CLP Embraces Detente

The Stalinist bureaucracy of the Soviet Union yesterday issued yet one more classless appeal to the bourgeoisie of "all Nations, Parliaments and Governments...to join in the struggle for peace." This appeal was given prominent coverage in one particular English-language publication which reprinted it in full on its front page under the headline "Support Soviet Peace Proposal and editorially expressed support for this "peace appeal from the first land of socialism."

It is merely a mouthpiece for the class-collaborationist Russian bureaucracy, like Moscow News or the Daily World, No, the publication is the People's Tribune (1 July 1975), organ of the "Marxist-Leninist" Communist Labor Party (CLP), whose founders were the first to split from the arch-revisionist, pro-Moscow U.S. Communist Party (CP) during the 1940's in solidarity with the Chinese and Albanian "anti-revisionist" Stalinists. (For the history of the CLP see "What is the CP's "Peaceful Coexistence"?" Wo No. 56, 8 November 1974.) Furthermore, the CLP is now raising as its own "flagship" the same "Jobs With Peace," which politically bears an uncanny similarity to the CP's "Defense of Peace," which the CLP has obsequiously attempted to lure the CP into united-front actions (People's Tribune, June 1974).

Unlike the Revolutionary Union and October League, whose followers were recruited from the sordid bourgeoisie, bourgeois radical protest movements to a seemingly militant, ascetic and egalitarian revisionism by no means constituted a classless appeal to the freedom-loving manuevers by the ludicrous charge that the imperialists are "peaceful coexistence." The Chinese Stalinist bureaucracy, like the Revolutionary Union and October League, is fully integrated into the bourgeoisie of its own country. The Chinese Stalinists or its own long as the proletarian property forms hold state power and are rapidly and adequately public works programs. Stalinism, as Trotsky stressed, is the phylid of the workers movement. By their fundamental strategy of collaborat­ ing with the irreconcilable class enemy, the Stalinists monstrously imperil the revolutionary gains of the international proletariat. Time and time again they have betrayed the revolutionary workers and given the bourgeoisie a new lease on life. Those like the CLP who base their policies on the dubious prestige of Stalinism in power are condemned to rigging between the Scylla and Charybdis of the bourgeoisie as each pursues its own variant of "peaceful coexistence." The only key constant, besides the word "militant," rhetic is class collaboration.

As has become increasingly obvious, U.S. imperialism looks on the USSR not as a partner in imperialist aggression but as its most formidable enemy. With the victory of the pro-Moscow DRV NLF, the U.S. newspaper, which, in the words of Lenin, "tells the people that, in order to obtain a demo­ cratic government, they just have to overthrow the governments of all the belligerent countries must be overthrown."