

Guardian's jobs march coverage worse than ABC network news

Despite its claims of “independence” and “objectivity,” the centrist Guardian newspaper is no different than any other bourgeois paper when it comes to news of the working class movement—perhaps it is even worse. A glaring example was its recent coverage of the Feb. 18 March on Washington, organized by the Jobs or Income Now Coalition.

Even the ABC network news was forced to acknowledge that 2,500 people from across the country participated in this demonstration. The Milwaukee Courier, a Black community weekly, also declared “2,500 Call for Jobs” in a front-page article on the march.

How many people did the Guardian see? Not 2,500. Not even 2,000. “About 1,000 peo-

ple participated in a ‘Jobs or Income Now!’ march and rally Feb. 18,” according to the fiercely “independent” Guardian.

Perhaps the reporter was near-sighted. Or could it be that the Guardian, so disdainful of the masses, stood too far away to get an accurate picture?

Another look at the Guardian article gives a clue. “Most of the marchers appeared to be members or supporters of the CPML or one of its affiliated groups,” they reported.

Like the most rabid anti-communists, the Guardian saw CPML banners in the march and—abracadabra!—everyone in sight became a Party member!

But the few facts mentioned in the Guardian’s own story serve to show that the march was indeed a broad united front ef-

fort. Even the Guardian must refer to the range of speakers (of whom, alas, not one name is spelled correctly)—Philip Vera Cruz, former vice-president of the United Farm Workers; Walter Lawson, recording secretary of United Mine Workers Local 5694; and several others whom they don’t mention from welfare rights, veterans, Native American and other organizations.

In all, more than 200 organizations and individuals endorsed the march. Within this coalition, the CPML certainly played an active role.

While the Guardian looks at the world through its own blurry eyes, *The Call* newspaper proudly stands on the side of the working class. “Independence” from the masses is reserved for the guardians of the bourgeoisie.