

# CP Explains Move to Oust Gates

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After a week of public silence, the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party issued a statement, March 22, relating to the unsuccessful attempt in the committee on March 14 to remove John Gates as editor of the Daily Worker. The story of the meeting where the ouster motion was defeated had been leaked to the New York Post.

At the March 14 meeting the Foster and Dennis wings of the committee joined in an attack on Gates and his associates for a "soft" handling of Howard Fast and others who have broken with the CP. However Dennis and James Jackson did not go along with the motion to remove Gates. The present statement of the committee is a continuation of the criticism of the Gates group, declaring the "need to systematically engage in principled though friendly polemics on the various theoretical and policy differences that exist between the party and the many socialist oriented individuals and groups with whom the party is developing contact and united front relations, as well as the need to wage a sharper ideological struggle against the anti-Marxist views of certain prominent ex-Communists who have recently resigned from the Party."

The statement declares that in this connection "a preliminary and critical examination was made of the role of several Marxist publications." Both the Daily Worker and the magazine Mainstream had been hit for giving extensive space to Fast for the elaboration of his present views.

Flowing from the discussion, the resolution states, was "a motion requesting John Gates to resign as editor of the Daily Worker." The motion was defeated because "in the opinion of the majority of the NAC these related matters can be properly acted upon only by the full National Committee which is now in the process of being elected."

The statement announces that the committee is "looking into" the question of the "leaked" story to the Post and condemns the unknown person responsible for it.