

## Introduction

This issue of *Class Struggle* is focused on a number of important questions currently being widely discussed and debated in the U.S. revolutionary movement. These include events at home and abroad, as well as various subjects concerning the work and future direction of our movement itself.

These discussions are not taking place in a vacuum. Since our last issue, the Soviet Union has invaded Afghanistan, a Black rebellion has shaken the city of Miami and the U.S. economy has taken a turn for the worse. Activists are trying to find the best tactics and forms of organization to respond to these events, and the Marxist-Leninists especially are seeking the best approach to make even more gains toward uniting in a single party.

In order to get a variety of viewpoints on these subjects, we have opened our pages to a number of writers outside the CPML. These include Muhammad Ahmad of the African Peoples Party, the Proletarian Unity League, and Jorge Calderón, a revolutionary intellectual from Mexico. While our views may differ from theirs on certain points, we believe their articles are a valuable contribution.

As for the CPML, we are in a period of discussion and debate leading up to our Second Congress. We are summing up our experience and rectifying a number of errors, especially those of an ultra-"left" variety. The interview with our chairman, Michael Klonsky, and the article on trade union work by Charlie Costigan, are important contributions to that process.

Finally, we would like to apologize to our regular readers for the lateness of this issue. A number of factors, especially financial difficulties, have delayed its publication. Your subscriptions will be adjusted accordingly. But we will continue to publish, and we invite your articles, criticisms and suggestions.

The Editors  
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