

Foster Attack on Gates Published by Kremlin

DEC. 11 — The factional struggle within the leadership of the Communist Party appears to be heading toward a renewal of open warfare. According to the Dec. 9 New York Times, the latest issue of the Soviet magazine, *Kommunist*, contains a blistering attack by William Z. Foster against Daily Worker editor John Gates.

According to the Times account of the article, Foster wrote that the resolution adopted at the CP's national convention last February sanctioning "comradely criticism of other Communist Parties and also socialist countries," had been falsely interpreted by the daily press as signifying a "revolt against Moscow." The chairman emeritus of the American CP went on to assure his Soviet readers this was not the case.

The Times reports that the article goes on to a slashing assault against Gates. He renews his attack on Gates for his original critical attitude toward the armed Soviet intervention in Hungary, as well as his proposal, later withdrawn, to dissolve the Communist Party into a political association.

Declaring that the "right wing" is still "quite strong," Foster apparently repeats all of the charges of "revisionism" hurled at Gates prior to the adoption of the "united" compromise resolutions at the last convention.

On Dec. 10, Gates made the following statement to the N.Y. Times: "Mr. Foster's opposition to the new path chartered by the 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."

Further evidence of the stepping up of the drive against

Doxie Wilkerson Resigns from CP

DEC. 13 — The weekend *Worker* today reported the resignation from the Communist Party of Doxie Wilkerson. A member of the party's national committee and a prominent supporter of the Gates viewpoint, Wilkerson made his resignation known in a letter dated Nov. 25. It said in part: "I still cherish and will continue to work for the social goals which have long guided my adult life. . . However, I have come, reluctantly but irrevocably, to the conclusion that, especially in the light of recent developments, the Communist Party no longer affords a framework within which I can make a constructive contribution to these ends."

Gates is manifested in the letters appearing in the pages of the *Daily Worker* vigorously attacking the contents of a speech made by the *Daily Worker* editor in a Boston debate with Granville Hicks. On the basis of the report of the speech, Gates had said nothing essentially new or different from what he has been saying over the past period. However, the letters attacking his speech are typified by one which charged Gates with having "taken another long step away from working class principles of patriotism and internationalism." Gates replied to these attacks by citing decisions of the recent convention on which he said his remarks were based.