

BRITISH REDS CALL CHIEFS STALINISTS

Parley Delegates Lay Party 'Crimes' to Leaders—But Policy Shift Is Rejected

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LONDON, April 21—The leaders of the British Communist party were attacked as Stalinists guilty of "the party's crimes and political degeneration" at today's session of the party's twenty-fifth congress.

The opposition to the party leaders' policies and tactics, which marked the opening session of the conference Friday, broke into the open again. The word "Stalinist", now as nasty a word in Communist circles as "deviationist" was a decade ago, was thrown about like confetti.

However, the leaders control a majority of 550 voting delegates attending the conference in London. Consequently, five amendments to the executive committee's outline of policy, "The British Road to Socialism," were overwhelmingly defeated.

Spokesmen from the floor reflected the fears that the party's present policies, if continued, would drive an increasing number out of the organization.

"I believe the leaders on the platform are Stalinists," said John Connor of Liverpool in a typical attack, "Stalinists in that they accept policies which lead to frustrations and resignations from the party."

Over the years, Mr. Connor said, members who have questioned policy have been expelled or have left the party.

"Our leaders share the guilt for the party's crimes and political degeneration by their failure to question these events," he added.

Mr. Connor and other malcontents in the party ranks hope that the leadership will attempt to end differences by asking some of those who have left the party in protest against its sup-

port of the Soviet action against Hungary to return.

Peter Fryer, a reporter for The Daily Worker, is one of these. Mr. Fryer resigned because the newspaper would not print his dispatches on the fighting in Budapest last autumn. Today he pleaded for permission to speak directly to the conference for ten minutes.

His plea was ruled out of order. Later it was announced that Mr. Fryer's appeal against expulsion from the party had been rejected. The congress approved the rejection by 486 votes to 31.

Prof. Hyman Levy told the gathering that, after a fortnight's trip to the Soviet Union, "I got my bellyful to last the rest of my life." The positive achievements there, he said, are

ber of Parliament with no Communist affiliations, declared today that the unions would be "obliged" to press wage demands "vigorously" in the next twelve months.

Mr. Padley addressed the annual meeting of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers at Blackpool.

But even the Communist leadership on the wage demand issue has not succeeded in erasing the memories of Soviet brutality in the Hungarian revolt.

"It is a shameful thing that a tiny handful of our own members can be found to defend this vile persecution of trade unionists fighting for elementary rights," Mr. Padley said.