

Nenni, British CP Find Soviet Report Inadequate

Pietro Nenni, leader of the Italian Left-Socialist Party, and himself a recipient of a Stalin Peace Prize, has sharply criticized Nikita Khrushchev for his failure to provide a "Marxist analysis" of the manner in which "all (Soviet) power was transferred into the hands of Stalin."

In his critique, published in his party's magazine, "Mondo Operaio," Nenni thus joined his voice to that of Palmiro Togliatti, the French and British Communist Parties, the London Daily Worker, and the N. Y. Daily Worker, among others, who have objected both to the manner in which the Khrushchev report was 'leaked' to the world and to its shortcomings.

At the same time Nenni noted his own party's failure in the past to maintain a "critical judgment" on events in the Soviet Union.

The Socialist leader, while devoting considerable attention to the Khrushchev report, indicated however that the recent Soviet events and the reaction to them in Communist and other workers' parties throughout the world have created a new situation and new opportunities.

They constitute, he said, "an invitation to the various workers' movements, to the Socialists, the Social Democrats, the Communists, to get things straight with themselves with the new times, with the results of the Moscow process of de-Stalinization."

He cautioned, however, that "it is difficult to say where a crisis so profound as that started by the 20th Congress of Moscow may lead, as now we see only the first manifestations."

Nenni pointed to the recent statements by Togliatti, head of the Italian Communist Party, that Communists must seek "an ever greater degree of autonomy of judgment," as a "new fact, indicative of the necessity for Communists to seek means of a different development, a development of their own, a development that may be of great importance, if not dictated by contingent, tactical considerations."

In his sharp criticism of the Khrushchev report, Nenni declared that there is yet "no guarantee of democratic life" in the Soviet Union.

"Now the whole problem of Soviet society," he wrote, "the whole problem of the popular democracies that have followed in the footsteps of Soviet society—is reduced to the necessity for internal democratization, for the circulation of ideas, in a word, for political liberty, a necessity which has lain below the surface of Soviet society for many years."

Nenni asserted that the dictatorship of the proletariat had become first a "dictatorship of the Communist Party" and then "a personal dictatorship of Stalin," and declared: "We are not told either how or why this could happen."

Citing the vast accomplishments of the Soviet Union in war and peace, and contrasting these with the "stated errors" of Stalin, he asked: "Who, then, guided the Bolsheviks, in view of the fact that their Congresses, their central committees, their Politburo, the Soviets, little by little, had allowed themselves to be stripped over 20 years of their prerogatives of control, and of their right of initiative?"

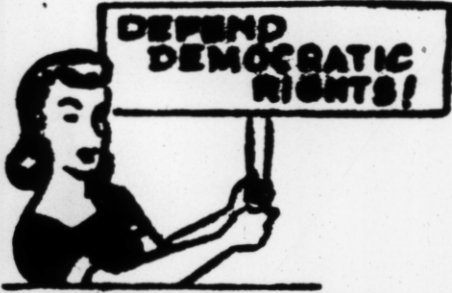
Expressing dissatisfaction with the "remedies" offered by Khrushchev, namely, the restoration of "Leninist principles," Nenni declared that "after a century has passed the concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat must be thought out again and reconsidered in relation to a society where the influence and weight of the proletariat and of the workers in general have become determinant in public life, and where the state reflects in countries democratically



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and socially more advanced, the continuous evolution of class positions."

While acknowledging the historical necessity of the proletarian dictatorship, he charged that its evolution into a dictatorship "of the Bolshevik party and this in turn into a personal dictatorship of Stalin," had "put itself beyond the bounds of the prophecies and concepts" of the founders of Socialism.



KHRUSHCHEV TOASTS IKE AS MAN WHO KEEPS HIS WORD

MOSCOW, June 24.—Soviet Communist Party chief Nikita Khrushchev toasted President Eisenhower today as a man of honesty who keeps his word.

In a toast at a reception given by Defense Minister Georgi Zhukov honoring visiting Western air chiefs, Khrushchev said:

"To President Eisenhower in the hospital.

"We hold him in our esteem. It is no secret when I say that we do not hold some of the colleagues and associates of the President in high esteem.

"Why is he high in our esteem? His honesty.

"When he was commander-in-chief he always kept his word. That is what makes him great.

"We believe he has the best intentions."

Khrushchev then flourished his glass and raised it. "To the health," he said, "of President Eisenhower."

Gen. Nathan F. Twining was among those present.

Autotown Alley

DETROIT

A STORY at the recent Dem convention was that the Republicans may have a Negro candidate on their state ticket come the '56 elections, and it will be for State Auditor General and his name will be John Roxborough III. If it happens, first time in history.

AT A RECENT SESSION in the 15th Congressional District, Neil Staebler, state Dem chairman was asked what about a Negro candidate for State office, say Auditor General. He refused to commit himself.

THE DEMS have a new state insignia, you will see on your ballot on Aug. 7, primary day in Michigan. The insignia is pictures together of the late President Roosevelt and Governor Williams. The Republicans will have Lincoln and Eisenhower together.

DEMS WORRIED they will lose thousands of votes because the Presidential ballot along with the state is all on one ballot now. Their worry is that some people may vote for Ike then vote for the State Dem ticket, especially if a national Dem Presidential candidate happens to be for moderation.

AFL SPLIT down the middle among top brass on who to back in 1956. At Dem convention no Teamster leaders, or state AFL brass like George Dean, president, Jack Thorpe, secretary were present. Jim Gibson, former Wayne County AFL chief, defeated recently by Andy McFarlane of the Building Trades was present at Dem meeting, as was Tom McNamara, new secretary of Building Trades.

RUMOR at the Dem convention at the press tables, Republicans may run Jack Thorpe, state AFL Secretary Treasurer, for State Treasurer on GOP ticket in Michigan in 1956.

The Communist Party of Great Britain, in a statement by its Political Committee, has requested from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union "a profound Marxist analysis of the causes of degeneration in the functioning of Soviet democracy and party democracy."

The statement said Soviet leaders were "correct in condemning the cult of the individual and in endorsing the return to Leninist principles of collective leadership and inner party democracy," but adds that it is not sufficient to blame Stalin alone for all the evils of the regime he headed.

"A more adequate estimate of the role of Stalin, both in its positive and negative aspects, will be necessary," the British Communists declared.

Following similar statements by the Italian and French parties, the statement asks why official texts of Khrushchev's speech to a closed session of the 20th Congress have not been released by the Soviets.

Communists outside the Soviet Union have had to depend on "enemy sources" for information on the speech, the statement declares.

The British statement also questioned the continued existence of the death penalty in the Soviet Union.

Despite abuses under Stalin, "historic successes" in establishing socialism, defeating the Nazis and repairing its war devastation, were outstanding achievements of the Soviet Union, the statement asserted.