

FAST TELLS OF BIG LOSS

Says Soviet Has \$500,000 in Royalties He Can't Recover

Howard Fast said yesterday he had \$500,000 in rubles on deposit in the Soviet Union when he quit the Communist party last year. The money—2,000,000 rubles — represented royalties on his novels.

In an interview on the National Broadcasting Company "Look Here" television program, the 42-year-old author of works such as "Citizen Tom Paine" said he would never get the Soviet royalties now. Mr. Fast said this showed he had not left the Communist movement "for financial gain."

"My financial situation is far worse now than it was then," he noted.

Mr. Fast said he had been a party member here from 1943, believing he was fighting against fascism. He quit after Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet Communist party leader, had confirmed the existence of Stalinist terrorism in the Soviet Union.

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