

GATES ANSWERS FOSTER

Right-Wing Red Editor Rejects Criticism by Party Leader

A right-wing leader of the American Communist party rejected yesterday a criticism of the party's policy by William Z. Foster, chairman emeritus of the party. Commenting on Mr. Foster's views as expressed in an article in the Soviet publication *Kommunist*, John W. Gates, editor of *The Daily Worker*, said:

"Mr. Foster's opposition to the new path charted by the last national convention of the Communist party of the United States was notorious. Apparently he continues this opposition.

"In the article published in *Kommunist*, he speaks entirely for himself and without authority from the Communist party in this country."

Although not named in Mr. Foster's article, Mr. Gates appeared to be the main target of his criticism. Mr. Foster had complained especially about an American Communist criticism of Soviet Communist activities.

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