

EDITOR OF WORKER BERATED IN SOVIET

Party's Political Organ Calls
Gates 'Pseudo Communist'
and a 'Revisionist'

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John Gates, editor of The Daily Worker, has been attacked as a "revisionist" by the Soviet magazine Kommunist, chief political organ of the Soviet Communist party.

The latest issue of the magazine to reach here indicates that Mr. Gates is one of the "pseudo Communists" whom Nikita S. Khrushchev alluded to in his interview in May with Turner Catledge, managing editor of The New York Times. The article in Kommunist was written by B. Ponomarev, the Soviet Communist party's chief specialist on other Communist parties.

Mr. Gates yesterday labeled the Soviet description of him as a "distortion." He said "it doesn't surprise me that foreign Communists don't understand my views when so many Communists here don't either."

The Kommunist article is the first public Soviet attack on Mr. Gates by name, though Soviet partiality has often been expressed for the "leftist" Communist faction here headed by William Z. Foster. Early this year a Soviet newspaper attacked Joseph Clark, then foreign editor of The Daily Worker. This week Mr. Clark announced his resignation from the Daily Worker staff and the Communist party.

Article by Gates Scored

As for Mr. Gates, the article in Kommunist referred to one that he published in November, 1956. In it, the magazine charges, he attempted "despite the real situation to show that the danger of a new world war has altogether disappeared inasmuch as all countries have already entered a new era of peaceful coexistence."

Kommunist declares that Mr. Gates believes the Communist party here was "created in a period of a revolutionary situation, a period that is over for the American working class, which needs an organization suited to the new situation—a non-party political action association."

It accuses Mr. Gates of wanting an organization including both supporters and opponents of Marxism-Leninism. It alleges that such an organization would be based on "anarchistic principles of 'freedom' from discip-

line and from fulfillment of party decisions."

The Kommunist article tries to show that its position is supported by the resolution adopted at the last Communist party convention to continue the party. The article does not quote portions of the same resolution denying that all proposals to end the party are "revisionist."