

# **TOUR EXPOSES SOVIET CAPITALISM**

Los Angeles—A ten-city speaking tour by Martin Nicolaus, author of the recent Guardian series, "Is the Soviet Union Capitalist?" began here July 18th as 200 people heard Nicolaus sum-up the recent history of the USSR.

Nicolaus detailed the manner in which Khrushchev and later Brezhnev seized hold of the once-revolutionary Communist Party of the Soviet Union, purged elements who offered resistance, eroded and perverted all the principles of Bolshevism, and set about restoring capitalism.

Pointing out the forced-cartelization of enterprises, the mounting unemployment, the dominance of the profit-motive, the buying and selling of the means of production as well as the labor-power of workers and the expansion of Soviet domination around the world, Nicolaus offered extensive and well-documented evidence that the USSR today is ruled by an imperialist ruling class, while the working people, once the masters of Soviet society, have become an exploited class once again.

Showing that the Soviet revisionists were not merely some "misguided" or "mistaken" leaders, but the bulwark of social-imperialism, Nicolaus warned against the danger of carrying out "united action" with the CPUSA revisionists. He characterized the CPUSA as "the agents of social-imperialism within the U.S., the representatives of another imperialism."

Nicolaus' tour, sponsored by the October League's theoretical journal, *Class Struggle*, will take him to Oakland, San Diego, Seattle, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Milwaukee, and Cincinnati, as well as other cities. His series of articles on capitalist restoration will be published soon by Liberator Press.