



4000 Attend Nationwide

International Conferences Conclude on West Coast

The series of conferences on the subject of war, revolution and the internationalist tasks of the American people, which was initiated last fall in New York, is over. That original conference drew 2200 registered participants from all over the East Coast, the South and the Midwest (see *Revolution*, December 1976). During the course of the Winter and early Spring three additional daylong conferences were held in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle where 500, 850 and 500 people registered, respectively.

The total turnout of over 4000 people is very encouraging and shows the tremendous interest and concern with which more and more people from all sections of the American masses are viewing the international arena today. Many people made important contributions to these successful events. All four conferences were characterized by lively debate, analysis, and discussion over what is really going on in the world and what the internationalist tasks of the American people are.

In formal debates and many workshops focusing on particular questions and areas of the world, RCP and RSB members and others presented the Marxist-Leninist line of building the broadest possible international united front against imperialism aimed at the rulers of both imperialist superpowers, whose rivalry for world domination is leading toward a new world war. This line, including the special task of the American people

to oppose "our own" ruling class, was highlighted in clashes with the major erroneous analyses of the world situation put forward by self-proclaimed revolutionaries: that of the *Guardian* newspaper and others who are blind to today's facts and see only the U.S. ruling class as the enemy while presenting the predatory efforts of the USSR to swallow up struggling people and nations as "socialist aid"; and that of the October League and others in the U.S. who paint a frightful picture of the Soviet "main enemy" to push capitulation to the American bourgeoisie.

The conferences were not focused merely on discussing and understanding the world situation. Many speakers and participants emphasized the importance of using the knowledge gained at the conference to build *struggle* against the schemes, maneuvers, aggression and war preparations of both superpowers and particularly the U.S. ruling class and government which we are in a position to materially affect. The present movement on the campuses and elsewhere in support of the liberation struggles in southern Africa is a crucial expression of this task.

Although these conferences are now over, the rapidly changing and developing world situation can only call for continued study, discussion, debate to deepen understanding of what is happening and what we must do to advance in the course of it. ■