

## End of the Road for Grippa?

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The "Communist Party of Belgium," headed by Jacques Grippa, was recognized at the time of its foundation as the largest and most important Maoist organization in Europe outside of Albania.

Last June the Grippa group suffered a debilitating split when most of the Walloon members left, charging Grippa with being a partisan of Liu Shao-chi in China.

In October another blowup occurred. Five members of the Central Committee, including Henri Glineur, former senator and one of the 1921 founders of the Bel-

gian Communist party, adopted a document entitled, "Open Up Fire on the General Headquarters of the Pseudo Revolutionaries Hidden in the BCP." They expelled Grippa and two of his associates.

The rump remaining loyal to Grippa replied tit for tat, expelling their opponents.

This may well mean the end of the road for Grippa. His name and that of his party are no longer mentioned in the publications of the New China news agency, having vanished from the pages of the Maoist press in China several months ago.