision as to join the Communist Party.

Q What was that? What was that date?

A And I joined the Communist Party in the spring or early part of 1924. Now, several months may have elapsed between my leaving college and actually joining the Communist Party.

Q 1924?

A Yes. And I remember very distinctly sitting on a bench in front of the dormitories and making up my mind that that kind of life was bankrupt, and that I must seek another solution; and that solution was eventually the Communist Party.

Q Had you prior to determining to join the Communist Party attended any Communist meetings?

A No, I decided to join the Communist Party before I had attended any Communist meetings. I attended a meet-