tion was born and to the specific conditions of the area in the world where they appeared, flowing from our nearness to Yankee imperialism and to our fraternal relationship with a continent exploited by this imperialism."

"HOY" BACKS CASTRO IN TEST-BAN POLICY

Referring to the Sino-Soviet dispute and the independent position taken by Castro in his September 28 speech on the test-ban pact, the Cuban Communist daily Hoy declared October 2 that "The Cuban position is beyond all controversy: 'from head to foot' Cuba is part of the socialist camp."

Hoy said that the "master intriguers of North-American imperialism have sought to speculate on the Cuban position concerning the treaty partially banning nuclear tests." The newspaper castigated these efforts and justified Cuba's abstaining from signing the pact, pointing to the "particular realities and concrete conditions" in which the Cuban Revolution finds itself.

"Cuba is in favor of peace, but the Cuban reality demands that this country, if it is not to be once again the victim of an open invasion, must nevertheless act in face of the infiltration, the parachuting of arms, the pirate attacks and the most shameless espionage."

Hoy stressed the effort of the Cuban government to maintain friendly relations with both sides in the Sino-Soviet dispute: "Cuba wants to maintain its fraternal links with the whole socialist world and will not permit itself to be estranged from this or that country that takes sides and this or that country that grants it solidarity and support."

NEW REVOLT IN COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA

NEW DELHI -- Since the "great march" staged here September 13 under leadership of the Communist party of India, a new revolt has broken out against the Dange leadership, led this time by the "centrist" A.K. Gopalan.

Leader of the Parliamentary Group of the CPI, Gopalan addressed a mammoth rally at Calcutta September 28 presumably organized by the allegedly "pro-Peking" leftists in defiance of an official party directive advising all members not to associate with it. The rally and an earlier demonstration in the city were held under auspices of the "Democratic Convention," an organization sponsored by the West Bengal CP "leftists" to demand the release of political prisoners and to protest the Nehru government's "antipeople food price and tax policies."
The National Executive of the CPI charged Gopalan with "violation of the party's discipline"; and a meeting of the National Council has been convened for October 14 to discuss the situation.

Another charge lodged against Gopalan is "deliberately defying the party executive directive during the presentation of the 'great petition' to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha" [Lower House of the Indian Parliament] on September 13. Gopalan had protested against the non-inclusion of a demand in the New Delhi march for release of political prisoners.

Although Gopalan and Niren Ghosh (another CP member of Parliament), who addressed the Calcutta rally, denied reports that they were heading for "a split in the CPI," the Dange leadership appears to be determined to head towards a showdown. In West Bengal itself the Provisional Organizing Committee of the state unit set up by the Dange leadership is being openly defied by the majority of the members. The leftists now accuse Dange of trying to split the party.

At the Calcutta rally, Gopalan said that the move to divide the "Communists as pro-Peking and pro-Moscow groups" is a "bourgeois device to throttle mass movements against the government's antipeople measures." He also said that "revisionism" is the main danger facing the CPI today.

Niren Ghosh, explaining why the "Democratic Convention" was formed, said that it was needed as an "expression of mass resentment against the government's antidemocratic policies" and that it would exist so long as the "people's leaders" remain in jail.

(The governments of West Bengal and Maharashtra are still holding a large number of leftists while most other state governments have freed them. Last week the West Bengal government released the veteran CP leader Muzafar Ahmad on health grounds. He at once publicly associated himself with the demonstration held in Calcutta.)

Meanwhile a document submitted by E.N.S. Namboodiripad, former general secretary of the CPI now undergoing "medical treatment" in Moscow, is being circulated among the leading members of the party. In this document, Namboodiripad, known for his "centrist" position in the Sino-Soviet conflict (he criticizes both the Moscow and Peking lines) says that "the real Communists are in a minority in the CPI." He also says that the "vices of bourgeois parliamentarism have penetrated deep into the party, which threaten the very existence of the Marxist-Leninist party."

Namboodiripad has also charged the party leadership with having failed to "proletarianise all party members who joined the
party from outside the ranks of the working class." According to him, the party's coming into position as a "leading opposition group" in Parliament and "power in Kerala" has "brought into the party certain corrupting influences." He further contends that post-independence intellectual activities of landlords, the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie conditioned the mode of thinking of "even the most advanced representatives of the working class."

The document by Namboodiripad, head of the former CP Ministry in Kerala and an influential figure in the CPI, has stirred a big storm in party ranks.

Namboodiripad's background is not completely Stalinist. In the thirties he wrote a pamphlet explaining how he became a Marxist under the influence of Trotsky's brilliant History of the Russian Revolution. Subsequently he recanted.

In a recent article about the Sino-Soviet conflict he referred to the "great debate" between Trotsky and Stalin in the twenties. He said that Trotsky was "mistaken" in his political positions as against Stalin.

The internal crisis of the Communist party of India is now breaking more fully into the open. Along with this a certain realignment of leftist and centrist forces is occurring. Against the Dange leadership, the centrists seem to have spearheaded the revolt, supported by the leftists, ostensibly with the object of saving the "unity of the party." In their general evaluation of the internal situation in India, the centrists are closer to the leftists but they support the Dange leadership in condemning Chinese "adventurism" on the border question.

TOGLIATTI CLAMPS DOWN ON THE "PRO-CHINESE"

ROME, Sept. 30 -- During the past two months, the world press has circulated news about the "pro-Chinese" groups active in Italy. The source of this information is undoubtedly the allusion made in the text of the July 14 statement of the Communist party of the Soviet Union [CPSU] concerning allegedly "factional" activity inspired by the Chinese in Italy and centering mainly around a group of members and leaders in the Padua federation.

The truth is that a left oppositional grouping appeared in this city well before the Sino-Soviet conflict reached its present tension. The Chinese, it can be stated with assurance, had nothing to do with this. The initiative came from the rank and file as a result of their own experiences.