

Charge Molotov Group Aided Purges in 1930's

MOSCOW, July 7.—The entire "Molotov group" today stood accused of participation in the mass purges and repressions of the mid-thirties. The press outcry against them continued.

Former Soviet President Nikolai Shvernik added his denunciation to that of Communist Party secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin in a speech at Leningrad yesterday.

Shvernik now heads the Party Control Commission, although Vyacheslav Molotov, Georgi Malenkov, Lazar Kaganovic and the other ousted leaders have lost their high party ranking and Government jobs, they still retained their party membership.

Shvernik accused Molotov and Kaganovich of responsibility for purges during the thirties, when Joseph Stalin was at the height of his powers.

One of the main points of Khrushchev's denunciation of the Molotov trio was that they opposed measures aimed at liquidating all vestiges of the Stalin "personality cult."

Khrushchev, Bulganin, President Kliment Voroshilov and other members of the leadership were warmly received by residents of Leningrad on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city.

Today, about 700,000 citizens turned out to parade before them. Izvestia, Soviet government ac-

cused Kaganovich of seeking unwarranted personal credit for his work as chief of Soviet transportation.

"Kaganovich's role in the development of railroad transport was incredibly exaggerated," Izvestia said. "He cultivated the impression that he alone deserved special credit for the success of transportation. However nobody but Kaganovich is responsible for the serious lag in the technical base for railroads (expansion)."

Shvernik, newly raised to the Presidium of the Communist Party denounced Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich for "violations of revolutionary legality."

NAACP to Meet In N.Y. in 1959

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will celebrate its 50th anniversary when it holds its convention in New York in 1959, it was announced at the weekend.

Next year, the 49th annual convention of the NAACP will be held in Cleveland.