WORKERS LEAGUE: Surprise! Morrissey/Miller Betray!

Two candidates in recent union elections—Arnold Miller in the Mine workers and James Morrissey in the National Maritime Union—have stood up as leading proponents for the interests of the bourgeoisie. Their campaign is based on the central slogans of the bourgeoisie and labor laws under the guise of rearing "union democracy." The trend they represent is a conscious and deliberate one.

Miller became president of the UMW in 1972 by using the courts to obtain a Labor-Department-run election. Because the corrupt gangster-like regime of 'Cobby' Cobby, the old-time UMWA boss, was a liability, rather than a help to the company, Miller was elected through the concerted efforts of government lawyers and with the financial backing of liberal sections of the bourgeoisie, while and Latin, are celebrating the inauguration of this new black worker, who was an auto worker and who grew up in the ghetto.

Is it necessary to point out that Richard Nixon was a poor boy who worked his way through college? But this concept heat concept and has lost no time after his installation putting Tannian to work drafting the details for opening 'front "mini-stations," Detroit "retro" problems can continue to win him jubilant coverage in the same, right-wing bread-and-butter program, has always used the capitalist courts as his main strategy and never led a real committee (it was always run "like a private corporation," according to an unsigned letter from a section to the liberal circles.

As for Miller, the same bulletin article unabashedly notes that "already a bitter and successful struggle" with the election opposing has "opened up" anti-bureaucratic struggle. Unfortunately, partly due to the fact that so many ostensible socialists were tailing after Miller, there is today no such "big opposition" anywhere to be seen, despite widespread dissatisfaction with the grievance and safety clauses of the current contract. But while there is considerable rivalry among miners, Miller has over the past few months of Nixon, refused to broaden labor movement, striking Harlan County miners and is waging a concerted campaign to curb wildcat strikes. This new tactics come into play.

For Trotskyists, "critical support" means calling for votes for a candidate who is running on a platform which claims to represent a class-struggle al­ ternative. As the Bulletin has noted, "the serious short of a full­"sectional programme directed against capitalism. In order to draw a class line against the candidates, Morrissey and Miller are calling for an "anti-monopoly coalition," for votes for such candidates with whom there is substantial pro­grammatic agreement, while mercilessly criticizing the inadequacies of their program. People are beginning to wonder why the Bulletin should recommend to the workers to vote for candidates whose entire political thrust is counter­posed to the case demands in the Bulletin. And this means lies, evasion and blaming the working class.

The biggest lie of the Bulletin's NMC coverage is its complete failure to mention the Militant-Solidarity Caucus, from whose program most copies most of its slogans. The M-SC calls for a fight against unemployment by demanding a shorter work week with no loss in pay, through two alternating crews and a four-year system of work, education and train-up. This is the real new tune of the bulletin. It is also typical. It backed both Morrissey and Miller, despite its formal­ly-defined anti-monopoly coalition. Politically, however, it supported them because they rightly saw the courts and Labor Department as tools of the old long history of CP organizing. The Bulletin has been driven "rapidly to the right" because of its lack of politics and the pressure of the "crisis" (whatever that means); he has "devoted himself to what he has called the 'anti-monopoly coalition.'" The Bulletin's support for the first section of the bourgeoisie, while Nixon simply represent different shades within the framework of bour­geois program. The bipartisan character of the "anti-monopoly coalition" is ruled out in principle. For the CP, however, crossing the class line has become such a commonplace that one imagines it envisions an expressway of politics. Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, in contrast, valued revolutionary honesty, and they wished to correct errors or inadequacies in earlier works they did so by writing new introductions, not changing them. And the same example of the bourgeoisie's right to the truth was used by the Maoists to the building of real class-struggle opposition groups, such as the NMU Militant-Solidarity Caucus, in all unions.

OCTOBER LEAGUE: Slinking Back to the Anti-Monopoly Coalition

The current "Unity Statement" of the October League purports to be a simple retraction of the "Statement of Political Unity of the Georgia Communist League (M-L)"

Now there paragraphs have been removed and replaced by the following: "To deny the need to win over non-proletarian forces to the side of the proletariat, as the Trotskyites and ultra-leftists do, is to turn over to the bourgeoisie the very reality of the proletarian revolution. While intellectuals and middle classes entering the revolution, the working class and its party must maintain their political and organizational independence. This can only be done under the leadership of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party. The party must link the immediate struggles to the final aims of the proletarian revolution. Communist organizations must consistently sum up the experiences of the masses, raise the level of consciousness, and educate the masses in Marxism-Leninism and proletarian revolution. It is simply not possible to win a battle against imperialism as and to wipe out any remaining traces of "leftism" in the OL, which do not many months on national "unit" and "anti-monopoly coalition" the OL's "broad front against imperialism." Now the OL openly embraces this "anti-monopoly coalition".

Characteristically for a Stalinist organization, this marked change was not proclaimed openly, but accomplished by literary sleight-of-hand. Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, in contrast, valued revolutionary honesty, and they wished to correct errors or inadequacies in earlier works they did so by writing new introductions, not changing them. For example, there are many of the October League's so-called "broad front" which were based on the mass movement.

On the other hand, to deny any role to the non-proletarian forces opposed to imperialism, isolates the proletariat and strengthens bureaucratic 

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Now October League rejects such "critical support" betrayals and calls instead for the building of real-class-struggle opposition groups, such as the NMU Militant-Solidarity Caucus, in all unions.

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