

CITY COLLEGE GROUP HEARS GATES SPEAK

John Gates, former editor of The Daily Worker who was barred from speaking at City College a year ago, addressed a student group there yesterday.

Mr. Gates had been prevented from appearing at any of the six municipal colleges because he was a Communist convicted of conspiracy under the Smith Act.

He announced his resignation on Jan. 10 from the Communist party and from the newspaper. The presidents of the city's colleges, in their capacity as the administrative council of the Board of Higher Education, decided Feb. 25 that since Mr. Gates had apparently changed the position that led to his conviction, the rule no longer had to be applied in his case.

He appeared at City College under the auspices of Observation Post, a student newspaper. About 250 persons attended his speech in the John H. Finley Student Center.

Mr. Gates reiterated his view that the Communist party for all practical purposes had ceased to exist. However, he said he still had no faith in capitalism. He contended that a Socialist movement was needed in the United States and declared that there is "a base right now for a radical movement in this country."

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