Clash With Reds On Information Curb Predicted

By Associated Press

A State department official said yesterday the United States faces a head-on clash with Soviet Russia in trying to frame an international agreement on freedom of information.

Lloyd A. Free predicted that Russia, at this month's United Nations conference at Geneva, will oppose removal of barriers to free flow of news and other information.

Reds' Stand Described

Free is in charge of American preparations for the conference, called for March 23 to draft a declaration for adoption by the U.N.

He spoke to representatives of some 150 private organizations and government officials who gathered at the State department to discuss the subject.

"The Soviet Union feels removal of barriers will chiefly benefit the United States," he said. "Russia can carry on its propaganda most effectively through local Communist parties.

"We want to get away from government control of information. Russia wants to put control at the disposal of the 'broad masses of the people,' which is another way of saying government control."

"Off Record" Conference

The afternoon session of yesterday's "freedom of information" conference was held "off the record"—at the request, the State department said, of some of the organizations.

Reporters were welcome to attend, the department said, so long as they refrained from reporting.

Earlier, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said Russia, at last year's Geneva session on a United Nations declaration of human rights, "never missed a chance" to criticize racial relations in the United States.

She added, however, that the Russian representative's active interest in framing the declaration was "encouraging."

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