

British Communists Greet Soviet CP Statement

LONDON, July 16—A resolution of the executive committee of the British Communist Party released today "welcomed" the resolution of June 30 of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on "Overcoming the cult of the individual and its consequences."

On June 21 the British party had called for "a profound Marxist analysis of the causes of degeneration in the functioning of Soviet democracy and party democracy."

The resolution adopted Saturday and released today alluded to the 20th Congress of the party in the Soviet Union and the more recent

resolution of the CC of the CP of the USSR as follows:

"The enemies of socialism have attempted to concentrate world attention on only one aspect of the 20th Congress—the reassessment of the role of Stalin. We believe that the resolution of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is absolutely correct to emphasize these questions as the background against which the negative features that had developed in the 1934-53 period must be assessed.

"The injustices and crimes of that period caused great harm to the cause of socialism and to the interests of the Soviet people, but it is not true, as the enemies of com-

munism allege, that they arose from the nature of the Soviet social system or that they fundamentally changed its character. —

"Political power and the means of production were firmly in the hands of the working people. Socialism was established in the Soviet Union and proved itself superior to capitalism in peace and war."

The party statement said that on July 10 Harry Pollitt, John Gollan and Bert Ramelson, British Communists, met Nikita S. Khrushchev, Peter N. Pospelov and B. N. Ponomarev, representing the Soviet party's Central Committee, in Moscow. The Britishers have since returned.