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"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin

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ON TO THE CONGRESS!

Comrades and Friends,

We are fast approaching an historic period in the history of the Communist and working class movement in the USNA. At the end of August the Communist League along with other Marxist-Leninists and honest revolutionaries will participate in a Congress to form a multi-national Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of a New Type. This Congress is being held against the background of rising fascism and, at the same time, of a renewed upsurge of the working class movement. The working class of the USNA has had a glorious and militant history of struggle against capital, but has been without the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. Built on the foundation of the struggle against revisionism, the Congress will lay the base for a real leadership of the working class that will build a united front against fascism and will guide the working class onto the victorious overthrow of the fetters of capitalism.

In this Special Issue of the People's Tribune, we look at what we were able to accomplish as a Communist League and what our monumental and challenging tasks will be as members of a Communist Party. In fighting the ideological battle for an anti-revisionist Party and in training a core of Marxist-Leninists, the Communist League has served its purpose and served it well. We must now entrench ourselves deeply in the working class and emerge as its leadership by winning the vanguard of the proletariat to the cause of communism and uniting the whole class with the ideas of scientific socialism. As Lenin said, "The eman-

icipation of the working classes must be conquered by the working classes themselves.' In every country there has been a period in which the working class movement existed apart from socialism, each going its own way and in every country this isolation has weakened both socialism and the working class movement. Only the fusion of socialism with the working class movement has in all countries created a durable basis for both." (Lenin, "Urgent Tasks of Our Movement," Party Work in the Masses, Progress Publishers, 1969, p. 7).

At this Congress, we join

with other Marxist-Leninists and honest revolutionaries in the spirit of unity. This is an historic juncture for the workers and oppressed peoples in the USNA and around the world. We are at the gateways of smashing USNA imperialism and establishing a society free from the chains of exploitation and oppression. We join with the other organizations of the Continuations Committee in raising the slogans of:

BUILD A MULTI-NATIONAL MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

FIGHT FOR NEW ELECTIONS

The resignation of Nixon and the rapid emergence of Gerald Ford as President and the most rapacious of imperialists, Nelson Rockefeller, as Vice President of the new "unity" government has been pronounced a great victory for "democracy and the American way" by both Nixon's supporters and his so-called critics. But the "agony" of Watergate is not behind us! Even the pretense of an election was ignored. The working class cannot sit back and allow the wheels of fascism to crush one democratic right after another. The demand for the immediate removal from office of these fascists and for new elections can and must be the rallying point in the shops, in the neighborhoods and in the mass organizations. The working class cannot wait for the heels of fascism to stir us to action; the battle for new elections - that is our immediate call!

Gerald Ford, the hand picked replacement of the corrupted, exposed, and politically isolated Nixon regime has now assumed office. Nixon's past record of appointments can at least match Hitler's worst rogue's gallery. Ford, in his own words, is "beholden to none". But no matter how much Ford plays the role of the "honest man", his actions in less than one month in office

show that we now have a President with a free hand to step up the fascist offensive. The new president has a "mandate" from the USNA imperialists to break the back of the angry spontaneous movement of the working class in order to prepare for imperialist war.

Nixon's "critics" find no fault with Ford's avowed conservatism. He has a 25 year congressional record of anti-working class votes. He helped engineer the Nixon ploy to stack the Supreme Court with avowed fascists, including the abortive attempts to install as Chief Justice those fascist paragons, Carswell and Hainsworth. The leaders of the impeachment movement find no cause for alarm in Ford's record of opposing integration. They find no fault with Ford's decision to retain many of Nixon's closest aides who have direct ties with not only the military, but direct ties with the imperialists themselves.

Judging from the flurry of activity in the White House these days, it is becoming increasingly clear that our new "Mr. Clean" is quickly trying to clean up the

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