

Denounces "Adventurists"

# CPML Takes Side Of Houston Police

As the Houston ruling class authorities unleashed a vicious assault and hysterical red-baiting on People United to Fight Police Brutality and the Revolutionary Communist Party, they found some "surprising," if puny, support from the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist.)

The May 22 issue of the *Call* accuses the RCP and People United of "playing right into the hands of the Houston police." They even go so far as to invent a quote attributed to a People United spokesman that, "We don't care how many Chicanos get hurt in the struggle," a libel that would be truly criminal if it were not so transparently absurd. Further, they accuse the Party of denying the revolutionary potential of the Chicano national movement.

But fabricating lies is only half the story. What they don't mention is also revealing:

- No mention of the fact that it is against People United and the RCP that the red-baiting is directed. (In fact they leave their readers with the definite implication that perhaps the CP(ML) is being attacked, which of course is not the case at all.)

- No mention of three leaders of the struggle arrested for responsibility for the rebellion who at the time of the *Call* article were in jail with one half million dollars bail each.

- No mention of the march led by People United the week after the rebellion in the face of grave danger.

- No mention of the fact that it has been People United which has been keeping the struggle for "Justice for Joe Torres" alive, long after the CP(ML) and a host of other opportunists lost interest.

Of course revolutionaries have come to expect the CP(ML) to turn reality on its head in a pathetic effort to discredit communists and other genuine fighters against oppression and promote their own puny sectarian interests. Indeed their article might have passed without comment from us were it not for one statement in their slander sheet that went beyond mere opportunism and lands them in the ranks of police informers and active agents of counter-revolution. The *Call* accuses the RCP "and its front group (!) People United" of being "isolated adventurists."

Evidently, for the CP(ML) who played no role in the

rebellion whatsoever, it is "adventurist" to actually be in the thick of the struggle, to stand with the masses against their oppressors. It was "adventurist" to stand up to the capitalists, "adventurist" to openly defend the masses' actions, especially their attacks on the pigs. And it was especially "adventurist" to do this right after the rebellion—when the heat was on and the lines were drawn.

For these bourgeois "communists," it is infinitely preferable to let others do the "adventuring" and take the risks. Then, when the danger has subsided, it is safe to leap out and flex your puny muscles as if you had carried some weight in the struggle, while attacking those who actually and actively took the side of the masses against the bourgeoisie and its vicious, violent repression.

Some of the very "isolated adventurists" the CP(ML) is attacking face 20 year sentences precisely because the capitalists have singled them out as revolutionary leaders in this struggle against national oppression.

The cowards who run the CP(ML) are content to trash the struggle from the safety of their reformist nest—a nest populated with the likes of State Senator Ben Reyes and other community misleaders who they make a half-hearted pretense of criticizing. The CP(ML) ends up praising these reformist buzzards for "seeing through the red-baiting" and "changing their tune." But Reyes and Co. were the ones who trumpeted the crescendo of red-baiting in the first place! And far from changing their tune, they played a tear-filled lament for the Houston police and openly begged them to attack the leaders of People United.

Perhaps most revealing is the CP(ML)'s feeble assertion that they are "stepping up their efforts to lead the masses in a revolutionary direction." They are evidently desperate to explain to their membership why they are simply carping from the sidelines while the "chauvinist, adventurist" RCP is out there in the heat of the struggle.

CP(ML) has insisted, as they always do, on lending whatever little weight they have to the capitalists' attacks. As the consequence it is absolutely certain that the masses will see and treat them in the same light, and that they will suffer the same fate in the end. ■