

# Moscow Intervenes in CP Fight With Smear Attack on Clark

Virtually on the eve of the national convention of the Communist Party which will take up the conflict between the Gates-Daily Worker group and the Stalinist Foster group over the future of the party, the not unexpected intervention came from the Russians in the shape of a blast in the magazine *Soviet Russia* against a leader of the dissident tendency.

Singled out for attack was *Daily Worker* foreign editor Joseph Clark, who has been among the most vigorous critics of the old habits and approaches of the Communist movement. The Russian penman assigned to the job of denigrating Clark called him "right wing," "national-Communist," and hinted at connections with Dulles and "bourgeois nationalism."

In a preliminary comment and rejoinder, Clark wrote that "As several Polish and Yugoslav Communists have pointed out, Soviet publications often attack something they do not quote, or if they quote, it will often be out of context. Thus, I find it difficult to discern anything I wrote in the accounts quoted from *Sovietskaya Rossiya*."

Most of his reply is taken up with arguing that it is good Marxism and Leninism to adapt the ideas of the great socialist leaders to the national conditions of the U. S.

"Whoever coached the editor of *Sovietskaya Rossiya*," Clark also remarks, "certainly gave him an inflated idea of my importance." However, most political observers understand that the Russian attack on Clark was designed to intimidate other CP dissident elements as an assurance of success for the Foster-Dennis leadership.

An editorial in the *Daily Worker* assured its readers that the attack in the Russian organ will not be taken as instructions by "American Communists," who, it said, will make up their own minds at the convention. This assertion of political independence has been generally taken as a reflection of the Gates group's views.

On Monday (in the same issue which reported the Russian blast), the *Daily Worker's* letter column printed an interesting exchange. A reader challenged Clark to give evidence for his assertion that the Stalinists in the Polish CP used anti-Semitism against the Gomulka

leadership. In reply Clark cites a number of items, including the *Po Prostu* statement quoted in *LA* Jan. 28. His first citation, however, was from a Canadian Communist leader, J. B. Salsberg, who tied it up with Khrushchev himself:

"Comrades, recently returned from Poland, have confirmed the following facts. First, that Comrade Khrushchev on his arrival in Warsaw while the Polish Central Committee was meeting said that he would never allow Poland to fall into the hands of the imperialists and Zionists. Surely this is the language of interference. In addition it has an anti-Jewish bias, otherwise why add the word 'Zionist' to the word 'imperialists'?"

The Communist Party convention opens February 9.

## THE EISENHOWER Is It 'Go-

By SAM TAYLOR

The Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East cleared its first hurdle when the House of Representatives passed it by the overwhelming vote of 355-61. And the Senate will give it a similar majority later this month.

In Washington, as elsewhere in the country, the major emphasis was in an effort to find out exactly what the doctrine proposed to do in concrete circumstances. It is a vaguely worded statement which constitutes a blank check for the administration to do anything it wishes up to and including Korean-type "police actions" and Guatemalan-type revolutions.

A pall of confusion settled over Washington as congressmen struggled to find out what was the policy for the Middle East, other than being against Communism.