

NEW RED PARTY LINE OPPOSED BY FOSTER

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist party, has come out against the party's new draft resolution confessing past errors and proposing changes in the party line.

Mr. Foster was said to have voted a qualified "Yes" when the new line was adopted by the Communist National Committee Sept. 13. He disclosed his switch in a letter received by the national committee on Monday, The Daily Worker reported yesterday. The paper announced that he would explain his position in the October issue of "Political Affairs," a Marxist theoretical monthly.

Mr. Foster cast the only negative vote, according to The Daily Worker, although former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis Jr. had joined him in expressing some dissent against the changing line.

The Daily Worker said affirmative votes had been cast by Mr. Davis; Eugene Dennis, general secretary; John Gates, Fred Fine, James E. Jackson, Sidney Stein, Martha Stone, William Schneiderman, Claude Lightfoot, Carl Winter, Edward Strong and Jack Stachel.

Mr. Foster, who is ill, has been under sharp criticism from Communists here. But the 75-year-old chairman's weakening position received support last week when the Soviet Communist party organ Pravda hailed him as a "noted theoretician and Marxist historian."

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