

BRITISH COMMUNISTS RENOUNCE STALINISM

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LONDON, Wednesday, May 16
—The British Communist party has belatedly fixed its official seal of approval on anti-Stalinism.

In a statement issued today the party acknowledged that it had, "on the basis of false information," wrongly accused Yugoslav leaders of treachery. "Where we have made such mistakes we profoundly regret them and unreservedly withdraw our mistaken attacks," the statement declared.

Until today the leaders of the Communist party had been tardy about a complete renunciation of Stalin. In fact, Harry Pollitt was still praising Stalin after Nikita S. Khrushchev, Soviet Communist party chief, had denounced him as a tyrant in February.

Mr. Pollitt resigned from the general secretaryship of the party on Sunday for health reasons. The party has fewer than 33,000 members in Britain.

The statement referred to Stalin's "grave abuses" of power revealed at the Twentieth Communist Congress by Mr. Khrushchev.

"It is precisely because of our love of socialism and our admiration for the vast achievements of the U. S. S. R. that we say that the abuses and injustices that arose were alien to socialism," the statement declared.

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