

Editor's Notes--

O.L. Holds Third Congress

This issue of Class Struggle appears just following the successful completion of the Third Congress of the October League (Marxist-Leninist). The Congress held in southwest Alabama, was attended by delegates from all over the country and every sphere of the October League's work. Marked by a high level of unity and enthusiasm, this congress boldly took on the fight against revisionism. It dedicated the whole organization of the October League to intensified work for the construction of a new communist party in the next period.

A theme which ran through the entire congress was the fact that at the very same time as the October League members were meeting under most difficult circumstances, the revisionist Communist Party, USA, was also holding its "convention" with much publicity, in a luxurious Chicago hotel. Bearing this in mind, the delegates read and debated the congress documents, seeking to insure that the political line of the October League made a thorough break with revisionism on every question, and correctly applied the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of our experience and work.

One of the big advances of the congress was the adoption of a resolution on Chicano Liberation and the Chicano national question. A draft of this document is presented inside this issue of Class Struggle, in the hope that it will serve to outline the October League's analysis of Chicano history and program for the Chicano struggle. As with other congress documents which we will be publishing soon, the O.L. invites the further discussion and criticism from our readers.

Based on extensive research as well as summation of several years of our organization's practical experience among the Chicano people, this document also serves to deepen our overall understanding of the national question in the U.S. At the congress, other extensive resolutions were adopted on the Afro-American question and the Puerto Rican question. All these resolutions showed the strategic significance of the national question in the U.S. and reflected a firm line building proletarian internationalism, which stood in sharp contrast to the chauvinism and liquidation of the national struggles peddled at the convention of the CPUSA.

A final note on the resolution on Chicano Liberation is that it was prepared by the national Chicano Commission of the October League. This body, took

the lead in research, study, and summarizing of practical experience. We believe that commissions such as this are a vital form of organization within a party to carry out the special work of developing a theoretical understanding of various national questions, as well as overseeing the general program of work.

This issue of Class Struggle also presents several other important articles. Featured among these is Martin Nicolaus' critique of Red Papers 7, which he submitted to Class Struggle for the purpose of broadening the debate on the question of the Soviet Union. Nicolaus, the former foreign editor of the Guardian, and author of a recent pamphlet on the restoration of capitalism, criticizes the document published by the Revolutionary Union for its metaphysical analysis, its lack of understanding of politics and political economy, and its ultimate conclusion, which as Nicolaus argues, is that capitalism really hasn't been restored in the USSR.

The article, Report on the Dictatorship of the Proletariat Struggle, adds to the Nicolaus article by expanding on the whole question of the tasks of the proletarian dictatorship in combating the bourgeois right which tends to foster capitalism even under socialism. The article, was written by a member of a recent delegation to China where the masses of people are studying the theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This study campaign is aimed especially at the tasks of the Chinese working class in light of the capitalist restoration in the USSR and similar attempts by revisionists in China.

In another article, the October League responds to the Workers Viewpoint group and their numerous attacks on the O.L. The article exposes the essence of the "super-revolutionary" line pushed by this group which ends up standing on the sidelines of the most important workers struggles, or actually falling right in line behind the CPUSA.

A final article in Class Struggle this month is a reprint from Albania Today, commenting on the trade unions in the capitalist countries and the role of revisionists and reformists within them.

The response to the first issue of Class Struggle was highly enthusiastic, as many friends and comrades wrote to us to criticize or discuss certain points, as well as helping us with money and offering to distribute the journal. A number of people submitted manuscripts which we hope to be able to publish in the near future. In all, we evaluated the response to the first issue as very favorable for expanding our theoretical work further, and using Class Struggle as one means to do this.

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