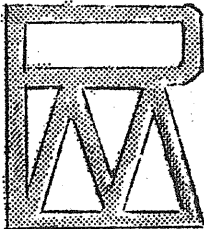


EDITORIAL

FIGHT INQUISITION OF PLM

On Monday, Dec. 21, 1964, over 75 people gathered to picket and voice their opposition to the special New York City Grand Jury hearings conducting a supposed inquiry into the causes of last summer's so-called Harlem riots. The Grand Jury had subpoenaed seven young supporters and leaders of the May 2nd Movement in the line of their "investigations" of the Harlem events. As of this writing, more young people have been subpoenaed and we hesitate to predict how many subpoenas will have been served by the time this issue of the BULLETIN reaches our readers.

This committee of inquisition has focused its investigations on the Progressive Labor Movement and the May 2nd Movement, a militant student anti-war group opposed to the war in Vietnam. This is the same "little HUAC" which indicted Harlem PLM leader Bill Epton on charges of "criminal anarchy."



The inquisition is part of a massive campaign of intimidation and harrassment organized by the "liberal" Democratic Wagner administration against the PLM, and indeed against all who dare to take the lead in serious struggle against racial and class oppression in New York. The inquisition is intended to isolate and demoralize the members and supporters of the PLM because of its serious interest in creating a revolutionary working class party in this country. The inquisition is a warning to the Negro and Puerto Rican masses to "stay in their places" and steer clear of revolutionary movements. That is why the inquisition has sought as its "victim" the PLM rather than the more tame 'radical' parties like the Socialist, Communist, and Socialist Workers Parties. Supporters of these three parties were notable in their absence from the Dec. 21 picket line.

Every militant and socialist must speak out and lend whatever support possible in order to defeat the inquisition! A Committee to Defent Resistance to Ghetto Life (CERGE) has been formed to lead the attack against this witch-hunt and provide defense for the victims. Contributions may be sent to CERGE, 147 W. 42nd St., NYC, Suite 904.

American imperialism is drilled into the minds of students in college as it was earlier in their education. The students are taught that the empiricist outlook, the philosophy of the ruling class itself, is the only sensible way