

Petty-bourgeois nationalism leads into the marsh
CANADIAN LIQUIDATORS PRAISE NEW ZEALANDS SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

We have followed in our press the decline of the Communist Party of Canada (ML), which was once a party but is now a liquidationist sect. We showed that, among other things, it was the unwillingness of the leaders of CPC(ML) to give up petty-bourgeois nationalism that led to disaster.

It is hard to find much CPC(ML) activity these days. But recently it had a drooping delegation at a large "walk for peace" in Vancouver, B.C. on April 27. At this demonstration, it continued its petty-bourgeois nationalist stand of detaching the struggle against U.S. imperialism from struggle for socialist revolution in Canada. This led it to praise the treacherous stand of the social-democratic government of New Zealand on the anti-nuclear question. Thus its petty-bourgeois nationalism had led it back to the left fringe of social-democracy, where the "Internationalists" (predecessor of CPC(ML)) had originally come from.

The "Government with Courage"

According to a leaflet of the People's Front (as befits liquidators, the CPC(ML) does most of whatever little work it does among the masses in any name but that of CPC(ML)), the task is to follow the example of the New Zealand social-democratic government. They stated, in the leaflet they distributed at the demonstration:

"Another important example for us is New Zealand. There the people built a powerful national movement to keep nuclear arms and warships out of their water. ... **The movement brought forth a government with courage to defy the U.S. blackmail.** Everyone in the peace movement applauds this victory of the New Zealand people. **The task is to duplicate the victory here!**" (Emphasis added.)

Here we will not analyze the situation in New Zealand, but simply refer the reader to our article on the New Zealand anti-nuclear movement and the social-democrats in the March 1985 issue of the Supplement. Since then, events have only confirmed the analysis given there. Suffice it to say here, it took merely a grudging concession from the social-democratic government of New Zealand to the angry masses for CPC(ML) to fall on its face. And

for all their shouting against the superpowers, they are down on their knees before an ardently pro-U.S. government, which is simply playing the game of empty gestures.

A Liquidationist Press in Action

Of course it is easier to roll in the marsh with social-democracy than to build up independent political organization. So it is interesting to see what has been going on with CPC(ML)'s press.

It turns out that their central organ, formerly called **People's Canada Daily News** and now called the **Marxist-Leninist**, has been silent for a year. For a year, from last March to this May, not a single issue appeared.

But the CPC(L) leadership has always known how to put on a good show. So finally three issues of their paper appeared around May Day and soon after. And guess what? CPC(ML)'s leadership tells us — their daily press didn't collapse, oh no. Instead, they have won the victory of creating the mass party press.

You see, this was going to take two years, but they completed the task in only six months! But, ahem, where is this new, victorious mass press? Well, you see, there are those three issues — and the reappearance of the daily is promised in August.

It's the old Madison Avenue showmanship.

It seems that announcing victory is a bit premature, at best. Besides, even if the press does reappear, what will be in it?

Perhaps we can get a hint of the profound analysis that awaits us in this press by examining those three issues more closely. A major speech by party leader H. Eains on building the party of a new type hints of a deep crisis in the party. And what is the political content? It seems that there is a struggle over whether the "integrity of the family" and "marital fidelity" are "personal" matters, whatever that is supposed to mean, and over the theories of "private lives" and "human emotions".

But with a sigh of relief we will abandon these profound thoughts, leave them to the dwellers of the liquidationist marsh, and return to the solid ground of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism. <>

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To: the **Workers' Advocate**

Tom Hayden: Loyal Servant of Zionism and U.S. Imperialism

The political degeneration of 60's militant Tom Hayden into a tame lap dog of the capitalists' Democratic Party is pretty well known. However, less well-known is Hayden's active collusion with