

U. S. Communists Begin Ousting 'Pro-Albanians' From the Party

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A Leftist pro-Albanian faction has emerged in the United States Communist party and is now being expelled, the party disclosed yesterday.

An article in the party's newspaper, *The Worker*, yesterday reported the expulsion of Milton Rosen, former labor secretary of the New York State Communist party, and three others accused of having formed a "neo-Trotskyite group."

The Communist party announcement here came only a few days after the Hungarian Communist leader, Janos Kadar, hinted in *Pravda* that the Chinese Communists were the modern successors of the Trotskyites expelled from the Soviet party thirty-five years ago.

Only one associate of Mr. Rosen's was named by *The Worker*. He is Mortimer Scheer, said to be a Buffalo Communist who also was recently expelled. Both men are said to have been unsuccessful candidates for the Communist party National Committee at the convention held in late 1959 here.

The Worker asserted that the Rosen-Scheer group argued that "the Communist party, U. S. A., is thoroughly revisionist, as is the leadership of the whole international Marxist movement except Albania." The group was said to favor the liquidation of the Communist party and the formation of a new true Marxist-Leninist party. Toward this end, *The Worker* reported, the new group has started publishing its own newspaper, an organ called *Progressive Labor*.

Though *The Worker* did not say so, the new group is also presumably pro-Chinese, since the Chinese Communists have also supported Albania since

Premier Khrushchev attacked the Albanian leadership last October.

A small booklet entitled "Long Live Leninism," published in English in Peiping, is being circulated here by persons favoring the Chinese Communists against the Soviet Union. The booklet contains basic anti-Soviet articles that appeared in the Chinese Communist press in the spring of 1960 when the Soviet-Chinese dispute reached one of its verbal climaxes.

Even before yesterday's announcement, *The Worker* had indicated that the American Communist party supported Premier Khrushchev against his Chinese and Albanian rivals. The paper did this by publishing material from Moscow supporting the Soviet case, while leaving the Albanian and Chinese Communist point of view unrepresented.

Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist party here, made clear last month to an interviewer that he was on the anti-Albanian side of the debate. There had been some speculation that Mr. Hall might be pro-Chinese because he had quoted Mao Tse-tung approvingly in his speech to the Communist party convention two years ago that elected him to the party's leadership.

Mr. Hall asserted when questioned about his reference to Mr. Mao that more than a year ago he had met the Albanian Foreign Minister, Bahar Shtylla, during the latter's visit to the United Nations here and had had a warm argument over foreign policy with the Albanian. Mr. Hall added that he had seen the Albanians' errors and dangers earlier than many other persons had.

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