

MOSCOW ATTACKS PARTIES THAT SET OWN NATION FIRST

Pravda Reply to Polish View Stresses Ideological Unity of All Communists

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MOSCOW, Dec. 23—The Soviet Communist party denounced today elements inside the Communist world who placed "nationalism" above unity with other Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

Pravda, the party newspaper, warned that those Communists who favored "going it alone" threatened a serious breach in the Communist world's "solid front." It said that "talk about imaginary national communism" was contrary to fundamental Communist doctrines laid down by Marx and Lenin.

This attack was directed against Polish Communists who recently have raised demands that their national aspirations should receive more attention.

Wider Aim Indicated

However, by extension it was aimed at Yugoslavia, where the theme of "national communism" has received its fullest support, and at elements in Hungary and other "people's democracies" where signs of nationalism have emerged increasingly of late.

This seemed to be a major statement of policy. It was regarded by observers as having special significance at this time.

Ideological problems raised by the events of the last few months, and especially the matter of relationships within the so-called Communist commonwealth, are reported by reliable sources to be occupying considerable attention of the leading Soviet Communists.

The statement was signed by A. Azizyan, a commentator. It replied to questions raised in the Polish newspaper Nowa Kultura. Like most discussions of this kind the article centered on an important, but fine, point in Communist theory: What is "proletarian internationalism"?

The Polish writer who had raised the question, M. Bibrowski, was all wrong in his definition, Pravda said.

The Matter of Definitions

He had suggested that proletarian internationalism meant working out relations among Communist and Workers parties and among Socialist countries on a basis of "coexistence" and without tendencies toward domination of one by another. He suggested Communists should fight against "Stalinism" as well as against "reaction."

Pravda disagreed emphatically. It insisted that the classic call to revolution by Marx and Engels more than 100 years ago—"Workers of the world, unite!"—was even more "realistic" now.

The Soviet organ insisted that Communists owed their loyalty not to individual nations but to the Soviet Union and other members of the Communist

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camp who "have already embarked on the Socialist path of development."

In its warning to the Poles not to raise nationalist goals too high, Pravda recalled Lenin's attacks on "narrow-minded nationalism" and "nationalistic distortions."

Pravda noted that M. Bibrowski had not even mentioned the classic struggle against "bourgeois nationalism and reformism." To the Communist, Pravda said, the interests of the workers and of socialism are more important than those of nations.

As for "Stalinism," Pravda said, "we know of no such doctrine." It praised Stalin as an "eminent Marxist" whose services to the revolutionary movement are common knowledge." However, it conceded he had committed "serious errors," both theoretical and practical. It said the Soviet party would continue to fight vigorously against "the harmful consequences of the cult of Stalin's personality."

"It must be clear to everyone who has a good grasp of Marxism-Leninism that Stalin did not leave behind any sort of special doctrine of his own," Pravda said.

Pravda said the "fight against so-called Stalinism" was being used by the enemies of communism to disguise their real intentions.

The newspaper also acknowledged that the Soviet Union had made serious blunders in the past in its relations with other Communist countries, but hastened to add it had condemned those errors itself and was correcting them. It cited recent agreements with Poland and Rumania as evidence of the "new look" in relations between Communist parties and countries.

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