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## Introduction

This issue of *Class Struggle* features the celebration of the first anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist).



The celebration was a powerful, moving and inspiring event that took place in Chicago on June 11. More than 1,200 people from some 40 cities across the country filled the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel to warmly and enthusiastically mark the occasion.

"Today is like an acclamation," an older Black woman worker told *The Call*. "The Party is saying: 'We're here, we're

ready, we're willing! "

Just to examine the character and revolutionary spirit of the audience was clear proof of the fact that the CPML had made great gains in its first year. They were primarily workers, proletarians from the basic industries and from the army of the unemployed. They were multinational—Blacks, whites, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Chinese-Americans, Chicanos,

Native Americans and many others. They were men and women, and young, middle-aged and old.

It was also an internationalist celebration. It featured a magnificent revolutionary cultural performance by the Azanian Singers and Dancers as well as a keynote speech by Pal Steigman, Chairman of the Workers Communist Party of Norway (Marxist-Leninist). Solidarity messages poured in from dozens of countries around the world. Representatives attended from revolutionary parties and organizations in many countries.

But most of all, it was a gathering of fighters, of revolutionaries united around the program of the CPML. Many were new to the fight and just learning about communism, full of enthusiasm. Others were seasoned veterans of decades of struggle, even stauncher in their determination to see capitalism in its grave.

With this issue, *Class Struggle* will try to convey some of the scope and revolutionary content of this gathering. It includes the complete text of the main speech delivered by CPML Chairman Michael Klonsky. In his talk, Klonsky stressed the growing trend of regroupment and unity in the interna-

tional communist movement, as well as among Marxist-Leninists here in the U.S.

Also included is the full text of Pal Steigman's speech. The Chairman of the Norwegian Party forcefully and briefly summed up the struggle of the workers and communists in his country, and strongly exposed the "new type" of revisionists who slandered Chairman Mao's theory of the three worlds as "class collaborationist."

We are also reprinting the texts of the solidarity messages the Party received from dozens of communist, anti-imperialist and national liberation organizations throughout the second and third worlds. These messages indicate two things. First, modern revisionism is being challenged by a growing movement almost everywhere on the globe. Second, that the main trend of this movement is unity, despite the efforts of a handful



of opportunists who would disrupt it from within. The CPML clearly has friends all over the world.

The anniversary celebration also included an inspiring display of people's art and culture. All who saw it were truly impressed with the wealth of revolutionary talent that exists within our young movement, and among the masses themselves. Of course, it is impossible to recreate its full impact in these pages. Nonetheless, we are including several pages of photographs of some of the most popular exhibits, along with comments from the artists.

In the speech of Comrade Klonsky, the Party also frankly pinpointed some of its weaknesses, particularly the problems of sectarianism, subjectivism and bureaucracy. In line with combatting these "three evils," we are reprinting an article by Chairman Mao Tsetung, entitled, "Talk at the Enlarged Working Conference Convened by the Central Committee of the CPC." This speech was made by Chairman Mao on January 30, 1962, and it focuses on the question of democratic centralism both inside the Party and among the masses.

Chairman Mao's remarks hold much wisdom for the revolutionary movement in our country. At the same time, they are very relevant to the present situation in China. This was shown by the fact that the

speech was printed in full for the first time publicly in China on the 57th anniversary of the founding of the Party July 1. The speech took up the entire edition of the People's Daily on that day and is now being widely studied and discussed in China. We urge our readers to study this important document well.

Finally, we should note that one of the parties under heaviest attack by both imperialism and social-imperialism in the world today is the Communist Party of Kampuchea. Readers of *The Call* will be familiar with the reports from that country by a group of revolutionary journalists who recently visited there. *The Call's* editor, Dan Burstein, headed the delegation, and in this issue we are including an in-depth interview with him. In addition to refuting the lies of the "propaganda war" aimed at Democratic Kampuchea, Burstein also offers some important insights into the nature of the party there and how it has carried out its tasks. This information is very useful in arming the CPML and others in mobilizing an internationalist defense of Kampuchea, in strengthening the solidarity between the American and Kampuchean peoples.

All in all, this issue of *Class Struggle* is once again a powerful weapon for our movement. We hope our readers will make good use of it.