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Attached are three articles from the Daily World.
The first two articles are reports from the Central
Committee meeting of the Communist Party held earlier
this month. The third article is an answer to the
Guardian on the 1972 elections.



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COMMUNISTS CALL FOR END TO 2-PARTY GRIP ON U.S. ELECTIONS

By RICK NAGIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Communist leaders agreed yesterday to undertake "bold initiatives" to promote the political independence of anti-monopoly segments of the U.S. population and to build the open independent role of the Communist Party of the United States.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Party's central committee, they called on all others with a stake in opposing the growing encroachments of monopoly on the living standards and liberties of the people to join in furthering such independence.

Following an opening report by Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party and its Presidential candidate, the central committee members assessed the Party's participation in the Nov. 7 election and the contribution this had made to the independence of U.S. voters. They also took steps to make the Party's participation in elections a major feature of its work.

Racism held biggest barrier

The central committee, comprising 60 leading Communists from throughout the country, singled out racism as the most formidable barrier to the progress of U.S. workers and other progressive sections of the people. It called for stepping up the struggle against this ideological weapon of reactionaries as the key to carrying out all other tasks.

Following a major report by Henry Winston, national chairman of the Communist Party, the gathering decided to launch an ideological offensive against Pan-Africanist trends among Black people and to establish a national center to support African liberation movements as well as the Black liberation movement in the U.S.

It was the first CC meeting attended by Angela Davis, and the Party leaders also mapped plans to build a national organization to defend all political prisoners and victims of racism.

Campaign mapped

To strengthen the Party's ability to carry out these tasks, the CC approved plans for a massive campaign aimed at building the Party's membership and press, and at achieving heightened political, ideological and personal standards for Party members.

A special report by James Jackson, International Affairs Secretary of the Communist Party, hailed the coming 50th anniversary of founding of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and discussed its meaning in the fight against national racial oppression throughout the world.

Gus Hall's report

Gus Hall, in his report, dealt with the elections and the new initiatives required of the Communist Party.

"We are a revolutionary party that fights for socialism," Hall declared, adding that the Party was committed to mass actions. No revolution, he said, quoting Marx, can be made by a party but by a nation. At the same time, he stressed, no revolution can be made without a Communist Party.



Henry Winston, National Chairman, Communist Party

The Party's participation in the 1972 elections constituted an historical advance in the development of the class struggle and the independent movements of the people, Hall said.

The campaign, he noted, broke down barriers in the mass media, legal bars, the semi-underground status of the Party, the caricature image of the Party in the minds of many people and negative or pessimistic thoughts in the minds of many Communists.

New opportunities

There is a new sense of self confidence and pride throughout the Party, he declared, adding that tens of millions had been influenced by the campaign and were ready to listen to what the Party had to say.

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parties of monopoly capital is high among the people, he said, adding the moment is ripe for active steps towards organizing a mass, workingclass-based anti-monopoly party.

Communists, he said, must become the initiating force for such a party, calling conferences of people's, community and labor organizations and establishing grass-roots organizing committees.

Hall pointed to the "lesser evil" pattern of voting as the main factor imprisoning the electorate in the two-party trap.

Now, however, after the fiasco of the McGovern campaign, and the purge of even pale liberals from the leadership of the Democratic Party, masses of people are ready to make a clean break, he said.

It must be the responsibility of all Communists to work actively for such a break, Hall

said, including those working inside the Democratic Party. He sharply criticized the tendency to believe that the Democratic Party can be taken over by the people's forces, and he said that the Communists had to some degree fostered this illusion by an electoral policy that was not well enough formulated.

Besides promoting the formation of an independent anti-monopoly party, Hall said, Communists now must play a much more open role in the political process, running candidates, proposing legislation, and publicizing and fighting for Party policies within mass organizations.

"We want united front relations but only on an equal basis," Hall said. "We will not be a hidden component in coalitions. We are going public."

Other reports and discussion at the CC meeting will be described in the next issues of the Daily World.

Senator prods news people to defend press freedom

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 — Suppressing press freedoms and persecuting journalists may not be surprising in a dictatorship such as the Thieu regime of South Vietnam, but it's not all right in the United States, according to Senator Vance Hartke, Indiana Democrat.

He called on U.S. news workers to defend the press freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, including the privilege of withholding the sources of their information.

However, Hartke added, U.S. news workers seem reluctant to defend these rights. He disclosed that mail from Indiana is running almost four to one against a statement he made on behalf of news workers and their sources in an address three weeks ago before a meeting of several hundred radio and television broadcasters in St. Louis.

"I believe sophisticated report-

ers, editors and publishers are reticent to discuss fully and openly their own condition," he said. "They are afraid to come to grips with an issue of constitutional importance to the American people. They are listening to one school of law that counsels caution and compromise. And they are preparing a court test all along the line that can weaken their basic authority, process and function in a free society."

\$47,000 tip

LEDBURY, England (UPI) — Taxi driver Sid Wood, 59, has just collected the biggest tip of his life — \$47,000.

It was left him in the will of Mrs. Helen Reeve, a widow who died recently at the age of 86.

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Fight on racism called the key battle by CP

By RICK NAGIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—Communist leaders from throughout the country, meeting here last weekend, singled out the fight against racism as key to the advance of all struggles of the people. The 60-member Communist Party Central Committee sought to forge weapons to advance the cause of Black liberation during a three-day extraordinary post-election meeting.

This included coordinated programs to defend victims of racism and political repression, to support national liberation movements in Africa and to counter separatist "Pan-African" trends among Black Americans.

Aggressive racism noted

Gus Hall, Party general secretary and its Presidential candidate, noted in his opening report that racism had emerged in a new and dangerous way in the elections. The campaign of President Nixon, he said, demonstrated that ruling circles in the U.S., had shifted from a policy of concessions to one of racist attacks on Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Indians and other non-white groups.

Nixon's appeals were of the same character as those of Alabama's Gov. George Wallace,



GUS HALL

Hall said, and amounted to a presidential license for racists to do what they wished. The results have been a rash of violent incidents, such as the attacks on Blacks at Southern University, on naval vessels and in Canarsie, he said.

Tied to foreign policy

Henry Winston, the Party's national chairman, told the gathering that the spread of racism was closely related to the international crisis of the U.S. ruling class.

U.S. imperialism, he declared, seeks to guarantee a safe rear at home at a time when it is forced to retreat abroad. The government is therefore anxious to undermine the fighting unity of Black and white, he stated, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the building trades industry.

Later, in a special report on Africa and Pan-Africanism, Winston noted that increased racism at home would also aid U.S. effort to dominate the African continent. The U.S., he said, is seeking the "Latin Americanization" of Africa and is using Israel from the east and South Africa from the south to forge a "ring of steel" around the African peoples.

In these efforts the U.S. is being aided by Maoism, Winston charged, which has split the unity of the socialist camp and seeks to undermine the unity of socialism with the national liberation movements. It is no accident, he said, that—when unity among the socialist states was high—41 African nations rapidly swept their way to independence, but that set-backs began to occur—as in Ghana and the Congo—as soon as the Maoists set out on a narrow, nationalist course.

Similar influences are also being promoted among Black people in the U.S., he said, with the aim of undermining both the movements in Africa and the U.S.

Carmichael's part

Stokeley Carmichael, Winston related, has returned to the U.S. as a result of a "high policy decision." His role, Winston has charged, is to counter the influence of Angela Davis and fight the possibility that the Communist Party might lead the anti-imperialist movement in support of African liberation.

Carmichael, he declared, speaks of scientific socialism but rejects the essence of this concept which is the struggle of the working class—united, Black and white—for power.

Another Pan-Africanist, Imamu Amiri Baraka, is also misleading Black people, Winston said, because he dismisses national differences on the continent of Africa and counsels against alliance with democratic, anti-imperialist forces outside of Black people.

An all-out ideological offensive has been launched to promote Pan-Africanism in the U.S., Winston said, as he called on Communists to wage a counter-offensive for unity in the anti-imperialist struggle.

"We must build a movement national in form but anti-imperialist in content," he said. Such

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Watching count of votes

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resident of the United Mine

where Boyle's headquarters are located, gave Miller 17 votes to Boyle's 10.

The second box opened here was marked "UMWA district 2, local 67." And the voting place was identified as Center Store, Smoke Run, Pa.

Charles Caldwell, a Labor Department overseer of the closely guarded tally operation, told the Daily World the Labor Department has had "absolute custody he election since it began."

More than 1,000 Labor Department agents, he said, have been assigned to police the balloting in 25 states. He estimated that 60 to 70 percent of the eligible voters had cast ballots.

The election is being touted as the "most honest in labor his-

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a movement, he added, would support the national liberation movements in the U.S. and would be based on labor, students, religious groups, professionals and community organizations.

Considerable discussion followed Winston's report. Angela Davis noted that, like the Black-power movement, Pan-Africanism is not homogeneous but contains both positive and reactionary tendencies. The struggle against Pan-Africanism, she said, must be conducted so as to win over constructive elements.

Historical lesson

Claude Lightfoot, a member of the Party's Political Committee, made the point that nationalist movements among American Blacks have historically arisen at times when there has been a high level of racism. This was the case of Garvey-

ism, which, he noted, declined when the Communist Party organized the unemployed movement. It was at this time that active Garveyites, including himself and Henry Winston, then became Communists.

Lorenzo Torres, chairman of the Party's Chicano Liberation Commission, noted that trends analogous to Pan-Africanism were being promoted among Chicanos and that the Party was taking steps to counter them with a program of united action.

A final initiative, adopted by the Central Committee, was to help build a national organization to defend political prisoners and those victimized by the racism of the police, courts and prisons.

Repression increasing

Charlene Mitchell, chairman of the Party's National Defense Commission, warned that heightened repression against the CP could be expected and that already a number of Communists and members of the Young Workers Liberation League were being framed. Similarly, the Ruchell Magee and San Quentin 6 cases—both closely related to the Angela Davis case—remain unresolved, she said, and over 100 indictments can be expected to flow from the Attica prison rebellion.

Finally, she described the widespread repression against Black people in the South, especially in North Carolina.

The Party, she said, has a special role to play since it can helpfully influence the policies of all defense organizations. She said that regional conferences of all such groups are being organized so as to set up national coordination.

Reports on other developments at the Central Committee meeting will appear in following issues of the Daily World.

Boycott wines from White River

KEENE, Calif., Dec. 12 — The United Farm Workers Union has called for a boycott of wines and liquors produced by White River

No Xmas peace seen

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Saigon's continuing to distort the origin of the war, to demand that 'the North withdraw its troops,' so as to put the U.S. aggressors on a par with the Vietnamese people who are fighting aggression. But these distortions and absurd demands are again bringing the negotiations towards a deadlock.

"The only thing which can prove the U.S. President's 'firm intention to permit no avoidable delay in ending the war' is that the U.S. should keep to the substance of the existing U.S.-DRV agreement reached on Oct. 20 and sign it without delay.

"If the U.S. side continues to seek unjustifiable pretexts to prolong the negotiations while continuing the war and threatening to escalate it, then the Vietnam question cannot be settled peacefully, and naturally the entire Vietnamese people will have to fight resolutely for their just cause."

Glowing reports deflated

Yesterday's UPI report from Washington that no agreement would be reached by Christmas tended to deflate the glowing reports emanating from Paris that Kissinger might be on the verge of reaching an agreement.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann said at a magazine luncheon in Paris yesterday that an agreement might be reached before the U.S. Congress convenes on Jan. 3. "I have never believed that peace would be concluded in Vietnam before the Presidential elections, since a text published then would have complicated President Nixon's political taste in the campaign," Schumann said.

"On the other hand, I have always believed that a settlement will be adopted before the convening of the new Congress."

Schumann recently was denounced by Nixon Administration officials for his allegedly "pro-Hanoi" attitude. In fact, the unidentified U.S. officials' leaks to the press about Schumann became so violent in tone, that French President Georges Pompidou felt compelled publicly to defend him. Despite the lack of names in the incident, it is widely believed



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what's on?

THURS. DEC. 14, 7:30 p.m. Angela Davis Speaks in Harlem on Racism, Repression, & Political Prisoners, Canaan Baptist Church, 132 W. 116 St. (Betw. Lenox & 7th Ave.) Sponsored by NY Comm. to Free (Angela Davis and) All Political Prisoners. Admission Free.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15 — 8:30 p.m. Meeting: Photographers Forum at District 65, 13 Astor Place. All photographers welcome.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 — Vietnam-American Solidarity Celebration. 12 p.m. Workshops on S.E. Asian countries. 6 p.m. Full Vietnamese dinner, followed by a cultural evening with song, dance and films. Washington Square Church, 135 W. 4th St. \$2.50

FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 9 p.m. til. . . dancing-food-drinks. 27 Argyle Road, Apt. 3B, Brooklyn. (D train to Church Ave. stop.) Sponsored by Brooklyn Branch, Young Workers Liberation League.

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The Guardian's politics of Maoist quarreling

By ERIK BERT

In a letter to the Daily World dated November 14, Irwin Silber, executive editor of the Guardian, complained that two articles which I wrote in the November 3 and 7 issues of the Daily World constituted a "serious distortion" of the Guardian's political position.

These two articles commented on the Guardian's November 1 "Reply to Critics" of its electoral position. They made essentially two points: first that the Guardian editors were preaching abstention from the election and second, that this abstention policy tended to isolate the anti-war struggle from the electoral struggle.

Silber said that this criticism was wrong and slanderous. He spelled it out in the November 29 Guardian.

We had intended to answer his November 14 rejoinder in detail. This has however become moot with the appearance of the November 29 article — which is actually a call for the formation of a Thought-of-Mao-Tse-tung Party in the United States.

The Guardian believes, Silber says in his Nov. 29 article, that "unity of left forces around particular struggles — particularly the war — is both possible and necessary and possible." But Silber's main contribution to "unity of left forces around... the war" is a venomous, Maoist attack on the Soviet Union.

He accuses the Soviet Union, from the lofty platform of "ideological" principle, of "abandonment of the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism."

This is a poor disguise for an attack on the country which has given the most to the struggle of the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The Soviet Union has contributed, and is contributing, the predominant share of economic resources and military means to the Vietnamese liberation struggle.

In view of that central fact, Silber's talk of "ideological differ-

ences" is simply camouflage, and his avowal of support for "unity of left forces around the war" is fraudulent.

Silber's attack on the Soviet Union from the "left" has its own logic. "Left" attacks on the Soviet Union inevitably followed the channels dug almost half a century ago by Trotsky.

Silber opts in this case for the Trotskyite channel, charging the "abandonment... of the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism" to the "Soviet privileged elite."

That slander has been part of the Trotskyite arsenal for decades. They patented it. It has been a main ideological weapon of imperialism's anti-Sovietism.

It is a staple of the CIA's efforts at subversion in the Soviet Union. Thus, the "ultimate goal" of the CIA's Radio Liberty broadcasts to the Soviet Union, the Library of Congress RL study pointed out, is the "democratization of Soviet society." The CIA also propagates the falsehood that there is a "privileged elite" in the Soviet Union which should be uprooted.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is one of the two targets of the ideology of Mao Tse-tung. The other is the Communist parties in the rest of the world, which the Maoists have been attempting to disrupt from within and destroy from without. It is only natural that the Guardian editors, having enlisted in Mao's sapper brigade, should attack the Communist Party of the United States.

Here too, originality is not essential — the Trotskyites wrote the formula long ago.

The Guardian levels two charges against the Communist Party, USA. The first is that it is "an organization of left-leaning liberals with a vague yearning for socialism who are earnestly striving for social reform."

That clearly is not a true picture of the Communist Party but rather the Guardian's own pre-Maoist constituency. The present

Guardian editors seem so embarrassed by this that they spit on the paper's past — "the time when the Guardian was a cozy left-liberal (the word then was 'progressive') weekly..." Ornithologically and politically that is called befouling one's own nest.

The attack on the Communist Party USA as "liberal" is in fact a confession that the Guardian editors, afflicted by Maoism, have forsaken the legitimate, even revolutionary, attempt to win middle-class and intellectual circles to the struggle against monopoly capitalism, repression, and war.

Their attack on the CPUSA is, in part, an advertising gimmick to launch the Guardian editors' new party which will incorporate "into its ideology the profound contributions made by Mao Tse-tung." They announce that they will attempt to foist Maoism on "the American working class."

The second target of the Guardian editors' attack is the CPUSA's support of the Soviet Union. What the Guardian editors attack as the CPUSA's "permanent state of apologia" for the Soviet Communist Party is, in fact, the unswerving support by Communists and revolutionary workers everywhere for the historic Soviet breakthrough from capitalism to socialism, for its relentless struggle against imperialism and reaction, and for peace, throughout the 55 years since its birth.

Revolutionary workers look on the Soviet Union as the foremost protagonist of the world working class, against imperialism. The Guardian editors look on it, hatefully, through the petty-bourgeois, nationalist-tinted glasses of Maoism.

The working class and the left did not really need the Guardian editors' assurance that "the CP will not and cannot undertake (the) task" of building an anti-Soviet, Maoist party. We leave the Guardian editors to quarrel with other ultra-left elements over preeminence in that task.

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