

REDS GIVE FOSTER 'EMERITUS' POST

Former Head of Communist Party in U. S. Gets New Title in Reorganization

William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist party here from 1932 until last February, has been moved into a "chairman emeritus" post. A new sixty-six-member national committee has started reorganizing the party.

The new committee announced yesterday that it had also adopted a report criticizing "certain inadequacies and shortcomings" in the Communist press. John Gates, editor of The Daily Worker, has been regarded as champion of a more independent nationalist role for the party. Mr. Foster, who was 76 years old last Feb. 25, has had Soviet favor.

The committee cited "the need of improving the reportage of life and events in the Socialist lands, especially for providing a more thoroughgoing Marxist analysis of the foreign policy of these countries." The Daily Worker last fall decried Soviet military intervention in Hungary.

Executive Unit Formed

The national committee said it held its first meeting here on April 27 and 28. Twenty members at large were elected by the national convention last February. Forty-six were named by state organizations.

A twenty-member executive committee was set up to act as the main policy body between quarterly meetings of the full committee. Included were all three factions that have been struggling for party power—those led by Mr. Foster, Gates and Eugene Dennis, the party's former general secretary.

The executive committee is still to elect officers, aside from the post given Mr. Foster, and to divide up areas of responsibility. Its members were listed as follows:

George Blake Charney, Benjamin J. Davis, Eugene Dennis, Earl Durham, Fred M. Fine, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, William Z. Foster, John Gates, James Jackson and Sidney Stein, all of New York City; David Davis, Philadelphia; Claude Lightfoot, Chicago; Hy Lumer, Cleveland; George Myers, Baltimore; Carl Ross, Minneapolis; Michael Russo, Boston; Martha Stone, Newark; Carl Winter, Detroit; Mrs. Dorothy Healey, Los Angeles, and Michael Lima, San Francisco.