

# J. T. MURPHY IS EXPELLED FROM BRITISH PARTY

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LONDON, May 10.—The British Communist Party has issued the following statement:

The Political Bureau is compelled to expel a leading member, J. T. Murphy, from the Communist Party of Great Britain, on the grounds of propagation of anti-proletarian views and desertion of the struggle at a critical moment.

In the past three weeks the Party leadership has been endeavoring to convince Murphy that his editorial article in the April issue of the Communist Review was fundamentally wrong and requiring an open correction.

The Political Bureau presented Murphy with a written statement showing that the article distorted the line of revolutionary struggle against war and wrongly estimated the relations of the Soviet Union and the capitalist world.

Every endeavor was made to convince Murphy and a special meeting of the Political Bureau was held to discuss the matter with him. However, Murphy evaded the issue asking time for consideration. The meeting was adjourned thereupon.

Murphy agreed to submit a written statement, but instead sent a letter resigning from membership in the Party, making a slanderous attack upon the leadership and evading the political issues.

The Political Bureau demanded a continuation of the discussion declaring that his resignation was impermissible but Murphy replied declaring that he was no longer a member of the Party.

The Political Bureau therefore expelled Murphy, appealing to the workers to repudiate a deserter from the ranks of Communism.

The statement then details the circumstances prior to Murphy's expulsion and charges him with political cowardice and desertion in the face of coming increased repression of the national government.