

# Our Party's Stand Toward Youth

Revolutionary workers and other progressive people should regularly study the "Ask An Expert" column which appears in the **Daily World**, newspaper of the revisionist CPUSA. In this column, various opportunist CPUSA leaders expose the revisionist theory underlying their party's counter-revolutionary program.

In the January 4, 1979 issue, a **Daily World** reader asks why it is necessary to form a Marxist Leninist youth organization in the United States. The revisionist answer contains two major parts.

We are expected to believe that youth need their own Marxist Leninist organization because "it is rare that you find young and old in the same organization."

This is a particularly frank and bold lie, even for the CPUSA. All genuine communist parties have a large proportion of youth as members. This is because Marxism-Leninism unites both young and old revolutionaries into one organization. Age differences do not require separation of young and old into separate organizations.

Here the CPUSA revises Marxism-Leninism with their bourgeois liberal sociology. They use the "generation gap" to justify the well known fact that revolutionary working-class youth do not represent any significant proportion of the CPUSA membership.

Next, we are told that a Marxist Leninist youth group is neces-

sary because the Democrats and Republicans have youth groups.

It comes as no surprise to us that the CPUSA puts forward the two major bourgeois parties as examples to copy. The Democratic Party has its Young Democrats, so it is only "natural" that the CPUSA initiates the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL). Their similar bourgeois interests are expressed in similar types of bourgeois youth organizations.

And of course, the CPUSA resorts to its usual demagogy and trickery. The CPUSA peddles the bourgeois YWLL to the unwary under a cover of liberal and revolutionary sounding phrases—even a quote from Lenin is used in an attempt to cover-up their bourgeois theory about youth. It is this that makes the CPUSA so dangerous.

What is missing from the CPUSA is Marxism-Leninism. But, Lenin and Stalin have given us clear guidance on these questions.

Why is a Marxist Leninist youth organization necessary in the United States? Why does our Party aim to build such an organization?

Youth are inclined toward ideals which call out for and require a fight for freedom. To succeed in this fight requires both a Marxist Leninist youth organization and that young people join the ranks of the Party itself.

By our example of training, discipline, and morality we provide leadership for all the youth. Through their experience, the masses of youth learn the correctness of communist leadership and rally around our Party.

But most importantly, proletarian revolution requires wave upon wave of trained successors. Revolutionary youth are needed in the tasks of seizing state power in the U.S. and constructing the proletarian dictatorship, socialism and communism.

So, the main necessity for a Marxist Leninist youth organization is to train successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause, including party membership.

The tasks of these youth are above all to learn communism, to learn about and combat revisionism, to critically internalize the wealth of knowledge developed by mankind, to help our Party spread communism on the basis of education, and to arouse class hatred for the bourgeoisie.

Marxist Leninist youth are not appendages of the bourgeois parties, be they Democrat or Republican, or CPUSA. They are active participants in the struggle of all the toilers to destroy the bourgeoisie and all of its parties. We are active, vanguard, fighting youth for the proletarian dictatorship, socialism, and communism. ★