

FOSTER PLEDGES PARTY TO SOVIET

Assures 'Cooperation' and Denies a 'Revolt,' but He Assails U.S. Right Wing

William Z. Foster, American Communist leader, has reassured the Soviet Union that it need have no fears about American Communists' "cooperation" or about any "revolt against Moscow."

Writing in the latest issue of the Soviet Communist party's magazine *Kommunist* to arrive in this country, Mr. Foster also makes a bitter attack against the right wing of the Communist party here. He compares the present right wing, headed by John Gates, editor of *The Daily Worker*, with the earlier factions headed by Jay Lovestone and Earl Browder, both of whom were expelled from the party.

Noting that the American Communist party's convention here last February had adopted a resolution permitting "comradely criticism of other Communist parties and also of Socialist countries," the party's honorary chairman comments:

"This position was interpreted in the bourgeois press as a 'revolt against Moscow.' Actually, however, the Communist party of the U. S. A. is basically penetrated by the true spirit of proletarian internationalism and maintains and will maintain good relations and cooperation with all forces of world socialism."

The phrase "proletarian internationalism" is the Communist term for accepting Soviet leadership and following all political leads given by the Soviet Union and the Soviet Communist party.

Disavowal on Hungary

Mr. Foster assails as "incorrect" the decision of the National Committee of the Communist party here a year ago asserting that American Communists could "not approve or justify the actions of Soviet troops in Hungary in support of the Kadar Government."

In a tribute to Soviet leadership and guidance of American Communists, Mr. Foster declares that "the works of Lenin and the additional practical experience of the October [Bolshevik] revolution were the decisive factors in creating the theoretical bases of the United States Communist party."

Declaring that the right wing of the Communist party here is still "quite strong," Mr. Foster accuses his opponents of a series of major political heresies. He argues that the right wing wishes to renounce Marxism-Leninism, to attack the Soviet Union and the leaders of the Soviet Communist party, to weaken party discipline and to regard the possibility of a parliamentary road to socialism as a peaceful change which can be made through class cooperation rather than class struggle.

Gates Proposal Attacked

Mr. Foster does not mention Mr. Gates by name. However, he makes clear his target by centering much of his heavy fire on the right wing for wishing to turn the party into a political association, a proposal advanced by Mr. Gates about a year ago. Mr. Foster argues that this proposal would mean liquidating the party and its influence.

In one sentence of his article, Mr. Foster appears to show he knows that Soviet economic conditions are not so rosy as Communist propaganda paints them. He writes: "At the present time it is completely evident that the quick strengthening of the national defense of the Socialist countries was realized at the price of serious tension in their economies."