

## THE CP STATEMENT

SOME newspapers are giving the expected treatment to the statement of the National Committee of the Communist Party on the recent resolution of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. These papers call the statement a "falling into line."

Actually, the latest statement by the National Committee is thoroughly consistent with the position it took on June 25. At that time the National Committee put several questions to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union with regard to the evaluation of Stalin. Other Communist Parties did the same.

The questioning resulted in the resolution of the Soviet Communist Party which gave an additional analysis of many of the points raised abroad. The American party welcomes this latest resolution as a "most valuable and important contribution to analyzing the origins, effects and lessons of the mistakes made by the CPSU under Stalin's leadership."

However, the National Committee holds that on two major questions which it raised in its June 25 statement, further discussion is needed. These are the questions of "bureaucratic distortions in a Socialist society, as well as the happenings in the sphere of Jewish cultural institutions and their leadership."

How all this constitutes a "falling into line," as some papers call it, is a mystery. To be more exact, it would be a mystery if we did not know what these papers are up to. It is evident they would be ready to concede that the American Communist Party is an independent organization only if it were to become anti-Soviet and anti-socialist. But obviously the Communist Party has no intention of trying to win a good behavior badge from the reactionary press. Where the Communist Party engages in fraternal discussion and criticism with other Communist Parties, this is done, not to please the big business press, but to "strengthen international working class solidarity." In our opinion, the latest Communist Party statement will do just this and for this reason will be welcomed, we are confident, by our readers.