The so-called Communist Party USA, with its main objective for Soviet revisionism in this country, has taken the opportunity offered by the current hard-fought miners' strike to launch a new attack on "Communists in the coalfields."

Is it strange for the CPUSA to demand that the strike be settled out of the coal bosses and union leaders? Certainly not. In fact, this is their stock-in-trade, as they desperately attempt to buy some legitimacy in the eyes of the ruling class at the expense of the miners themselves.

It is no accident that the recent attack in the Dec. 16 issue of the revisionist rag, the Daily World, written by Portia Siegelbaum, coincides with a wave of red-baiting articles in the New York Times and various regional papers. (See The Call, Dec. 5.)

The gist of Siegelbaum's diatribe against the "Maosists" is that the communists "single out UMW President Arnold Miller as the enemy." Therefore, according to the CPUSA, the communists' goal is "non-unionism" and they are "FBI fronts." The charges reveal the CPUSA's own traitorous behavior. They are nothing but out-and-out defenders of the terri ble sellout policies of the UMW leadership who, at this very moment, are throwing away their chance to win the battle.

Aside from giving his OK to the medical cutbacks, Miller wants the health and retirement fund to continue to be financed by royalties paid for each ton of coal mined and for each man-month worked. This acts as a club against the miners' ability to strike, as payments stop during a 30-day suspension.

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Now/upholding their part of the deal, the revisionists turn history on its head and claim that it was the genuine communists who "disrupted the convention." This is something even the bureaucrats didn't dare claim. They were honest enough to admit that it was just a plain old-fashioned anti-communist crusade.

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As for the article's FBI-baiting, this mainly takes the form of equaling the CPML (the October League to the revisionists) with the opportunist RCP and the police-agency group NCCL. The revisionists don't dare discuss the line of the CPML in the light of the very real ideological struggle that has faced the international communist movement for decades.

To revisionists like Siegelbaum, all those who have broken with the revisionist line of "peaceful transition to socialism" and with the revisionists' fronting for the labor bureaucrats are "cops." This keeps them from the difficult task of explaining the differences between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism to their own rank and file—an explanation which might prove very embarrassing.

The miners and other workers will decide who is doing the work of the company and the police in the ranks of the working class movement. They are seeing every day who is joining and leading the militant struggles of the working class and who is in league with the bosses and bureaucrats.

The new wave of red-baiting in the Daily World, coming as it does in the midst of the strike and on the heels of the rash of such articles in the bourgeois press, adds more evidence in the case against the revisionists.