

U. S. Red Leaders Admit Party Crisis; Clark Is Denounced

The National Administrative Committee of the Communist party in the United States has acknowledged that the party is passing through a period of deep crisis. But the committee professed to see better times ahead for American Communists.

The committee's comments were prompted by Joseph Clark's resignation on Monday from the party and as foreign editor of *The Daily Worker*. In a statement scheduled to be published today in that newspaper the committee condemned Mr. Clark's resignation and said he had become a casualty of the struggle in which the party was currently involved.

Involved in the internal party struggle are two groups, one inclined to a strong pro-Soviet Union stand. The other has adopted a less militant pro-Soviet position.

"If the struggle is proceeding slowly and with difficulty," the committee said, "it is because of the deep crisis through which the party is passing."

The committee, the top policy-making group within the party, accused Mr. Clark of having lost "all conception of a sound working class attitude toward the Soviet Union." Mr. Clark, in his statement of resignation, declared that "socialism can be served only by a complete break with Stalinism."

The committee said Mr. Clark had lost his theoretical bearings. The former foreign editor had written that the American Communist party had "become a hindrance rather than a means for advancing socialism" in this country.

The committee's reaction was one of dismay. Its statement said: "Unable to see that this crisis is a passing though painful stage in the party's life, [Mr. Clark] has lost faith in the party and its future. He cannot see that the party * * * has a future of new and significant growth and influence."

The committee also urged Mr. Clark "to reconsider his mistaken views and the harmful action resulting from them."

Five Seek Dismissal

BOSTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Federal District Judge Bailey Aldrich took under advisement today motions to dismiss indictments against five alleged leaders of the Communist party in Massachusetts.

The five are charged with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

The defendants are Otis A. Hood, long-time leader of the party in Massachusetts; Anne Burlak Timpson, Michael Russo, reportedly the party's chief organizer in Massachusetts; Sidney S. Lipshires, past state secretary of the party, and Daniel Boone Schirmer. All are from Boston.