

# RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF GATES' RESIGNATION

A recommendation to the National Committee of the Communist Party that it accept the resignation of John Gates was voted by the National Administrative Committee of the party, according to a statement it made public Friday night. Gates, who also resigned as editor of The Daily Worker, made known his decisions in a letter to the National Committee mailed Thursday night, and in a press conference Friday morning.

The NAC statement said appropriate party bodies later will consider "the political views of Gates and his expressed opposition to our party," but indicated that these views, treated as page one news in several papers, were something less than a surprise.

Gates, it said, had "utilized to the hilt the right of dissent within the organization," as well as availing himself of the benefits of the commercial press.

The NAC denied Gates' claim that the program adopted by the last national convention of the party, in February, "has been betrayed." It said Gates was "unable to see that this crisis is a passing though painful stage in the party's life," which it is "moving to overcome," while carrying out convention promises.

Gates' resignation will only hurt according to the NAC, the "building and maintaining" of The

Worker, whose weekly edition will continue to print. The NAC concluded that Gates "had become an avowed opponent of the Communist Party and its Marxist, American workingclass program."

For the dozen or more reporters who with as many or more cameramen and technical aides from TV, radio and newsreel studios and news rooms, tramped into the George Washington room of the Hotel Albert for Gates' press conference, it was a long wait before they could put questions. Seated alone on a dais Gates read two letters, that to the NC resigning, and one sent, he said, a week earlier to members of the NC protesting closing of the Daily Worker.

Then, on request of TV men, he re-read the first letter. Then he read their chosen paragraph from the second in which he charged the newspaper was "not dying a natural death—it is being murdered," that it was being "destroyed by a small group of reckless comrades in the leadership."

"I know that many in America will conclude from my resignation that this is added proof that the Communist Party is a foreign agent and a conspiracy. I wish to deny that emphatically," he said. "The party is a futile and impotent sect of no importance in this country."