

Togliatti Stresses Independent CPs

ROME, June 17.—Italy's Communist Party Secretary Palmiro Togliatti criticized Soviet Communist Party leader, Nikita Khrushchev and stressed the national paths to Socialism.

He said it was all very well for the Soviet leaders to criticize Stalin. But he said what is needed is their explanation based on Marxist criteria of how such errors "got mixed up with the development of a socialist society."

"The question of the responsibility of the entire directing group must be considered," he said. "This includes those comrades who today have taken the initiative in denouncing the errors of Stalin and their consequences.

"I exclude the explanation that it was impossible to change things because of the presence of a military and police force which kept control of the situation with methods of terror.

"The error of Stalin's collaborators lay in not seeing that they had let him do as he wished until

it was too late to make a change."

The Soviet Union remains the "first great model of the construction of a Socialist society," Togliatti said, but "the front of Socialist construction has broadened. The Soviet mode cannot and must not be obligatory any more."

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after his arrival at a fund-raising Father's Day picnic in his behalf.

Asked if he thought he had the nomination in the bag, Stevenson replied without hesitation, "I think so."

"I think things are looking fine, just fine," the 1952 Presidential candidate continued. "I think I am the man to beat."

The former Illinois Governor said he believed he has "probably better than 500" convention votes at this time, but refused to speculate on how many roll calls would be required to win the nomination.

Stevenson said New York Gov. Averell Harriman appeared to be the No. 2 man in the race for the nomination. He turned aside questions on possible vice presidential candidates, but said he wouldn't "rule out" Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) as his running mate.

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clared. "The whole complex of the socialist system is becoming polycentric (of many centers)."

Togliatti aired his views in a question-and-answer article published by the party organ "L'Unita."

"We welcome the fact that among the Communist Parties which are in power, a desire not to fall into the errors of Stalin is developing," he said. "It will be up to us to devise our method and our own way of guaranteeing ourselves against the dangers of stagnation and bureaucratization in order to resolve the problems of liberty for the working masses."

His criticism of the present Soviet leadership consisted of three main points:

1—It was no reasonable excuse to claim, as Khrushchev did, that the power of the Army and police prevented other Russian leaders from deposing Stalin when his faults became clear.

2. The present Soviet leaders led the "campaign which boosted Stalin as a demi-god."

3. The Soviet leaders kept Communist Parties outside Russia completely in the dark about the true state of affairs in Russia.

While recognizing Stalin's "errors," Togliatti pointed out that he accomplished many "good things" which are being ignored by some critics.

Palmiro Togliatti, General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party, has declared for ever greater independence of all Communist Parties and stressed the differing paths of various countries to socialism.

In an article for the magazine *Nuovi Argomenti*, according to yesterday's N.Y. Times, Togliatti opposed the notion that there is "a unique guide within the Communist movement but rather of progress accomplished by following different roads."

Noting the shock of the Khrushchev revelations Togliatti said:

"However, I do not think it follows that there will be a diminution in mutual trust and solidarity among various parties of the Communist movement."

"However, there is no doubt not only of the necessity but of the desire for an always greater autonomy of judgment, and this can

only do our movement good. The internal political structure of the world Communist movement is changing today."

Concerning the Soviet Union Togliatti said it remains "the first great model of the construction of a Socialist society."

"In every country," Togliatti wrote, "governed by Communists, different objective and subjective conditions and traditional and organizational forms of the movement can and ought to have their influence."

Concerning the lessons of the Stalin reappraisal Togliatti stressed the need of avoiding "the perils of bureaucratic degeneration, of the smothering of the democratic movement, of confusion between the constructive revolutionary force and the destruction of revolutionary legality, of the detachment of economic and political direction from life, initiative, criticism and the creative activity of the masses."

According to the N. Y. Times Togliatti criticized the Soviet Communists for not making it clear that while Stalin "committed many errors" he also "did many good things."

"And it is up to us to work out our own method and way of life so that we become clear guarantees against the perils of stagnation and bureaucratization."

Stalin's errors, Togliatti says, did not destroy the fundamental features of Soviet society, but adds that if they had been continued they would have created grave perils. While denying the need, as he saw it, for "institutional changes" in the USSR, Togliatti said:

"This does not mean that there ought to be rather profound modifications, some of which as a matter of fact, are already taking place."

Transit

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union. TWU, the established union in transit for the last 20 years, is an industrial organization. TWU won an union representation election in 1954 by an overwhelming majority and has since been recognized by the Transit Authority as the sole collective bargaining representative for the 35,000 transit employes. It does not have the union shop, however.

MBA, claiming it represents 2,000 motormen, asked the city for recognition although the TWU contract runs to Dec. 31, 1957. Several weeks ago, City Labor Commissioner Nelson Seitel met with MBA spokesmen and with representatives of the American Transport Union, another group fighting the TWU.

Seitel's action apparently gave these groups encouragement. TWU, backed by the AFL-CIO, protested. A conference with Mayor Wagner and other city officials took place. The Mayor then issued a statement affirming the contract with TWU as sole union representative for all transit workers and rebuked Seitel.

STRIKE PLANS

The MBA, in response, issued a strike call for Wednesday, June 20, to press its demand for recognition on behalf of the motormen. The Transit Authority made preparations to break any such strike action. It was one such TA move that precipitated the wildcat strike last Thursday.

The Authority decided to use supervisors who were formerly motormen to run trains in case the MBA struck the subways June 30. It asked motormen to take these for

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