

KHRUSHCHEV BIDS REDS COPY STALIN IN BASIC MATTERS

Party Chief, at Fete for Chou, Upholds Dictator as True Communist on Key Issues

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MOSCOW, Jan. 17—Nikita S. Khrushchev renewed his defense of Stalin tonight to enthusiastic applause from Communist China's Premier Chou En-lai.

The stocky leader of the Soviet Communist party hailed the dictator as "an example of a good Communist" when it came to "fighting for the interests of the working class."

While conceding that Stalin had made mistakes, Mr. Khrushchev said they had not been "essential" and asked that "God grant that every Communist should be able to fight like Stalin."

Premier Chou stood next to Mr. Khrushchev and repeatedly applauded as the Russian defended the late Soviet leader.

Unity Is Affirmed

The occasion for the eulogy and for new pledges of Chinese-Soviet unity was a reception given by the Chinese Embassy in Mr. Chou's honor. The Premier returned to Moscow from Budapest today and is scheduled to leave Saturday for India.

This afternoon Mr. Chou and the Soviet leaders exchanged expressions of loyalty and pledges of continued cooperation at a rally in the great Kremlin Palace. Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin spoke for the Soviet Union on that occasion and thanked Mr. Chou for his support of Soviet intervention in Hungary. The Chinese leader replied with an expression of his country's gratitude for Soviet economic assistance.

Premier Chou returned from his tour of Poland and Hungary with the warning that Communists should increase their vigilance against "imperialist" plots. He said some elements were "trying to inflame the nationalist feelings of Socialist states with demagogic slogans of freedom and democracy."

Yugoslav Visit Weighed

The possibility emerged tonight that after his present tour the Chinese leader might visit Yugoslavia. Asked about such a trip, he said he would be willing to go but that the time had not been settled.

As Mr. Khrushchev spoke and Mr. Chou applauded at the reception, the unity of views between Chinese and Russians took on new clarity. Numerous toasts to "eternal friendship" set the stage for the Soviet party secretary's remarks.

He began by saying he did not want to talk about "imperialism" for a change and conceded he did so only with considerable effort. His bitter verbal assaults on the British, French, Israelis and Americans in recent months have caused Western diplomats to walk out from Soviet social occasions.

Mr. Khrushchev said Stalin

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had been criticized because of his "defects." He added that Lenin had seen Stalin's weaknesses and that they had developed as Lenin predicted.

"But in the essentials—and the essentials are class interests—God grant that every Communist should be able to fight like Stalin to defend them," Mr. Khrushchev continued.

The party leader said "Stalinism" had become a "term of abuse" for some. He declared that Communists regarded "Stalinism" as "intransigence, refusal to compromise, to fight to the end for the triumph" of communism. He said all Communists considered it a "matter of pride" to be as true to their doctrine as Stalin was.

Mr. Khrushchev said it was a mistake to equate criticism of Stalin's errors with criticism of Marxism as an ideology. He said Communists would "fight to the end" for the victory of their system.

Recalling a remark about the "burying" of capitalists that he made recently, Mr. Khrushchev said he had meant that capitalism would "die a natural death without any violence on our part." He added that "of course we will contribute to it what we can."

Obviously pleased by Mr. Chou's earlier remark that China had drawn on Soviet experience and would continue to do so, Mr. Khrushchev offered numerous toasts to Mr. Chou and to the Chinese. The Chinese Premier returned them with warmth and enthusiasm.

Tomorrow Mr. Chou will be a guest at a Kremlin reception that will give the two parties one more opportunity to proclaim to the world their unity of purpose and their determination to cooperate fully in attaining their ends.

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