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A complicated question: Is STALINISM curable?

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(Extract)

"The liquidation of the Old Party Guard by STALIN was much disapproved of by the Party as well as by the foreign communist parties. Cautiously, very cautiously, preparations are being made in this field, too. If KOSSIOR and ANTONOV-OVSEYENKO had not been members of the executive of the Party, there would have probably been no MAKHNOV and no PETLYURA (leaders of Ukrainian bands--The Editorial Office)--this had been written by a "MOSCOW historian" whose "un-MARXIST scribbling" was now branded by MIKOYAN. During the realization of the first Five-Year Plan KOSSIOR and ANTONOV-OVSEYENKO--both of them disappeared in 1937 without trial--were party bosses who enjoyed great popularity among the communist youth of Russia and the Ukraine. However, the young people of that time are today leading and the most active members of the Party organization. The effect which the mentioning of the two names had to produce, had been precisely calculated, like the public statement that an international commission has now disapproved the disbandment of the Polish Communist Party in the year 1938. But it is also calculated for effect when in his speech KHRUSHCHEV does not forget to put the unity of the Party down to "the liquidation of the TROTSKYIST, BUKHARINIST, and middle class-nationalist enemies of the people". Today Pravda "Truth" catches up this idea in its editorial once more.

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