

New 'Peace' Council defends war

The revisionist Communist Party, U.S.A., continues to carry out its work as chief apologist for the Soviet war drive with the recent formation of its so-called U.S. Peace Council.

The Peace Council takes its name from the World Peace Council, which was organized after World War II to unite trade unionists, scientists and others in both the capitalist and socialist countries in defense of peace and progress. Now the CPUSA, trying to find a new life on the bones of the old movement, has dragged up the names of revolutionaries like W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson to make it appear as if these great peace fighters, who worked in the old World Peace Council, fathered this new abomination.

But nothing could be further from the truth.

The old World Peace Council (WPC) mobilized millions the world over in opposition to imperialism's war drive. Robeson spoke at one WPC rally in Paris in which 100,000 gathered to call for a

ban on nuclear weapons. Among its principles were total nuclear disarmament; elimination of all forms of colonialism and racial discrimination; respect for sovereignty and independence of all countries; non-interference in the internal affairs of nations; and mutual trade and cultural exchanges between different countries.

But the Soviet Union, after Stalin's death, was taken over by the Khrushchev clique, who abandoned the revolutionary struggles. At that time, the WPC also began to change color.

At first the WPC began to follow the Soviet policy of conciliating to U.S. imperialism, opposing the revolutionary movements in Southeast Asia, Africa and elsewhere by claiming that "a single spark could ignite a nuclear holocaust." Then the WPC became the defender of big power politics and the idea that only the so-called "detente" between the two superpowers could guarantee peace.

Now the Soviet Union has turned into an aggressive imperialist superpower in

its own right. Instead of being a voice for world peace as it was in the '40s, the USSR has sent its troops and armaments throughout the world to invade some countries like Czechoslovakia and used its proxies to invade others, from Angola to Kampuchea.

Today, the once-socialist USSR is no longer a force for nuclear disarmament. Rather, it is the most powerfully-armed military bureaucracy in the world which, along with the U.S., is threatening everyone with nuclear blackmail.

In its contention with the U.S., Moscow is leading the world to another world war and massive destruction of human life.

It is no accident that the revisionists have taken this opportunity to form the so-called U.S. Peace Council. They are anxious to cover up the crimes of their masters in the USSR.

But we would ask all those who might turn to this organization out of a sincere desire for peace: Will the council truly oppose nuclear weapons by demanding

sanctions should be lifted.

Carter's decision to maintain the sanctions was designed, according to administration officials, to encourage the successful conclusion of the current London constitutional talks, as well as to maintain U.S. standing with African and particularly the frontline states.

Congress can overrule Carter's decision within 30 days.

that the two nuclear giants be the first to disarm? Will it demand that the U.S. *and* the USSR guarantee that they will not be the first to use nuclear bombs? Will the council really oppose all forms of colonialism and racial discrimination—including the occupation of Kampuchea by the Vietnamese neo-colonial regime, which is the source of a grave war danger? Will it demand that all foreign armies give up their bases in other countries, from Puerto Rico to Ethiopia?

A look at who's behind the organization makes the answers obvious. The U.S. Peace Council is destined to be simply one more ruse carried out under the much distorted banner of "peace."