

EX-NEWSMAN HERE RECANTS 'STALINISM'

Special to The New York Times.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 17—An American fellow traveler who lived for thirty months in Communist Hungary said here today that he could not go "another millimeter with this thing called Stalinism."

Stetson Kennedy, contributor to the defunct New York Star and Compass, acknowledged that he had come to East Europe "with a great many preconceived notions out of a picture book."

He had made his home in Budapest since 1954, with his Hungarian wife and two children. He did some writing for such Communist publications as The People's Daily in Peking and occasionally also for Pravda in Moscow. His United States passport which expired in 1955, has since been withdrawn by the United States Consulate in Belgrade.

Five days ago he brought his children to Belgrade aboard a Red Cross truck to join Mrs. Kennedy, who had left Budapest in October.

It was not talk of liberating Eastern Europe but Nikita S. Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalinism before the Twentieth Congress of the Soviet Communist party in Moscow last winter that incited the Hungarian people to fight for freedom, Mr. Kennedy said.

The New York Times

Published: December 18, 1956

Copyright © The New York Times