

# INTERNATIONALISM MARKS RED YOUTH CAMP

Representatives from Marxist-Leninist organizations, parties, and youth organizations in 10 countries recently attended the third annual International Red Youth Summer Camp in Norway.

The October League and the Communist Youth Organization participated in the camp along with delegations from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Faeroe Islands, Italy, West Germany and Canada.

Delegates to the camp—whose theme was the struggle against the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union—held a series

of workshops and presentations that saw a lively exchange of views and experiences in the struggle against imperialism and the approaching war danger. The wealth of experience in digging roots among the workers, organizing the youth, battling the revisionists, spreading Marxism-Leninism and building for the overthrow of capitalism in their countries showed the rapid growth and vitality of the new communist movement worldwide.

In the opening speech to the camp, a delegate from the Norwegian Workers' Communist Party (WCP/M-L) detailed the sharpening contention between the two superpowers in the current world situation. Emphasizing the danger of a new world war, the delegate said, "The contradiction between the superpowers cannot be resolved without war."

During the various workshops, delegates described the particular situation in each of their countries in the fight against imperialism. For instance, a representative from the Faeroe Islands spoke to the problem of repeated violations by both superpowers of that country's 50-mile fishing limit and 200-mile economic zone. "What does this mean for the people of a small country?" the delegate asked. "It has meant a life-or-death situation for our country in which 97% of the industry is based on fishing."

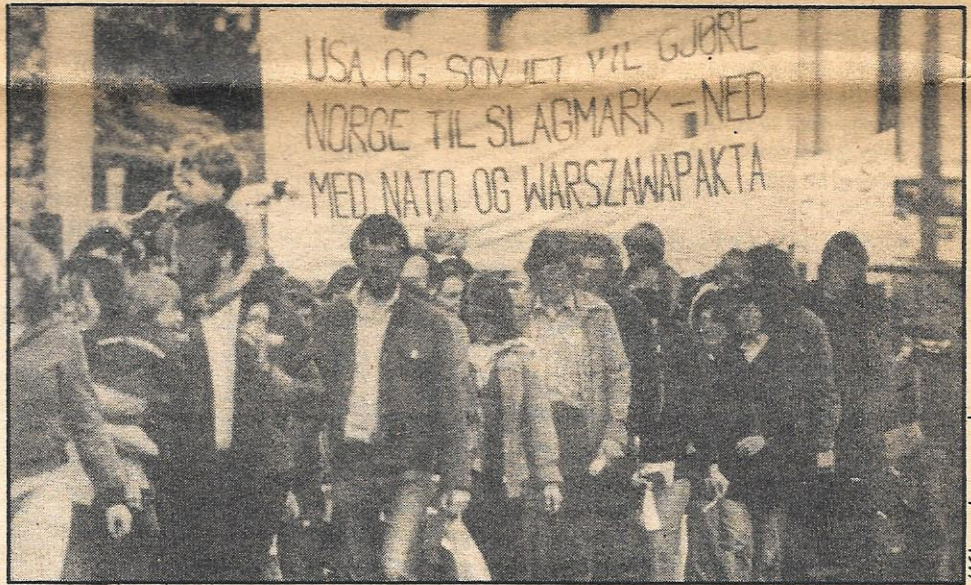
Workshops were held on the role of youth in the struggle against imperialism. Delegates pointed to the revolutionary potential of youth, and how mass youth organizations under communist leadership can become a significant force alongside the working class in opposing the superpowers and fighting for socialism.

A representative from the West German youth organization Red Guards said that, "Being a communist youth organization, we fight in the front lines of working-class youth. Our activities are concentrated wherever proletarian youth are found. That

which, he alleges, is possible on this very same basis of finance capital." (Peking edition, p. 110).

The Guardian's centrism, however, while it commits the same error as Kautsky on the relation between the state and the economic foundation, is even more backward than Kautsky's because Kautsky at least agreed that the countries in question were capitalist in their economic base. The Guardian denies this in the case of the USSR. For the Guardian, imperialism appears to be a "policy preferred" by leaders of what the Guardian thinks is a socialist country.

Either way, what Lenin says about Kautsky's sham critique applies here also: "It is a more subtle and more disguised (and therefore more dangerous) advocacy of conciliation with imperialism. . . Evasion of existing contradictions, forgetting the most important of them, instead of revealing their full depth—such is Kautsky's theory, which has nothing in common with Marxism. Naturally, such a 'theory' can only serve the purpose of advocating unity with the Cunows!" (*Imperialism*, p.111). (To-day's Cunows are the modern revisionists.)



*NORWEGIAN demonstration condemns superpower contention in Europe.*

means going into the schools and factories.”

Members of the Norwegian Communist Student League, led by the WCP/M-L, said that its special task was to develop students into communists and party cadres. “We must win the majority of students to the cause of socialist revolution.” Pointing to the high cost of education and the low standard of living, the delegate also outlined the task in Norway of “organizing the students to struggle for their economic, political and educational interests.”

The Norwegian delegate placed special emphasis on smashing the influence among youth of the revisionists, saying, “It is of the utmost importance to reveal the revisionists’ true class character to the masses of youth, especially their poisonous propaganda for the social-imperialists.” In taking up this task, members of the Norwegian Communist Student League put up wall posters on university campuses exposing the revisionists and challenging them to mass debates in front of the students.

The delegates also discussed the importance of winning the masses of youth away from fighting another imperialist war. Recognizing that many young people are forced to join the capitalist armies for economic reasons, delegates discussed their experiences organizing inside the bourgeois military forces.

The spirit of proletarian internationalism ran high during the camp, symbolized by

the “Gary Tyler Brigade” formed by the Italian and Norwegian delegations in support of the 18-year-old Black youth in the U.S. convicted of murder in a racist frame-up. Delegates warmly applauded an October League member as he told of plans to form a new communist party in the U.S. by the end of this year.

The delegations at the camp also expressed firm support for the South African people’s fight for liberation. A representative of the Pan African Congress of Azania addressed the camp about the upsurge in struggle against the imperialist-backed apartheid government in South Africa and the African peoples’ struggle against the two superpowers.

Along with the workshops and presentations, there was a wide variety of songs, films, sports and other cultural activities, including a daily camp newspaper published in several languages, that served to strengthen the bonds of friendship and proletarian internationalism among the delegates.

Summing up the camp, the Communist Youth Organization delegate stated, “Just as a new Marxist-Leninist movement has developed all over the world since the degeneration of the Soviet Union, a new revolutionary youth movement is growing up too, founded on communist principles. The Red Youth Summer Camp was an important way to strengthen this movement and learn from each other.”