

STEUBEN CONDEMNS USSR IN NY TIMES INTERVIEW

In an interview Saturday in the N. Y. Times, John Steuben, former union official, long associated with the Left, was reported to have condemned the Soviet Union. According to A. H. Raskin, labor reporter for the Times, Steuben urged U. S. Communists to "repudiate everything that smacks of Stalinism and chart a course on the basis of the true interests of American workers and the American people as a whole."

Steuben said the Kadar govern-

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creates fresh tensions in this area, recently the arena of hostilities caused by the aggression against Egypt.

"The swift defeat of the counter-revolutionary forces by the Hungarian people led by the Hungarian Socialist Workers party with the workers' and peasants' revolutionary government assisted by the Soviet Union, is a major victory of the cause of peace and socialism.

"The Soviet Union and China also strive to establish peaceful co-existence with the United States of America, and have exerted due effort in this direction. Unfortunately, the claims of American monopoly quarters for world domination, their policy of aggression and war preparations prevent the improvement of international relations and especially hamper the improvement of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, and also between China and the United States."

ment of Hungary showed itself to be "morally bankrupt" when it issued its recent decree of death for instigators of strikes.

Steuben was quoted as comparing Kadar's action with Franco Spain in these words: "During the past couple of years there have been a number of strikes in Spain, and even the fascist dictator Franco did not dare to do what Kadar did in Hungary."

The World Federation of Trade Union has a "tremendous and urgent responsibility to demand that this death decree be annulled," Steuben said.

U. S. Communists should make clear they will "reject and resent" any interference from the Soviet Communist Party, according to Steuben.

Steuben had been a union organizer in steel, hotel and other industries at various times since the Nineteen Thirties. His last active function was as editor of the now defunct "March of Labor." In the recent years, Steuben has been forced out of activity because of a serious heart condition.

Steuben, predicting that his public renunciation would likely attract the interest of witchhunting Congressional committees, emphasized that he would "under no circumstances become an informer."