

# RED CHINA ASSAILS U. S. COMMUNISTS

## Says Party Should Support Violence by Negroes

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Communist China has begun a propaganda campaign against the Communist party of the United States for its alleged lack of militancy in refusing to support Negro violence.

The attack on this country's Communists was initiated in a Peking speech last week by a white American, Frank Coe, a former high official of the Treasury Department and of the International Monetary Fund who has lived in China in recent years. He spoke at a mass meeting celebrating the first anniversary of Mao Tse-tung's 1963 statement on the American Negroes.

Mr. Coe linked the American Communist leaders with Premier Khrushchev's forces as united in trying to get American Negroes to halt their demonstrations until after the Presidential election.

The American Communists, Mr. Coe charged, "not only played no part in the recent demonstrations in New York and elsewhere, but are proud of it."

"When the bourgeois press asserted that Communists were involved," he added, "Gus Hall and the other leaders immediately issued a statement of denial. They said they vigorously condemn any resort to acts of violence."

### Hails Epton's Group

Mr. Coe called the Progressive Labor Movement in this country a true Marxist Labor movement. He said that when William Epton, leader of the movement

in New York, was arrested, "Gus Hall and the others rushed in to say that these people are not Communists and that their ranting and irresponsible actions have nothing in common with Communism. From this you can see how frightened the revisionists are of the U. S. imperialists, how anxious they are to serve and please the oppressors of the Negro people."

The Progressive Labor Movement is a left wing group headed by persons who have been expelled from the Communist party of the United States. It is generally considered sympathetic to the Chinese point of view in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

Mr. Coe hailed the American Negroes as "today the most militant and politically advanced portion of the United States population." He asserted that the American Negroes' struggle supports the struggle of every people fighting "American imperialism," since the former are "battering down the walls of U. S. imperialism from within." He predicted that there soon will be no American Negroes "willing to serve as cannon-fodder for the wars of U. S. imperialism in Asia."

Mr. Coe, who born in Richmond, Va., and graduated from the University of Chicago, is an economist who served as monetary research director of the Treasury Department and served as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund—at a salary of \$20,000 a year—for seven years after World War II.

In 1948 Mr. Coe was accused by the late Elizabeth T. Bentley, former courier for a Soviet espionage group, of having aided Soviet spying in this country. He denied the charge under oath and asserted also that he had never been a member of the Communist party. In 1952, he pleaded the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination when

he appeared before a Senatorial subcommittee and shortly thereafter resigned when requested to do so by the fund.

His presence in China first became known when an article of his praising the Chinese Communist economy appeared in the January, 1959, issue of the Peking magazine China Reconstructs.