WILKERSON QUITS REDS

Top U. S. Negro Intellectual in Communist Party Resigns

Doxey A. Wilkerson, a member of the Communist party's national committee and its leading Negro intellectual, has re-

signed from the party.

Mr. Wilkerson's resignation appeared to be further evidence that the internal struggle among American Communists was more intense than ever. He is the highest ranking Communist to leave the party publicly in the last decade.

His public statement declared that "the Communist party no longer affords a framework within which I can make a constructive contribution" toward building a better United States.

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