

REDS STILL SPLIT IN U. S. ON STALIN

Any Major Differences in National Leadership' to Be Published, Party Says

By HARRISON E. SALISBURY

The leadership of the Communist party of the United States indicated yesterday that serious disagreements were continuing over the post-Stalin party line.

A party statement promised that any major differences among the national Communist leaders would be placed on record next month, at which time a draft resolution on party policy would be issued.

The statement added support to previous indications that deep differences of opinion had arisen among the American Communist leadership over the course to be followed in the light of the disclosures on Stalin.

On the basis of published statements of leading United States Communists, there appear to be three lines of opinion.

William Z. Foster, the national chairman, long known as a staunch Stalin supporter, has taken a firm line, insisting that very little has been changed by the denunciation of Stalin.

A middle-of-the-road position has been taken by the party secretary, Eugene Dennis. A statement by him was republished by the Soviet party organ, Pravda, to serve as a platform from which the Soviet party's Central Committee could issue a declaration July 1, replying to various criticisms from parties abroad.

A much sharper and more critical line toward Moscow and the Soviet party has been voiced by the United States party organ, The New York Daily Worker. This is said to reflect the views of the editor, John Gates; the managing editor, Alan Max, and the foreign editor, Joseph Clark.

'Wide' Discussion Cited

The Worker group has criticized Moscow's failure to publicize Stalin's anti-Semitic excesses and has asked questions about the role of Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet party chief, and other Soviet leaders during the Stalin era.

Yesterday's statement by the National Committee of the United States Communist party acknowledged that "wide and vigorous" discussion had occurred "in all levels" of the party.

It said the discussion would continue until a party conference meets Sept. 15. The conference will draft a resolution to be submitted to a party congress in December.

Any major differences in the national leadership in respect to the draft resolution will also be published," the statement said.

The differences are thought to have been reflected in a statement that the National Committee of the American party drafted July 19 and made public July 25. The statement approved the Soviet response to foreign criticisms but continued to insist on certain reservations.

Pravda has been methodically publishing reports of such resolutions by foreign parties.

However, the American resolution was not rushed into print. In fact it had not been printed at all through July 29, the date of the most recent issue of Pravda to arrive in New York.

In contrast, Pravda lost no time in printing a statement by Mr. Foster characterizing the Soviet party's line as "a correct Marxist analysis."

Whether Pravda sought to demonstrate a preference for the views of Mr. Foster over those of the American party resolution was uncertain.