

POC-RANK AMATEURS!

P.O.C. IS PLAGIARIZING THE LIES AND SLANDERS OF P.L.P.
--OR VICE VERSA

There has been a series of attacks on the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) by the press -- both the imperialist press and the so-called "left" press. The Hearst press (see P.V. editorial PEOPLE'S VOICE Vol. II No. 20), the local press in the Southern California area and in New York City, the revisionist "PEOPLES WORLD", the opportunist P.L.P. "CHALLENGE", the arm-chair "revolutionaries" "HAMMER AND STEEL" and the opportunist Roman clique (P.O.C.) "VANGUARD" have all had something to say about the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) and its leading comrade, M.I. Laski. Of all of these attacks, there has been only one (vain) attempt to deal with the politics of the Party. That was an incorrect statement by HAMMER AND STEEL (see P.V. Vol II No. 18, "Reply to HAMMER AND STEEL" Oct. 10, 1966). The rest of the statements have been one continuous series of lies and distortions concerning our Party and leaders.

The Progressive Labor Party "CHALLENGE" and the P.O.C. "VANGUARD" have made themselves the most notorious liars and slanderers. Their unprincipled attacks have come from the imagination of their "leadership" full-blown. They can neither substantiate their fabrications nor can they deal a decisive blow to our Party and leadership. Such an approach can only lead them further into the quagmire of crass opportunism. These opportunists have surpassed the bourgeois press in their slanderous attacks. To this we say "Where the knife digs deepest, the scream is loudest".

The chirping of both of these groups is becoming louder and louder. We say to both the unprincipled Roman and Rose-Epton cliques: there is no way out of your dilemma; deal with our politics and we will deal with yours and speed your destruction. A word of advice: the present approach, i.e. lying and slandering, will only show what crass opportunists you are. Of course, to deal with principled differences will be your finish -- what a dilemma!

The Latest System of Lies from the Roman Clique

In the Oct-Nov. 1966 issue of "VANGUARD" the article entitled "Mr Charlie's West Coast Kennel's Move East" Messrs Roman & Co. attempt to prove that the political position of the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) is the same as that of the Movimiento Popular Dominicano (MPD) and the Swiss "L'entencelle" (Spark) without even stating the points which are similar. Instead the Roman clique goes on to state that the U.S. imperialists have conspired with the Communist Party U.S.A. (M-L) and its leadership. (How imaginative!) Roman goes on to state that Comrade Laski is a police agent and provocateur, etc., etc. (We have heard the same lies from the P.L.P.) Either P.O.C. is plagiarizing P.L.P.'s slanderous line, or vice versa. All of this because of the confusion and bewilderment of the provincial A. Roman as to why the bourgeois press deals with our Party.

According to the confused Roman clique (perhaps if Messrs Roman & Co. stopped refusing and sending back the PEOPLE'S VOICE, a number of political questions would become clear to them), the U.S. imperialists are giving favorable treatment to the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) in their press; hence, there is a great conspiracy going on (sic). What are the facts? The imperialist press heaps slander and lies and paints Comrade Mao Tse-tung, the Communist Party of China, the People's Republic of China in the blackest of colors. According to the imperialists, to be "pro-China", "Marxist-Leninist", "anti-Russia" (the Soviet revisionists are as respectable and as reasonable as can be expected of communists in the eyes of the U.S. imperialist press) is the worst of worse and is terrible. In the same breath of hearing lies and slanders on our comrades in China, the imperialists describe our Party as being "pro-Peking". Of course, as Marxist-Leninists, to be compared with the correct Marxist-Leninist position of the C.P. of China led by Mao Tse-tung is a great compliment. A compliment, however, is not intended by the imperialist press. On the contrary, the imperialists consider this "favorable" treatment as slander. It is the intention of the imperialists to "expose" the correct position of the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) to all "good, anti-communist Americans," (read reactionaries), often in hopes of soliciting an attack (such as the two bombings of Party bookstores) or to turn "all good patriots" against our Party, its leadership and revolutionary proletarian ideology. Such "exposures" often have the opposite effect, but that is the problem of the imperialists.

The confused Roman cannot understand this bit of logic and no doubt considers the slanderous statements concerning the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) of L.A. Mayor Yorty and Congressman Ashbrook (Ohio, Member of HUAC) to be part of the great conspiracy, but the Roman clique's problem. The "...Kennel's Move East" article goes on to state that the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) is holding back the struggle of the Negro national minority workers and that the Party is a group of "Trots", etc. because of the advocacy of "People's Armed Defense Groups". What is the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) position on Armed Defense Groups? The formation of such groups and the giving of leadership and direction to such groups has been undertaken by the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L) for the purpose of defending the most oppressed and exploited workers from the attacks of the reactionary U.S. imperialists and for the purpose of waging a fit for fit struggle against the Klan in the Negro nation in the South. The Groups in the Negro nation will form part of the National Liberation Forces. This the "heroic" A. Roman (who ordered all P.O.C. members out of Watts during the August 1965 Uprising and all P.O.C. members out of Harlem during the 1964 riots) calls "adventurism". Are we to follow the lead of the Roman clique which has been in existence for almost 10 years and be for all practical purposes unheard of? and do nothing but talk about the need for revolution, overthrowing the capitalist system and the right of self-determination, etc., etc. without taking one concrete step in that direction? Are we to stand idly by and watch our working class comrades and brothers slaughtered and 14 months later

call their struggle, which the Roman clique deserted, "heroic"? This is what the P.O.C. has been content with doing for nearly ten years and will do for another ten years!

It is no wonder that the Roman clique is attacking the C.P.U.S.A. (M-L). Roman is trying to cover for his opportunism and trying to justify the amateurishness of the P.O.C. According to the Roman clique, any practical activity is "adventurism". The Roman clique shows its cowardice not only in their "practical activity" (which consists of a retreat at the first sign of open struggle by the proletariat), but also in their press: instead of political differences we hear lies and slanders as an attempt to cover. To this we say: Messrs Roman & Co., unless you change your line of approach, your politics will remain on the level of your imperialist masters.
