

# HOWARD FAST SAYS TIMES DISTORTED HIS STATEMENT

Howard Fast charged last week that Harry Schwartz of the N. Y. Times had quoted him out of context in Schwartz's report on an article written by Fast for future publication.

Queried by the Times concerning a statement by Daily Worker editor John Gates, which accused Fast of "lending grist to the mill of those" sponsoring the Smith Act, Fast declared:

"I flatly deny not only the legend of force and violence, but every other manufactured slander that has been hurled against the Communist Party."

Fast also said that in the article which had quoted a millionaire

"sympathizer" as saying that revolution would be violent, he had added: "Never had I heard a Communist talk in such terms." Fast charged that Schwartz, the Times writer, had omitted this sentence and quoted him out of context.

Schwartz had also written in the Times that Gates' remarks on Fast had been prepared for publication in the Daily Worker. Actually Schwartz had asked Gates for a statement, which Gates gave him over the telephone, and it was the statement that the Daily Worker published.

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