Billboards in downtown Detroit advertise “People’s Rally and Disco,” August 25 and 30. The local RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) promises to be a fitting finale. It will certainly be fine, in the fine tradition of the bourgeois political circuses that the CP loves to mimic. 

Slogans such as “Stop the Minneapolis!” “Put People Before Profits,” “Your Profiteers,” are used to attract those who won’t come for the Disco alone. The build-up has all the markings of a self-consciously “peaceful” demonstration, stiff-necked bore trying to be “hip.” And at center stage will be Angela Davis, who gained a certain fame in the late ‘60s by associating herself with the upsurge among Black people all the while continuing to preach the CP line of conciliation and peaceful reform. At the same time, leaders of the CPUSA will be facing a more difficult decision than simply who to support or what to do. Within a spin. They have to come to grips with how to all at once serve two imperialist masters who are fast preparing to go to war with each other.

The CPUSA gave up any thought of revolution many, many years ago and since then has itself preaching to the Soviets to “socialism without revolution” and accepts the new world order as the only alternative. And, no doubt, the CP leadership is worried that as things further unfold, the masses will become less and less tolerant of an organization basically indulging in the service of socialists and revolutionaries. In other words, without revolution, with the capitalists ruling class, and as their fellow political policemen grieve, they have lit up peace at any价.

So today, when they have made the arrestation of the SAAL II in our city, and have decided to try to spread the word of their increase in power, they write that the “challenge for Left and progressive forces is to channel this movement, the largest upswelling of peace protest action since the Vietnam War” (apparently their missiles are still in power, it is possible for the U.S. to adopt a foreign policy in the interests of the working class! They got a response to more than one dead man, they have set up a mass movement against the war moves of the U.S. imperialists, the ruling class is less and less willing to allow the capitalists to be impolimalists) then we could have such a thing. The CP convention should be interesting to watch, as these revisionists look for a solution to avoid doing the splits.

**A BAD DAY for the FBI**

This was the worst day of violence in the history of the FBI,” mourned Director William Webster. But while August 9th certainly upset J. Edgar Hoover’s successors, no tears were shed by the people. Within a period of only several hours, three agents of the hated FBI were shot down in Cleveland and one in Cleveland, Ohio.

In El Centro, Jim Maloney went to the local FBI office with a shotgun in hand and a pistol in the other. He murdered three agents, and wounded one. Maloney, mortally wounded in the shootout, then killed himself.

In the wake of Oliver’s death, authorities have unleashed a wave of harassment by the FBI for his political activity. He had kept them under surveillance for over ten years, no doubt applying many of the disgusting techniques which have made these bastard cops so notorious. In Cleveland, Maloney lashed out at these agents of the ruling class, and as their fellow police policemen grieve, they have little company.

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In the wake of Oliver’s death, authorities have unleashed a wave of gestapo terror against the Black community. Over 400 FBI agents, SWAT teams and other cops have kicked in doors, forced families out at gunpoint, aimed sawed-off shotguns in the faces of little children, and have stopped, searched and arrested scores in a widening dragnet. People are outraged and standing up to the attacks. An old Black man howling with anger said, “Already thousands across the country were killed or hurt since Oliver, and not a damn thing is done. People are too afraid, and if you report in to the police they kill and they send in a whole army.”

As the cops were breaking into one man’s apartment, they yelled to him, “Get those kids out of here now or we'll burn the place down and offer a $10,000 reward, now increased to $20,000, as bait to get Guyton. It won’t be long before he’s caught. $10,000 is a lot of money for those people, one they can make use of. As more and more people come into motion against the war moves of the U.S. imperialists, the ruling class will consider it useful for revisionists like the CP to be out interfering with, proclaiming about “peace” and “disarmament,” while actively combating the only real solution to imperialism which will bring to an armed revolution against the ruling class. As the armed revolution of masses of people is completely opposed to everything that the CPUSA believes—indeed, their very outlook prevents them from even considering it as a remote possibility—the CP can continue to promote a political line which will disorient the Soviet Union and aid them in their propaganda, but will at the same time disarm and cloud the political obstacles.

As far as the CPUSA’s perspectives go, it’s best to be skeptical. Their willingness to renounce their “detente” line makes their clear intention to try to use the mass movement so far their motive. They must spin the creation of the mass waves that objective reality gives rise to. But alas, poor revisionists, reality will give rise to more than just waves, but a hurricane of revolutionary struggle. And the masses could knock the CP and its surfboard right out of the water.

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