

Editor of Worker Assails Fast; Denies Reds Endorse Violence

Says Ex-Communist's Article Falsely Portrays Party—Out of Context, Writer Holds

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John Gates, editor of The Daily Worker, accused Howard Fast, novelist, yesterday of having aided those who favored "thought control" legislation.

Mr. Gates' remarks were made in reply to extracts from an article by Mr. Fast that were printed in The New York Times yesterday. The article is to appear in a new magazine, Prospectus.

The Daily Worker editor denied categorically Mr. Fast's charge that Eugene Dennis, former secretary general of the Communist party, had been indifferent to The Daily Worker's problems when the Communist paper's assets were seized by Federal tax agents last year.

He said he had no recollection of Mr. Fast's presence at a Daily Worker editorial meeting in June, 1956, at which it was decided to print Nikita S. Khrushchev's originally secret attack on Stalin.

Mr. Fast wrote that at this meeting no one had responded in the negative after he asked this question:

"I wonder if there is any comrade here who can say now, out of what we know and have seen, that if our own party leaders had the power of execution, he or she would be alive today?"

Mr. Gates' statement, prepared for publication in today's Daily Worker, attacks Mr. Fast for having written about one Communist sympathizer who, he said, wanted to see armed civil war in the United States with blood running in the streets.

"The impression is created," Mr. Gates writes, "that the Communist party stands for force and violence. This is not true and Mr. Fast knows it is untrue. In creating the impression, perhaps inadvertently, that the Communist party advocates force and violence, Mr. Fast is lending grist to the mill of those who want to push the Smith Act and other thought-control cold war legislation."

The Smith Act makes it a Federal crime to teach or advocate the overthrow of the Government by force or violence.

Asked about the statement, Mr. Fast said that the quotation printed in The Times yes-



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terday had been taken out of context. He said, "I flatly deny not only the legend of force and violence, but every other manufactured slander that has been hurled against the Communist party."

He said that in the article, where he quotes the one person he said urged armed revolution, he added, "Never had I heard a Communist talk in such terms." Mr. Fast, 1953 Stalin Prize winner, broke with the party this year.

Gabriel Gladstone, head of Gabriel Gladstone & Co., Inc., investment dealers of 470 Fourth Avenue, which is publishing the magazine, yesterday gave some details of his background.

The son of a Yiddish poet and writer, Jacob Glatstein, he told of having had a meteoric rise as a mutual funds salesman since he quit a job as collector for a finance company five years ago.

His company, he said, employs more than 200 salesmen who sell mutual fund investments to persons in different parts of the country. It was started early this year, he said, after he had been highly successful as an executive in similar companies.

Mr. Gladstone says that among his salesmen are some noted former athletes such as Stanley Lampert, shot putter, and Fuzzy Levane, former professional basketball star. He also employs a number of blind persons and amputees who, he has found, make good salesmen.