

NEW HUNGARY PARTY CALLS RIOTS COUNTER-REVOLUTION

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BUDAPEST—The provisional executive committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party met here Dec. 2, 3 and 5. After hearing a report by Premier Kadar it discussed the events which led up to the Oct. 23 outbreak and what happened since then.

Of the 23 members of the committee, 21 participated in the discussion, unanimously approving a declaration which enumerated the following four main causes for the events:

1. The sectarian and dogmatic policy of the Rakosi-Gero clique in party and government since 1948, creating a situation in which no one was allowed to contradict this group.

2. Methods used by inner-party opposition, particularly by Nagy's group, in taking criticism outside the party, thus making it easy for enemies of socialism to take advantage of the situation. Writers in the Petofi circle are also criticized, "whatever their subjective desires and intentions."

3. The fundamental preparatory part was played by Horthy fascists and other counter-revolutionary elements working internally, while Hungarian emigres, backed by U. S. dollars, organized the main force in West Germany.

The advance guard of these forces was sent into the country before Oct. 23.

4. The forces of international reaction also played an important part by their cold-war attacks on the various measures taken in Hungary since 1945 such as land reform, and the nationalization of banks and industry.

These forces did not want to correct mistakes but to overthrow people's democracy and re-establish capitalism.

So, says the committee, the events cannot be considered either as a revolution or a national revolution but only as counter-revolution.

This declaration will inevitably come as a shock to many people here, especially some writers, students and journalists, for a great deal of confusion still exists.

The new leadership is under no illusion that it will be easy to convince the people on these points of principle, but it is sure this must be done, however, unpopular that may be just now.

"We know that it is going to be difficult, a member of the committee told me. "No honest socialist or patriot likes to find himself wearing the cloak of counter-revolution.

"But we feel that the time has come to declare openly that this was counter-revolution and that, however just the demands put forward, the action taken during those days weakened the Hungarian People's Republic and only helped the forces which wanted to overthrow the Republic.

"We are going to fight for the recognition of this truth, not only in the interests of the Hungarian working people, but in the interests of the international working-class movement as a whole.