

## INTRODUCTION

The U.S. communist movement has taken a major step forward since the last issue of *Class Struggle*. It now has a Marxist-Leninist party to guide the working class to victory.

“The founding of the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) is an historic event,” said Chairman Michael Klonsky in his Political Report to the Founding Congress on June 4. “It is a time for the working class to be proud, to walk with its chest puffed out and to say: ‘Yes, we have been held down for so long, but now a new day is dawning. Now we have our Party, the Party of the proletariat.’ ”

Klonsky's Political Report, the CP(M-L) Program and Constitution were unanimously adopted by the Congress to guide the Party's policies and work in the period ahead. These documents, now available in booklet form, are being widely studied and distributed. *Class Struggle* urges its readers to join in this process.

The Political Report also points out that “our work around *The Call/ El Clarín*, *Class Struggle* and other Party literature is key to bolshevizing our ranks and spreading our influence among the masses...The Party press and bookstores must be broadly expanded to meet the tasks of the period ahead. The works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung must be widely disseminated along with a broad range of popular agitation and propaganda material from our Party and non-Party press.”

This issue of *Class Struggle* was produced with these tasks in mind. Its feature article is the interview with Klonsky following his return from a recent visit to China, which included a meeting with Chairman Hua.

Questions concerning this meeting, the struggle against the "gang of four," Teng Hsiao-ping's return to leading posts and other matters are dealt with clearly and sharply by the CP(M-L) Chairman. The toasts exchanged between Klonsky and Vice-Premier of the State Council, Li Hsien-nien, are reprinted in this issue.

Of special interest in this issue also is an excerpt from Volume 5 of Chairman Mao's *Selected Works*, now available in English for the first time. This selection is a popular and penetrating study of materialist dialectics, the philosophy of the working class. We hope this will spur the study of Volume 5 and, together with it, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's analysis and guide to the book printed in our last issue.

Last issue's polemic with the so-called Revolutionary Communist Party on the international situation is also continued in this number. The author, CP(M-L) Vice Chairman, Eileen Klehr responds to the RCP's latest twists and turns around its "theory of equality" between the two superpowers.

The workers' movement is a special focus of two articles. The first, by Ruth Gifford, sums up the important labor campaign initiated by the former October League. It is an excellent theoretical and practical guide on the trade union question, drawing the lessons of both positive and negative experience. The second, by Mary Wexler, describes the process of building a factory cell. This is a type of article which we plan to feature regularly in *Class Struggle*. A Party unit of factory workers helped to write it, summing up their work in the class struggle.

Another first for this issue is the article by a Class Struggle Writing Group in Boston, criticizing the revisionist line of Martin Nicolaus on the question of centrism. Theoretical writing groups like this are being set up in Party districts across the country. They have the task of training Party cadres and sympathizers—especially workers, women and minority nationalities—in theoretical work and the writing of propaganda. *Class Struggle* readers who would like to join this work or other tasks related to the journal should contact us through our post office box.

Finally, we have translated and reprinted an article from the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) of Belgium. It discusses the question of the relations between parties internationally, drawing lessons from the past to serve the present struggle for the unity of the international communist movement.

In closing, we would like to note the four poems by Comrade Janet Sloan at the beginning of this issue. This revolutionary young woman and working class fighter was killed in a shipyard near Philadelphia this summer by the unsafe conditions there. Sloan was a founding member of the CP(M-L) and died a martyr at her post. The Sun Ship Company is entirely responsible and its bosses have blood on their hands. We will never forget it, and Janet Sloan will always be remembered.

The Editors,  
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