

Popular Upheaval in Hungary

An Editorial

THE NEW Hungarian government and the Communist Party of Hungary are making heroic efforts to identify themselves with the vast popular upheaval in that country. Yesterday on the Budapest radio, Premier Nagy declared:

"It is not true that what has happened is a counter-revolution. It is a demo-

cratic movement which has swept our whole nation in order to secure our independence, which is the only basis of a socialist democracy."

While Horthy-lovers will still dream about the return of the hated Horthy regime, and Project X will work for the restoration of capitalism in Hungary, the facts indicate that this was not a counter-revolutionary

plot. The fact that counter-revolutionaries are trying to utilize the situation cannot obscure that this is, primarily, a people's upheaval arising from the failure of Hungarian socialism to base itself on the people.

The government of Rakosi and Geroe relied on force and repression instead of on the democratic aspirations of the people.

To persist in the theory

that the upheaval was merely a plot planned from the outside is to fall into profound error.

Once more the trend in Poland must be cited to show that when the Communists acted in time to uproot the remnants of Stalinist repression, they were able to win the mass support of the working people. The issue is not Soviet or anti-Soviet, although the

State Department would very much like to turn a popular, pro-socialist upheaval into sentiment against the Soviet Union as such. The issue is anti-Stalinism. It was the continuation of Stalin's repressive methods that was anti-socialist and anti-Soviet. Socialist revolutions cannot be exported or imposed by force; they must be an ex-

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pression of majority will.

It would be tragic for the cause of socialism if the American people were to identify Stalinist repression with the nature of socialism. The latter means more than public ownership of the means of production. It means the ending of the exploitation of man by man. It can become the economic foundation for a flourishing of democracy such as capitalism has never allowed. And the fact remains that while the British, French and our own representatives in UN make pious pleas against foreign intervention—British troops massacre the people of Cyprus and Kenya, French troops massacre Algerians seeking self-determination and American troops garrison bases on every continent of the globe while supporting the British and colonial wars, Soviet delegate Sobolev justly condemned such colonial repression but he flew in the face of facts when he described the Hungarian upsurge as the work of a pro-fascist underground.

It was the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party which registered the need for ending with Stalinism. And the Soviet Union itself is making changes in the direction of democratization. However, this process is too slow and hesitant, as the Soviet actions in the Polish and Hungarian crises demonstrate.

For ourselves, it is necessary to draw the fullest lessons from the uncovering of the Stalin methods if we are to play an influential role in helping the American workers find the road to socialism.

Socialism must open up the perspective of an end to any and all oppression. We stand for democratic socialism. We stand for an American path to socialism which will be unlike any other because our circumstances are different and because we must learn from the tragic mistakes of others.

Socialism will triumph if it proves its superiority to capitalism in every respect. It cannot triumph by repression or violations of democracy. Socialism will triumph because the people's voice will be heard and the many will rule, not the few.