

RED EDITOR HINTS KHRUSHCHEV BIAS

Aide on Daily Worker Quotes Anti-Semitism Report—To Answer Moscow Charge

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An implied charge that Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist party chief, is an anti-Semite, was made in yesterday's Daily Worker by the paper's foreign editor, Joseph Clark.

Mr. Clark, who was attacked personally last Sunday by the Moscow newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya for alleged "right-wing" views, raised the issue by quoting approvingly the following statement of a Canadian Communist, J. B. Salsberg:

"Comrades recently returned from Poland have confirmed the following facts: First, that Comrade Khrushchev on his arrival in Warsaw [last October at the height of the Polish crisis] while the Polish central committee was meeting, said that he would never allow Poland to fall into the hands of the 'imperialists and Zionists.'

"Surely this is the language of interference. In addition it has an anti-Jewish bias, otherwise why add the word 'Zionist' to the word 'imperialists'?"

Mr. Clark quoted this statement in the course of the defense of his earlier assertion last month that a group of Polish Communists used anti-Semitism as a political weapon in the internal Polish Communist struggle.

The suggestion that any group of Communists could be anti-Semites, let alone the hint that the chief Soviet Communist might be one, would seem to be one of the most radical deviations shown to date by any Communist in this country. Communists have hitherto always held

that any believer in their ideology must always stand for the equality of all people and therefore be opposed to anti-Semitism as well as to all other forms of racialism.

Mr. Clark said yesterday he would reply tomorrow in his Daily Worker column to the Moscow charges against him. That right wing elements in the Communist party intend to maintain their position despite Moscow's criticism was indicated by two editorials scheduled to appear in today's Daily Worker and made available yesterday afternoon by the paper's managing editor, Alan Max, one of the faction's leaders.

One editorial derides any notion that the Soviet newspaper's comment will by itself cause any change in the Communist party's position here. It declares that the Moscow paper's editors "are entitled certainly to express their opinions just as American Communists are free to express theirs. And American Communists will make up their own minds."

The editorial adds that the Communist party national convention scheduled for this weekend "will consider the opinions of many people."

Another editorial comments, apparently more in sorrow than in anger, on Howard Fast's statement last week that he is no longer a Communist. While disagreeing with the novelist's position, the editorial says "we disagree" with anyone who may be inclined to look upon Mr. Fast and others like him "as 'enemies' of socialism, as was often done in the past."

Some Communist sources yesterday predicted a bitter battle at the national convention between the faction assailed by Moscow and the more orthodox group, of which Moscow apparently approves, that is led by William Z. Foster.

A spokesman for the party said, however, that the convention would try to achieve a new position for the party without provoking a split.

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