

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD

THE NEW YORK TIMES, as did most of the commercial press, sought to make political hay out of Joseph Clark's resignation from the Daily Worker and the Communist Party.

The Times, which has done everything possible to split and destroy the Communist Party—and has prematurely danced on its grave for decades—on Tuesday attacked the party as "a group which . . . for so long fought against the interests of our nation and our people."

The Times offers no proof, because that inevitably would reveal its basic class bias. For the Times, as the Daily Worker, is a class newspaper. The Daily Worker speaks in the interests of the working people of America; the Times is the most class-conscious representative of the millionaires of America. We submit that the Communists and the Daily Worker, in advancing the fight of the working people, advance the best interests of the people as a whole and thus the national interest.

Check the record.

The Daily Worker and the Communist Party pioneered in the fight for unemployment insurance, now an integral part of our governmental system. Where was the N.Y. Times in that fight?

The Daily Worker and the Communists opposed the policy of Munich; the Times supported Munich. (See its lead editorial, "The Price of Peace," Sept. 30, 1938.)

Whether it was the organization in basic industries, the support of the New Deal movement, the prompt and unconditional equality of the Negro people, opposition to the Smith, McCarran and Taft-Hartley laws—on these and many other basic issues the Daily Worker and the New York Times were almost always on opposite sides.

We are far from claiming infallibility for the Communists and the Daily Worker. But the overall record demonstrates an unswerving fight for the people's interests against monopoly capital by the Communists and this newspaper.

ANY OBJECTIVE examination of the record makes hash of the stale Times charge of a "Russia First" policy by any Communist leader. Whether it be William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis, John Gates, Benjamin J. Davis, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and all other leaders and members of the Communist Party—all owe their allegiance to the American people—not to monopoly capital. Their allegiance is demonstrated anew by their position on the cardinal question before the American people today—peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union. By now the whole world knows that there is literally no alternative to peaceful coexistence. It is, indeed, either peaceful coexistence or world nuclear destruction.

The Times opposes the implementation of this policy of peaceful coexistence in a hundred ways; the Communists advance it. Who is fighting "against the interests of our nation and our people" on the supreme question of the era?

And while we're comparing records, let New Yorkers ponder this one:

The Communist Party and the Daily Worker support the Brown-Isaacs-Sharkey bill against discrimination in private housing. The New York Times on June 15, 1957, editorially opposed it and called for its defeat.

Who did you say, gentlemen of the Times, fights against the interests of our nation and our people?"