

Dialectics of the development of the "C" L P : From "left" wing Trotskyism to right wing Trotskyism

The struggle against revisionism, trotskyism, reformism and all kinds of opportunism has to be carried out at the theoretical level as well as at the practical level. It is not enough to make general attacks against the social props within the working class just in forums and newspapers, while in the factories, working class communities, the national movements, schools etc. these leeches place the masses under the influence of their reformist lines. In this page we offer an example on how we concretely combatted the trotskyites of the "Communist" Labor Party and their reformist line of "Vote Communist for Jobs, Peace and Equality". Following are both the leaflet distributed by the "C"LP as well as the one distributed by us in a certain factory in the state of New York. The names of the factories involved and of the local have been deleted and substituted for "X" and "Y" as we consider incorrect to publish them.

SUPPORT THE STRIKE

X is on strike! Ten blocks away 1,500 Local members have been walking picket lines for 6 weeks! Why are they out? Many work for minimum wages and what they can make from a killing piece rate system. Their fringe benefits are few and the working conditions are bad.

This strike is important for Y workers but our union has told us nothing (as usual). Next year we may be on strike. A victory by our union at X where conditions are worse will make our contract struggle easier. We know how hard it is to live on the \$40-\$50 strike benefits. We must spread the word and urge that a special collection be taken up for our fellow union members. We may need some help when we go out.

In these hard times strikes are not easy to win. The last two years in N.Y. have seen city workers lose many benefits. Even workers in private industry have been hit by companies crying high costs and threatening to move away. The banks have declared war on us - where we work and in our communities. So now more than ever we must support the X workers and also get ready for our contract talks next year!

---Take up a collection for the strikers and give any help they need!
---Protect our right to strike! Vote Communist in November - for Jobs, Peace and Equality!

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its ranks Dominican patriots both in the Dominican Republic and those overseas) will be dealt with at another time, as long as the pages of your newspaper continue opened to our organization. L.R.

We see as positive the clarification made by the comrades of L.R. We expect to publish soon their position in relation to the Dominican national question. For a better understanding of this comradely polemic we refer our readers to Resistance vol. 7 #7, p 7 *** ed L.P.R. ***



COMRADES AND FRIENDS

We are having serious problems with the U.S. Postal Service. Our mail is being intercepted, kept for weeks before being delivered, etc. If you have written to LPR, subscribed to our paper, ordered books, etc., and have received no answer from us as of yet - please contact us immediately!

"JOBS, PEACE & EQUALITY" . . . PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES . . .

Brothers and sisters of Y

We want to comment today on the flyer that was given out at the factory by the so-called "Communist" Labor Party ("C"LP). We say so-called because these people are not the party of the working class and they cannot be called communists either. Genuine communists struggle for the rights of the working class. We struggle in order to end this system that exploits us all. The sham communists like those of "C"LP are agents of the bourgeoisie within our ranks and they only serve the interests of the very class which oppresses us.

WHAT DOES "C"LP TELL US?

They say that we should support the striking workers of X for 2 reasons:
1. "We may need some help when we go out", and
2. "A victory by our union at X will make our contract struggle easier." These sham communists also claim that "in these hard times strikes are not easy to win." And the concrete form of help that they propose is a "special collection".

As true agents of the bourgeoisie the "C"LP sees relations between workers as a buy a sell thing. However, the solidarity that must exist among ourselves and the class brothers and sisters of X is based on our common interests as workers, regardless of where we work, of what nationality we are from what country we came, our sex, age, etc. We are all exploited by the same capitalist system. Our solidarity is not based on "today we help so tomorrow we can ask for payment", nor is it based on the fact that we belong to the same local either. We must support other workers, no matter if they don't belong to our same union!

Also as true agents of the bourgeoisie, the "C"LP tell us that "in these hard times strikes are not easy to win". These people come here to spread pessimism among our ranks as if the working class were not capable of fighting against the capitalists. With this defeatist attitude what "C"LP intends to do really is to prepare the way to push their bourgeois line which goes something like this: "Things are so bad that you workers don't stand much of a chance so you should vote for us." But they are wrong. What they want is for us to place our struggles at the hands of the union's corrupt leadership and at the hands of their corrupt party. But we know that even though it's true that we're stronger if the union is stronger, we also know that we will win by relying on our own efforts, while also striving to transform the union into an instrument of struggle for our own interests.

We also know that in order to win, our class must be organized in a revolutionary way, that is, in a true communist party. Special collections fall short of our goals - not that collecting money is bad, but that there is much more to be done which "C"LP doesn't even mention, such as participating in the picket lines, planning actions together, opposing all kinds of oppression, pressuring the union bureaucrats, and laying the foundations of our unity in practice, on a day by day basis.

THE REAL REASON BEHIND "C"LP'S FLYER

Supporting the strike was the excuse used by "C"LP so they could come around to push their opportunist line. The real reason was their electoral campaign - so they could tell us to vote for them so we could get "jobs, peace and equality". "C"LP use the very same tricks as the capitalists to try to fool us. They voice the same false promises as Carter and Ford. These hypocrites of "C"LP use the question of the strike as a wedge in order to come and push the same boloney in a different wrapping.

As long as the capitalist system exists, there cannot be jobs for all, nor equality, nor permanent peace. And in order to fight against these evils we cannot depend on the lousy methods created by the capitalists in order to prevent that we wage a real struggle against them. Elections

don't solve anything in this system. To vote for Carter is the same as to vote for Ford or for the sham communists of the "C"LP or their buddies in the so-called "C"LPUSA. "C"LP is only trying to fool us.

"PEACE"

But we are fed up with empty promises. None of these bourgeois politicians can end wars because wars are an essential part of this system. Capitalists need wars in order to protect and acquire new markets in foreign countries, in order to keep their colonies and annex new territories where to invest their capital and squeeze out huge superprofits. Without wars the capitalist system can't survive and only by ending this system can we end imperialist wars. But "C"LP wants to spread the illusion that permanent peace is possible within the capitalist system and that they are going to get it for us. Sheer LIES!!!

Besides, when we speak of wars we have to distinguish between imperialist wars of aggression and just wars of liberation. We have to oppose the first and resolutely support the latter. But "C"LP doesn't want us to make this difference. That is why they talk of "peace" in the air, just like Ford and Carter do. The "C"LP wants to cover up the difference that exists between the armed aggression that are constantly carried out by the principal enemies of humanity - the U.S. and the Soviet Union - against the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia, Czechoslovakia, Angola, etc., and the just struggles waged by heroic peoples such as in Azania and Palestine for their liberation.

The danger of a third world war exists. And it is our duty to alert and prepare the working class and all oppressed peoples to face this eventuality in order to make this war become the cemetery of imperialists throughout the world. But "C"LP wants to put us to sleep with their lullabys and promises of "peace".

"JOBS AND EQUALITY"

The same happens with their promises of "jobs and equality". Unemployment, national oppression, racial discrimination, etc., are, along with wars, all evils caused by the oppression of man by man which is characteristic of the capitalist system. The reason for there being so many millions of unemployed workers, or the reason why we get kicked out or laid off from our jobs is not because there is not enough jobs in this society. In the U.S. there is enough work to be done to have us all employed. But the capitalists, in order to keep their margin of profits way up, need to maintain an army of unemployed people, a reserve to use whenever they see fit.

The same happens with the question of "equality". The particular oppression against some groups and against women in this capitalist society is another method used by our oppressors to get bigger profits and at the same time to keep us divided and pitted against each other. We know damn well that in X, as well as in Y, the national minority workers (Afroamericans, Latins, Asiatic and Jamaicans in our case), and the women, have the worse jobs, the lowest salaries, less opportunities to change from one department to another, etc. This whole situation benefits the capitalists' pockets who use their famous "divide and conquer" tactics - pit workers of one nationality against workers of another nationality, women against men, etc. - to our disadvantage. And in the face of this reality the only thing that the "C"LP can think of is to tell us is "vote for us in the november elections"!

Next Tuesday November 2nd we are not going to vote, neither for Carter, nor for Ford, nor for Gus Hall. We know damn well that none of them stand for our rights, none of them can solve our problems!

WORKERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES, UNITE!
LET US STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHTS
OF OUR CLASS, AGAINST THE CAPITALIST CLASS!

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