This August a strange series of events took place which turned a summer camp, billed as an international gathering of anti-imperialist and anti-fascist youth, into an arena of sharp class struggle and the sight of phony “communists,” conducting a modern day version of the Spanish Inquisition (in which the 15th century the Church and the Spanish feudal classes launched an attack on all kinds of progressive thinking, burned books, executed people for “hereism,” etc).

The camp was organized in the main by several European parties which have close ties with the Albanian Party of Labor, whose leader, Enver Hoxha, has recently come out with a full-scale assault against Mao Tsetung. Hoxha and his closest followers have tried to make attacking Mao a sort of “admissions card” into what they like to refer to as the “international Marxist-Leninist movement.” Several parties which only a few years ago gave lip service to Mao as the greatest leader of the time, have dumped him like a hot potato now that it isn’t popular to be upholding Mao in certain circles and now that there is little capital to be gained from pretending to support his teachings.

But unfortunately for those who planned the grand spectacle, one is willing to abandon revolutionary principles and another is willing to abandon the camp who were determined that the struggle against revisionism take precedence over the singing of folk songs.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of America (ML), the RCP and the RCP of Chile and others within the camp itself who were fighting against the politics of the “camp counci­tors” threw the latter into a complete frenzy. In violation of the previous agreement, the Chileans were ordered to stop selling their pamphlet defending Mao. When they proceeded to give it away instead, they were expelled by force from the camp, as were the dele­gations of the Communist Party of Austria and the Communist Party of Cyprus (Marxist-Leninist). The camp superintendents then went around try­ ing to confiscate the contraband literature from all those in the camp who had gotten hold of it and throwing it all into a giant pile. Even the Spanish police were called into the act by the camp organizer!

The defense of this cowardly action was almost as pathetic as the actions themselves. A joint statement signed by 11 of the 25 participating organizations of the camp accused the Turkish com­munists of being “provocateurs” and said the RCP of Turkey and the Albanian party were “sowing confusion and divi­sion among the participants.”

The Communist Party USA (ML), also known as MLOC, publisher of the little-read weekly United, was al­so a reactionary taking action against the RCP.

In their paper they actually said that those who were thrown out of the camp were supporters of Chinese revisionism!

Actually, all the groups who were expelled from the camp were supporters of Chinese revisionism—for example, the RCP of Chile was among the first parties in the world to condemn the new Chinese rulers through their Open Letter to the CPC which had wide impact among Marxist-Leninists worldwide. Further, it is a little ridiculous to hear MLOC calling other supporters of Chinese revisionism when it was MLOC that openly hailed the revisionist coup in China—only to switch their support to the Albanians when they thought it might give them some international recognition.

The silly and childish actions of the organizers of the summer camp turn­ing books and expelling “heretics” can­not be seen as simply a question of not allowing democratic debate. At the bot­tom is the reactionary line coming from these forces, on the question of Mao and a whole host of others as well. Since their line cannot stand up to de­bate, and since they fear their members coming into contact with correct ideas, they are reduced to outlawing genuine Marxists from their camp and like the first Inquisition, demanding unquestioning obedience to the Pope—in this case Enver Hoxha.

Mass Murder No Crime for Construction Co.

Tucked inside the Saturday morning edition of a New Jersey newspaper, the following item, in part, appeared: “A grand jury knew all this. The government had already fixed Research-Cottrell over $100,000 and OSHA had found them guilty of not testing the cement or the scaffolding. But this didn’t matter. What the grand jury decided is that the resultant mass death from all of this was not criminal. Under this so-called democracy, actual­ly a capitalist form of government, capital­ists, companies like R-C kill 51 workers without violating the law. It didn’t take R-C long to respond with gratitude, as it has continued to build more towers in other states, citing the finding that “the investigation ap­ports its position that this accident was not the result of any willful conduct on its part.”

Women at Camp Interrupted Again!

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Spanish Inquisition

The town meeting got off to a smooth schedule to the crowd. He had just started, “The Revolutionary Communist Party…,” several times before the crowd was disrupted by RCP supporters. How did she manage to get in? The Secret Service will never know—but it definitely wasn’t luck of the draw.

This is the third time Carter’s well-or­chestrated charade town meetings have been disrupted by RCP supporters. How did she manage to get in? The Secret Service will never know—but it definitely wasn’t luck of the draw.

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