

# **COMMUNIST PARTY DYING, GATES SAYS**

John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker for ten years, said last night that the Communist party was dying.

The "worshipful admiration" the Communist party in the United States has for the Soviet Union has finally resulted in alienating the American Communists from the American people, he said.

"There are almost no young people in the party today." Mr. Gates said in an interview over WABC-TV. "The age level is in the late 50's, and nobody is coming into the party, so that the party is getting older. It is dying."

Mr. Gates, who resigned from the Communist party this month after having been a member for twenty-seven years, said the expulsion of Earl Browder, Communist party leader, from the party in 1945 was "one of the biggest mistakes that the party ever made."

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Gates said, "it helped to dig its own grave when it did that. But, you, see many of us thought in the years that we belonged to the Communist party that it was necessary to sacrifice freedom within the party in order to achieve freedom later on."

Mr. Gates was the guest on the "Mike Wallace Interview." It was seen locally at 10 P.M.

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