

A FRATERNAL DISCUSSION

An Editorial

WE PUBLISH in this issue the complete text of a statement by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on the Stalin discussion.

This discussion, now going on among the various Communist Parties, is something new in the history of the Communist movements.

It is a fraternal, critical discussion, conducted on an equal basis among Marxists who are seeking the scientific answers to profound questions of importance to themselves, to the workingclass and to the general cause of democracy and socialism.

This discussion confounds the foes of socialism who insist that there is nothing new in the Communist movements and that the unmistakable evidence of independence and equality is all a "plot."

The recent declaration of the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union and of Yugoslavia stated that the "delegations have agreed, guided by the principles of Marxism-Leninism, to a prompt mutual cooperation and exchange of views in the field of socialist scientific thought both in

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their mutual relations and in the international workers' movement in general."

It is in this spirit that various Communist Parties, including the American, raised questions regarding the speech of Nikita Khrushchev on Stalin—particularly with regard to the need for a deeper explanation of the errors and crimes ascribed to Stalin.

In the latest chapter in this discussion, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has now given its reply to some of these questions. Many Marxists will feel satisfied with the answers which the Soviet Communist Party now presents. Many will feel that the final answers still need to be found and that the discussion must continue.

The Daily Worker will have more to say on the Soviet Communist Party's statement in the future and we will keep our readers informed, as the discussion goes on, of the views of Marxists here and throughout the world.

A deeper probing of the errors in the Soviet Union can only result in speeding the profound changes already getting under way in that country. It can be of invaluable help to the Communist movements elsewhere, and to the cause of co-existence and world peace.