

TOP ITALIAN REDS

ACCEPT NEW LINE

Party Senators and Deputies Assent to Anti-Stalinism at Stormy Meeting

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ROME, March 23—After a stormy five-hour meeting, Communist members of Parliament accepted today the Moscow-dictated destruction of the Stalin legend.

Most of them did so grudgingly, and perhaps even with some reservations, but all undertook to go along with the new party line. The Communist Senators yielded almost without a fight to the urgings of one of their number, Mauro Scoccimarro. If there ever was a possibility of a split in Communist ranks over this issue it now appears to have been overcome.

Palmiro Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communists, did not put himself too much in evidence at today's meeting. His lieutenant, Giancarlo Pajetta, who is a vehement and formidable orator, did all the speaking in defense of the new party line. Signor Togliatti himself did not intervene even to wind up the discussion.

For five hours one Communist deputy after another rose to speak about the results of the recent Soviet Communist party congress in Moscow. Some of them dealt with other matters but the majority expressed astonishment, bewilderment and even indignation at Stalin's apparent eviction from the Communist pantheon.

Party discipline asserted itself in the end, however, and all the Communist deputies, after listening to Signor Pajetta, voted to accept the new, Moscow-imposed party line.

In his reply, Signor Pajetta pleased the "soft" wing of the Communist party far more than he did the "hard" wing. He maintained that the new policies that came out of the Moscow meeting would help Communist parties, not only in Italy but also in some other European countries, to gain power by parliamentary means. "Moscow has shown us the way to mobilize our party and our cadres," he said.

However, any thought of a Socialist-Communist split seemed to have been eliminated by Pietro Nenni, leader of the left-wing Socialists. He is fully in control of his party and is willing to make the dethronement of Stalin a basis for heart-to-heart talks with the Communists. But he refuses to discuss even the possibility of denouncing the "unity of action pact" that binds his party to the Communists.

East German Reds to Meet

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BERLIN, March 23—The East German Communists are assembling for a party congress tomorrow, the first such assembly in the Soviet bloc since Moscow's denouncement of Stalin. The congress is to establish the party's economic and political policies for the next few years.

The agenda of the East German Congress was published before the Soviet party Congress, but the historic meeting in Moscow was bound to have its effect. East Germany's party leadership in recent days has called for an elimination of dictatorial behavior by Communist functionaries on the lower as well as the higher levels.

It will be the third congress of East Germany's Socialist Unity (Communist) party since it was formed in 1946.

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