Both the capitalist and socialist countries in which 100,000 gathered to call for a ban on nuclear weapons. Among its principles were total nuclear disarmament; elimination of all forms of colonialism and racial discrimination; respect for sovereignty and independence of all countries; non-interference in the internal affairs of nations; and mutual trade and cultural exchanges between different countries.

But the Soviet Union, after Stalin's death, was taken over by the Khrushchev clique, who abandoned the revolutionary struggles. At that time, the WPC also began to change color.

At first the WPC began to follow the Soviet policy of conciliating to U.S. imperialism, opposing the revolutionary movements in Southeast Asia, Africa and elsewhere by claiming that "a single spark could ignite a nuclear holocaust." Then the WPC became the defender of big power politics and the idea that only the so-called "detente" between the two superpowers could guarantee peace.

Now the Soviet Union has turned into an aggressive imperialist superpower in its own right. Instead of being a voice for world peace as it was in the '40s, the USSR has sent its troops and armaments throughout the world to invade some countries like Czechoslovakia and used its proxies to invade others, from Angola to Kampuchea.

Today, the once-socialist USSR is no longer a force for nuclear disarmament. Rather, it is the most powerfully-armed military bureaucracy in the world which, along with the U.S., is threatening everyone with nuclear blackmail.

In its contention with the U.S., Moscow is leading the world to another world war and massive destruction of human life.

It is no accident that the revisionists have taken this opportunity to form the so-called U.S. Peace Council. They are anxious to cover up the crimes of their masters in the USSR.

But we would ask all those who might turn to this organization out of a sincere desire for peace: Will the council truly oppose nuclear weapons by demanding that the two nuclear giants be the first to disarm? Will it demand that the U.S. and the USSR guarantee that they will not be the first to use nuclear bombs? Will the council really oppose all forms of colonialism and racial discrimination—including the occupation of Kampuchea by the Vietnamese neo-colonial regime, which is the source of a grave war danger? Will it demand that all foreign armies give up their bases in other countries, from Puerto Rico to Ethiopia?

A look at who's behind the organization makes the answers obvious. The U.S. Peace Council is destined to be simply one more ruse carried out under the much distorted banner of "peace."