

About This Issue

This issue of People's Democracy contains two articles, both of which are designed to help put an end to the Period in which the U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement has been mired for nearly the past decade, the Third Period, the Period of Theory and Line.

The first article, "A Brief Review Of The History And Basic Principles Of Dialectical Materialism", is intended to serve as a guide to a more advanced study of the subject matter indicated in the title. Such a study is an important first step in the process of advancing the U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement beyond the Third Period's First Phase, the essential feature of which is the assimilation of the basic laws and principles of the world's most advanced revolutionary theory, Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought.

The above article is presented in two installments. Found in this issue of People's Democracy, the first installment briefly describes the basic features of the two world outlooks, Idealism and Materialism, does the same with the varieties of Idealism, and traces the history of philosophy up to the development of Dialectical Materialism. The article's second installment, which appears in the July-August issue of People's Democracy, summarizes Dialectical Materialism's basic laws and principles and demonstrates (through the use of contemporary American examples) the applicability of those laws and principles to the American revolution.

This issue's second article is entitled "On The U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement's Anti-Left Tendency". This article does the following: It establishes the existence of organized forces who oppose the ultra-leftism that has wreaked havoc in the U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement during its entire period of existence --i.e., since 1957; it analyzes the Anti-Left Tendency's component Sub-Tendencies--in the process, clearly indentifying those forces seeking the broadest possible unity and those forces continuing to practice sectarianism; and, finally, it identifies the key task in the chain of tasks currently confronting the Anti-Left Tendency as that of uniting the broadest array of principled forces against the U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement's main internal danger--Dogmatism. Thus, in very practical ways, this article too advances the U.S. Anti-Revisionist Movement in the direction of ending the Third Period.