Ethiopian students protest CLP forum

Los Angeles—Over 50 protesters, organized by the Ethiopian Student Union in North America (ESUNA), picketed a Communist Labor Party (CLP) forum here last week. The forum was called to drum up support for the Soviet-backed Ethiopian racist regime.

Chanting slogans condemning U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism and the fascist Mengistu junta, the demonstrators drowned out the CLP speaker. They finally forced the CLP revisionists to call off their program.

The CLP is trying frantically to cover over the aggressive actions of the Soviet Union in Ethiopia. This imperialist superpower has given full military and economic backing to the junta in order to carry out its own schemes in that part of Africa.

In addition, the CLP has condemned the just struggles of the Ethiopian people against the repressive and genocidal policies of the Mengistu regime. They have attacked the genuine Marxist-Leninist forces in Ethiopia and slandered the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, while calling the Mengistu clique "Marxist-Leninists" who have the interests of the Ethiopian people at heart.

A leaflet distributed by the L.A. chapter of ESUNA pointed out that "though flaunting the banner of 'anti-imperialism' and even 'Marxism-Leninism,' the out-and-out revisionist clique leading the so-called CLP...has persistently worked against the Ethiopian people and their revolution—thus finding itself in the deplorable company of Soviet revisionism ...and social fascism in Ethiopia."