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Return to the Stalinist Formulations

It is stated in Yugoslav circles in Vienna that although there is no official confirmation yet that Yugoslavia will not join the declaration of the Communist parties in Moscow, nevertheless such an accession is considered in those circles as hardly possible. It is pointed out that the declaration is having a character of Communist block policy and this is diametrically at variance with the principal features of the Yugoslav foreign policy to remain outside of blocks.

Those circles allude apparently to that part of the declaration where it speaks about "strengthening of unity and co-operation among the Communist parties" and contents the demand for "full support of the policy of the Soviet Union and all socialist states", this means of the East block.

The declaration aims sharply and directly at Yugoslavia when it stresses the "danger" lying in deviation from the general truth of Marxism and Leninism for national reasons.

While a fight against dogmatism, read Stalinism, is mentioned only on the margin, revisionism, the classical reproach against Belgrade is defined as the main danger of the present era. Formulations, like that parties who capsule themselves in a sectarian way, cannot lead the working class to victory, deny flatly the right to the Yugoslav Communists to call themselves as a Communist Party.

Even when the text of the declaration shows several softenings in comparison with the original motion of Suslov--which is a result of Polish and Chinese intervention--there is still apparent a not small preponderance of Stalinist formulations which proves again that Suslov and his group were presenting the bill for their help in the removal of Zhukov.

The Western Communist parties which in view of this incisive change of course in the Kremlin could obviously not decide immediately, are supposed to join the declaration later. Today one has only to wait and see how many will finally join signing the declaration. In any case it seems that at the moment Khrushchev has been outwitted and so even the thesis agreed upon by the 20th Congress will not remain intact.