

# Soviet Backs Foster's Faction, Attacks 'Right Wing' U.S. Reds

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The Soviet Communist party made unmistakably clear yesterday that it favored victory for William Z. Foster's faction at the United States Communist party "national convention," which opens here Saturday.

In language similar to that employed by Mr. Foster in an article published last October, the Moscow newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya* attacked "right-wing elements" among American Communists and singled out for particular criticism Joseph Clark, foreign editor of *The Daily Worker* here.

As reported by *The United Press*, the Soviet newspaper linked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and right-wing Communists here as advocates of a "national communism" that would "divide and conquer" the Communist world.

Right-wing Communists here, and Mr. Clark in particular, were accused of maintaining that Soviet revolutionary experience was not applicable to this country, of trying to separate Leninism from Marxism, and of contending that many principles of Marxism were "obsolete and inapplicable for the United States."

Mr. Clark refused to comment on the Moscow attack. Alan Max, managing editor of *The Daily Worker* and one of the leaders of the anti-Foster faction, appeared to indicate that his group was standing by its guns and would not bow to the Moscow attack.

Mr. Max said that in reporting the Moscow attack *The Daily Worker* today would interpolate into its article several relevant paragraphs of the Draft Resolution to be laid before the party's national convention. When adopted by the Communist national committee last September, the draft resolution was opposed by Mr. Foster. It has been endorsed editorially by *The Daily Worker*.

The interpolated section of the draft resolution declares that American Communists must distinguish between those elements of Lenin's theories that are valid for all countries and those that reflect features of the Soviet experience. It also declares "the Communist party will have to be bolder in re-examining certain Marxist-Leninist theories which, while valid in a past period, may have become outdated and rendered ob-

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solete by new historical developments."

The interpolated section also points out that Communists have "discarded as obsolete Lenin's thesis that war is inevitable under imperialism." This change in Communist dogma was announced last February by the Soviet Communist party chief, Nikita S. Khrushchev, at the Soviet Communist Congress in Moscow.

## Third Outburst From Soviet

Yesterday's attack was the third recent indication of Moscow displeasure with some groups of American Communists, particularly those associated with The Daily Worker. The two earlier indications had been an attack on The Daily Worker's editorial disapproval of the Soviet military intervention in Hungary last November and a short, but bitter, onslaught on "rightists" among American Communists by the Soviet Communist party magazine, Partinaya Zhizn.

There has been much speculation recently that the right-wing elements among American Communists, whose leader is generally taken to be John Gates, editor in chief of The Daily Worker, were weakening under the pressure of Moscow's displeasure. One sign so interpreted by some observers was the decision of New York State Communists, where right-wing elements are particularly strong, a week ago not to press for immediate conversion of the Communist party into a Communist political education association.

Since yesterday's Moscow attack came after the concessions made by the right wing at the New York meeting, the inference would seem indicated that the Soviet leaders were still unsatisfied and demanded both the victory of Mr. Foster's group and the serious rewriting of the draft resolution.

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