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The NLG and the International Situation

Certain political tendencies within the N.L.G., primarily the October League, are attempting to convince the Guild to take a position on the current divisions in the world communist movement, particularly the struggle between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. The Communist Labor Party opposes these attempts—first, because the theory of the "restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union" is factually and politically false and, second, because the Guild would betray its historic role as the defender of all progressive forces if it takes on the role of endorsing one or another political tendency.

How have these attempts to politically strait-jacket the Guild manifested themselves? First, at the Columbus N.E.B., the demand was raised that we debate the "role of Soviet social imperialism" in Portugal. Second, the Guild's participation in the Havana Conference in solidarity with Puerto Rico was criticized because of its "Moscow influence." Third, within the context of the proposed Preamble, these leftists say that if the Guild is to call itself an anti-imperialist organization, it must make sure that we include "Soviet social imperialism" in the definition.

Why is this an incorrect policy for the N.L.G.? The social composition of the Guild is petit-bourgeois—that is, it is primarily an organization of independent professionals working in the judicial system in support of progressive change. As such, regardless of the political consciousness or affiliation of its membership, the Guild, as an organization, is an auxiliary support for the working class move-

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A revolutionary Party in the modern world can no longer be a small group of dedicated heroes prepared to sacrifice themselves to bring about the necessary changes in the social order. Frederick Engels, one of the greatest thinkers of human history and with Karl Marx, co-founder of our movement, said as early as 1895.

"The times of surprise attacks, of revolutions carried through by small conscious minorities at the head of unconscious masses, is past. Where it is a question of a complete transformation of the social organization, the masses themselves must also be in it, must themselves already have grasped what is at stake, what they are going in for (with body and soul). The history of the last fifty years has taught us that. But in order that the masses may understand what is to be done, long, persistent work is required, and it is just this work which we are now pursuing..."

For many decades, no political group or Party has made a real effort to introduce the masses of workers to the ideas of socialism, to teach them that it is their system, as surely as the capitalist system belongs to and operates in favor of the capitalists.

We of the CLP see this as a number one task of our fledging Party. We recognize that the process of building the revolutionary movement is the process of imbuing the masses with the spirit of

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ment. The Guild cannot be political arbiter of the revolutionary movement in the USNA or anywhere else. The work of the Guild is important and honorable enough without attempting to place it in the leadership of the working class movement by petit-bourgeois substitutionalism.

But what is involved in the struggle between the Soviet Union and China? This division deeply effects the world revolutionary struggle and creates the utmost confusion among honest progressives. The C.L.P. has carefully studied this situation and finds that this division between the Soviet Union and China is a reflection of the class struggle, which all Marxist-Leninists agree continues under the dictatorship of the proletariat. Unfortunately, this struggle has been twisted by the revisionists in both countries into a struggle between socialist states. Because we are internationalists, we refuse to take up this struggle in its national form (ie.-support either the Soviet Union or China down the line). The CLP position is that we support states conditionally, but support revolution unconditionally. We support Marxism-Leninism everywhere, and oppose revisionism everywhere. Our position on any concrete question will be determined by the application of the principles of scientific socialism to that situation-not our relationship to one or another socialist state.

But what is the concrete struggle between the Soviet Union and China? The Soviet Union says that China has placed undue emphasis on the development of agricultural production at the expense of large scale industrial production, which is the basis of the socialist economy, and that this accounts for the revisionist political distortions within the Peoples Republic. China says that the revisionists in the Soviet Union restored capitalism after the death of Stalin. That as a result, the Soviet Union is state monopoly capitalist and social-imperialist. This line has been further developed to say that the Soviet Union (as social-imperialist) is one of the two "super-powers" whose contention for world hegemony with the USNA is the source of all of the tensions in the world today and is the main source of the war danger confronting the world. In the past year, China has gone so far as to say that the Soviet Union is a fascist state which is the main enemy of the peoples of the world.

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socialism, teaching them to love socialism, to defend it and to sacrifice for it.

It would be almost impossible to explain socialism unless there is some knowledge of capitalism and the life of the worker under the dictatorship of the capitalists.

Why are capitalists, who don't work, rich and the workers who create all the wealth poor? To answer this question we have to look at what happened in the history of mankind. The 3 systems of exploitation - slavery, feudalism and capitalism - have a common goal. That goal is to make people work and not pay them. Under slavery this was accomplished by simply buying the worker all at once and "paying" him only the necessaries to maintain his health and strength. Aside from these necessaries, everything the slave produced was taken by the master.

Under feudalism, the nobility, because they had armies, simply took the land and the serfs were forced to work for them. Aside from the necessaries to maintain a minimum of health and strength, to labor and produce a new generation of serfs, the nobility took all that was produced. Generally, this meant that the serf worked 3 days for himself and was forced to work 4 days for the nobility.

Under capitalism, the capitalists own all the means of production. They own the factories, mines and mills. They own almost all the farm land, the railroads, grocery stores, most of the houses and apartments. Everything the workers need to live must be purchased from the capitalist. But the worker must have something to sell if he is going to buy these necessaries. The only thing he has to sell is his ability to work. He can't sell his work, because he has no machinery to work with. He can only sell his ability to work, and that only if there is a capitalist who wants to buy it.

Every worker knows the results of his labor power becoming a commodity. First, since the capitalist buys that labor power before the worker starts to work,

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THE CLP IS...

The CLP is a multinational Marxist-Leninist Communist party of militant struggle for proletarian revolution in the USNA (United States of North America). All those who will wholeheartedly join in this struggle can be members. We are a party of militant struggle against all national privilege, a party of militant struggle for the independence of the Negro Nation, regional autonomy for the Southwest, independence for Puerto Rico, freedom for all oppressed nations and peoples especially those oppressed by USNA imperialism. We are a party of militant struggle against the drive towards fascism and war of the USNA imperialists. We are a party of militant struggle for equal rights for women and the youth. We are a party which fights for the immediate needs of the people as we strive toward the historic goal of our class-socialism. We are a multinational party of revolutionaries based in the shops and factories throughout the USNA. Independent communist work in the factories, conducted by our factory nuclei, is the basis of all our activity.

We are a party which studies and puts into practice the science of Marxism-Leninism as a sure guide to action. We are a section of the world-wide proletarian army that is bound to overthrow and destroy all imperialism and reaction. We have picked up the banner of revolutionary struggle of the Third International, which has been discarded by the CPUSA.

The Republican and Democratic parties are both gangs of thieves, office seekers, demagogues and vested interests. They are both parties by and for the rich, united in exploitation and oppression of the people in the USNA and around the world. The rule of either of them is the rule of the bourgeoisie, which has brought war, unemployment, inflation, national oppression, moral degradation and suffering to the people of the USNA and the world, while bringing wealth and power to the rich USNA imperialists. Since Franklin Roosevelt, the Democratic party in particular has put itself forward as the "party of the people,"



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What is the political role the NLG has to play in the struggle against reaction that is sweeping the land? To paraphrase Lenin, the petite-bourgeois becomes progressive when it abandons its own class interests and adopts the political stance of the proletariat. This is so because it then fights in the interests of the most oppressed and exploited class in society. Consequently, the goals of the Guild, a progressive organization, should be to aggressively defend the democratic and economic rights of the working class, particularly the most oppressed sections of the working class, the national minorities (For "What Are National Minorities?" see Vol. 2 No. 10, Peoples Tribune) - Negroes, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and Filipinos; and also the poor Anglos, especially Appalachians. At this critical junction in the history of our country, the question of working class unity against fascist repression is of paramount importance for all progressives. Recent reports indicate that in 1974 people living below the poverty level of \$5,038 were 30% of all Negroes, 23% of all Spanish-speaking people and 8% of all Anglos. A total of 24.3 million people. There is no reason to believe this situation has improved since 1974.

The Guild is an important element in the struggle against fascism. Incipient fascism is the social force that currently threatens the working class and all social

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the capitalist is in a position to drive the worker without mercy and all that is created by him is legally taken by the capitalist. As a class, the workers only receive the necessaries of life and the wealth produced above this, is taken by the capitalist. The only difference between slavery, serfdom and capitalism is the way the ruling class forces the worker to work and not pay him for what he has produced.

The capitalists, while degrading the workers to the level of slaves, become mad dogs. They developed while fighting everything, the feudalists whom they overthrew and the modern proletarians whom they created. They fight each other over markets and raw materials, they cheat and steal from one another, but most of all they fight the workers. In their struggle over profits, they force the workers to slaughter each other. The capitalist system is a system of contradiction and struggle. The capitalist system is a process of the stronger capitalist class robbing and impoverishing the workers and the big capitalists eating up the little ones. As a result, all of the nations' wealth flows into the hands of the biggest capitalists and the vast majority of people become poorer and poorer until they are forced to overthrow the system.

What does this social revolution, led by the working class create? First of all, the workers are forced to treat each other equally since they, through the state they have created, are the owners of the means of production. They immediately do away with the source of their torment, that is that they now sell their work instead of their ability to work. Thus for the first time, those who labor thrive while those who have lived off the labor of others become producers themselves or they do without food. Since every able bodied person is guaranteed a job, and they own the job, no one can take it from them. Money cannot be used to force others to do what an individual may wish. Under such conditions, crime and oppression are bound to begin to disappear. At one time, Russia and China were lands teeming with dope, prostitution and criminals.

The revolutions of the working class changed all that. Now there is hardly any crime in these countries. By taking power and transforming private property into collective public property, the production solely for profit is transformed into production for use.

It is this common ownership of the means of production that create the conditions for the elimination of discrimination against the weaker minorities and nations, against women and the aged.

Socialism is for the little people. It is for the masses, especially the workers whose labor has created all the wealth, but who have no voice in the way they are governed. Socialism is for the Negro whose toil and blood and suffering has created so much of this country. Socialism is for the Mexican who capitalism has reduced to an alien in his own land. Socialism is for the woman whose creativity has been strangled and who has been reduced to a plaything of bedroom despots and parlor tyrants. Socialism is for the youth whose heroic morality and bold dreams are objects of capitalist exploitation. It is for the aged who in hopeless poverty look upon the wealth they have created, a wealth now used to enslave a new generation, even as it casts them aside, as if they were used up instruments of production. Socialism is for the Puerto Rican who understands his individual helplessness before the grinding destructive onslaught of imperialism. It is for the Indian who demands more than pretified stories and photographs in exchange for the seizure of his lands. Socialism is for those who love this country and its peoples, because only socialism can save it!

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The danger to all progressive movements in identifying the Soviet Union as the main enemy must be clear to all, but for USNA revolutionaries to follow such a line is capitulate to the interests of the USNA imperialist bourgeois (which says the same thing). The first task of revolutionaries is to overthrow their own ruling class and for those of us who must struggle against the most powerful imperialist nation in history, this reactionary line on the Soviet Union is a blueprint for defeat, demoralization and war.



Obviously, the lynchpin of this entire line is the question of the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union. If capitalism has not been restored, then we are dealing with revisionism in the Soviet Union, not counter-revolution. There is a world of difference. The CLP has studied this question. Stated briefly, our conclusions are that the Soviet Union is still fully socialist, that the revisionist gang who usurped the leadership of the CPSU and government after the death of Stalin have not been able fundamentally to change the socialist base of the country or to abolish the dictatorship of the proletariat. As a matter of fact, we reject the notion that the Khrushchov-Brezhnev gang even wanted to abolish socialism; rather they wished, and have to a certain extent been able, to skim the cream of socialism, ie, to live like bourgeois within the socialist society. They have been able to do so because they have acted as handmaidens of imperialism within the socialist camp and hence have been aided and abet-

ted by their imperialist masters. Their foreign policy has on the whole been opportunist and destructive to the cause of peace and socialism, but not in the sense of being imperialist. They have compromised the socialist movement by capitulating to imperialism, not by being imperialists themselves.

Obviously, this is not the place for a full analysis of the questions involved. The Party will shortly issue a full paper for public discussion, but here we must at least refute the "restorationists" on the grounds of philosophy and political economy. According to the principles of dialectical and historical materialism, all phenomena are constantly in motion of a developmental nature-i.e. self-motion from the lower to the higher, from the more simple to the complex. This is true of societies and economic systems. Can socialism be turned into capitalism? Are they the same economic system, only differentiated by the class interests of the rulers? As Engels points out in Anti-Duhring, the only examples of retrogression have been the result of a lower order of society conquering a higher by war, that is by crushing it. Never has a higher given way to the restoration of a lower social order by internal, peaceful means, by "negation." Even war, says Engels (International Publishers edition, p. 202), cannot finally hold back economic development.

But if socialism was built in the Soviet Union under Stalin (which everybody admits), what happened? Stalin pointed out the difficulties in his 1952 book Economic Problems of Socialism. But revisionists (or "capitalist roaders", as the Chinese call them) took over. No doubt Stalin or any successor who was a Marxist-Leninist would have confronted essentially the same problems that Khrushchov and Company confronted: the need to raise the productivity of labor, of developing the economy intensively rather than extensively etc. But it is not because they inherited certain problems that we condemn the revisionists. It is because, inheriting them, they blamed them on Stalin and set about solving them in a bourgeois rather than Marxist fashion and, doing so, deepening the problems and creating new ones. Khrushchov's reforms were an attempt to solve in a bourgeois way economic problems of socialism. They came into contradiction with the objective laws of socialism, which operated independent-

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progress. This vicious tool of capitalist rule must inevitably attempt to assume state power as the economic crisis intensifies. To accomplish this the working class, the natural opposite of capital must be driven to a yet lower standard of living. The national minority section of the class is key in this drive of the fascists because it represents the front line of proletarian militancy. The question of equality for national minorities permeates every social question from the right to abortion to job seniority, unemployment, education, women's rights, etc. At present the conscious fascist forces are attempting to disrupt the labor and progressive movement by driving deeper the wedge of white chauvinism that already exists within the working class. Attacks against school integration have been an organizational springboard for the blood-soaked K.K.K., the Wallacite-type populists, and the John Birch Society. The sustained anti-bussing violence in Boston is evidence that these organizations are well organized and financed. Those who have seen ROAR operate can tell you that they are not an ordinary "concerned citizens" community group but a dangerous embryo of Anglo-American facism.

The Guild has played a commendable role in fighting for the democratic rights of national minorities but it's obvious we must escalate our activities in this area. The Guild can become the vanguard of the legal profession in building a solid defense against this fascist repression. We must be clear that although the main thrust of fascism is aimed at the proletariat it also moves to crush opposition by progressive forces in all classes. The Guild must thus start working closely with other progressive-liberal bar associations (ACLU, NCBL, NBA, La Raza L.S.A., ATLA, etc.). With the ugly face of facism showing itself at every corner of the country we can no longer go it alone. Real unity must be forged with these organizations.

It's crystal clear that the front line of defense of everything progressive in our country is the defense of the national minorities, particularly the Negro people. The Negro worker as a section of the proletariat is not only at the heart of industry and production but has

been in the forefront of the struggle for democracy for decades. As progressives we must see the Negro worker as our front line of defense against fascism. If we allow our front line to be penetrated by fascism then we will be persecuted for years.

We of the C.L.P. propose a defensive apparatus against fascism a body comprised of individuals and organizations whose unifying aim is the struggle for democracy and equal rights for national minorities. We propose an Equal Rights Congress (E.R.C.). We envision such an organization playing an important role in the legislative and legal arenas as well as laying a foundation for a mass struggle against the K.K.K. and other fascist groups. The E.R.C. would dissolve the mistrust between Mexicans and Negroes, etc. which is the natural outgrowth of reactionary bourgeois cultural nationalism.

We must be clear that we in the C.L.P. don't want to "build" an Equal Rights Congress from nothing but rather unite those organizations that are already waging the struggle. We reject any contention that such a Congress will be merely a C.L.P. "front" - to the contrary, we will fight all sectarianism that prevents this Congress from becoming a democratic organization encompassing thousands of people struggling for the Constitutionally guaranteed right of every national minority to equality and the "pursuit of happiness".

The time of well meaning words, sweeping generalities and big talkers is over, a look at Boston and Louisville demonstrate the fascists are not fooling around. Fascism has a narrow social base which accounts for its violence but they are attempting to expand with their white chauvinist line. Our opportunities to build a solid defense are ripe, we all have the duty as progressives and revolutionaries to fight for equality for national minorities and not give an inch on that position. Democracy is not a given in this country - it must be fought for. The National Lawyers Guild should join us in this righteous struggle !

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ly of his will. He distorted and damaged the socialist economy, but in no way abolished or radically transformed it. Nor could he do so.

Take the question at its most absurd level - would having a "socialist" president of the USNA make this a socialist economy? From the Marxist point of view, such a proposition hopelessly confuses the relationship of the superstructure to the economic base. It is pure idealism. In this regard, our "restorationists" slander the dictatorship of the proletariat, worship the revisionists as all-powerful and ridicule the conscious masses who built socialism in the Soviet Union.

But is the Soviet Union capitalist according to Marxist political economy? No! Facts are facts, and the fact is that the Khrushchov-Brezhnev clique of revisionists have only been able to maintain power by assuaging the workers:

- Standard of living has steadily grown (6.2% annual per capita increase in real disposable income since 1965).
- Total savings has grown 32 times since 1950.
- Guaranteed jobs, 40 hour week, retirement at 60 for men and 55 for women, free health care, stable prices.
- Since World War II, all wages have risen, but the wages of the lower paid workers has risen faster.
- Even the CIA admits there is almost no unemployment.

So the "capitalist restoration" of the Soviet Union must indeed be "capitalism of a new type", characterized by: 1) A shortage of capital rather than the capital surplus characteristic of capitalism "of the old type;"

- 2) A shortage rather than a surplus of labor;
- 3) Constantly rising living standards of the masses instead of absolute and relative impoverishment;
- 4) A shortage rather than over-production of commodities;
- 5) A absence of crises, recessions and depressions.

Regarding "social-imperialism" everyone agrees that imperialism is the export of finance capital in order to obtain a rate of profit higher than can be obtained in the imperialist country. Total Soviet aid from 1954-1972 was \$8.1 billion, one-half billion more than USNA aid for one year. Most aid from the capital scarce Soviet economy is in the form of development credits

repayable over 12 years at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest compounded annually (Joint Economic Committee Report to Congress, 1973). These "imperialists" could export their finance capital to the Chase Manhattan Bank and get more than twice that profit rate compounded quarterly.

On the question of militarism, we know that imperialism needs war and war production is essential to the economy. We also know that military spending disrupts the smooth development of the socialist economy. The revisionists have to satisfy the workers to retain power. Hence their cowardly, capitulationist practices, their socialpacifism. Hence their readiness to promote arms reduction at almost any price. But even this has limits. Aside from being the revisionist philistines, they are, like it or not, leaders of a socialist country which is being attacked by imperialism, which must defend itself and which must even give aid to national liberation movements. We ask the reader to be enough of a dialectician to understand the contradiction. Brezhnev and Kissinger



both say, "I am for peace." Both are thoroughly bourgeois, but one is lying while the other is telling the truth.

These are a few points to be made concerning the theory of the "restoration of capitalism" in the Soviet Union. The CLP has always struggled for the highest clarity on political issues in the Guild. But that is not to confuse the role of the Guild-it cannot constitute or choose the leadership of the revolutionary movement - that is for the working class.

We support the NEC resolution regarding Guild positions on international struggles - viz.- the Guild will not take sides where there are contending left forces and the Guild will in particular expose the role of the USNA imperialists in every international situation.

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the "party of labor," the "party of the Negro people." But it was John Kennedy who first sent USNA troops to Vietnam who tried to destroy the Cuban revolution with the Bay of Pigs invasion; it is the "Democratic" party that directly dominates the Negro Nation and most of the big city machines; Johnson and Humphrey were the great "liberal" leaders that invaded the Dominican Republic and sent 500,000 troops and innumerable bombs to Vietnam. The Republican party's record with Watergate, Agnew taking bribes in the Vice-President's office and now Ford threatening intervention in Angola and North Korea is no different. Both parties are the servants of imperialism. They have 1001 faces, but behind every one is the iron fist of enslavement.

The CPUSA is a party that has betrayed its revolutionary heritage. The gang of traitors at its head has betrayed its class and the thousands of honest revolutionaries in its membership that were and are attracted to the CPUSA by its false

promises. They have rejected revolution. They have repudiated the dictatorship of the proletariat. They deny that the Negro Nation exists. Their program calls for alliance with the liberal bourgeoisie as the "lesser evil" as the best hope for the working class. Their ranks are riddled with police agents. Their constitution prohibits the membership of anyone who stands for revolution.

There are no other political parties in the USNA today. The Trotskyites in all their many forms are not political parties at all but are the direct agents of the state representing counter revolution everywhere they go and in all they do.

The gaggle of "left" groups in all their variety are weak, isolated sectarians interested mainly in blowing their own horns. They put out much talk but little action, much theorizing, but little theory. They find much greater strength on the campuses than in the factories. They are separated from the historic

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Communist movement as can be seen by the fact that they call themselves the "young communist movement" as if a movement 125 years old can be called young. They are incapable of leading the working class to victory.

In 1927 Stalin put forward 12 points by which to measure the Bolshevization (or revolutionizing) of the Communist parties. We are striving to implement these points today. They are a sure yardstick for measuring revolutionary parties. They are as follows:

1) The Party must regard itself not as an appendage of the parliamentary electoral machinery, as the Social-Democratic Party in fact does, and not as a gratuitous supplement to the trade unions, as certain AnarchoSyndicalist elements sometimes claim it should be, but as the highest form of class association of the proletariat, the function of which is to lead all the other forms of proletarian organizations from the trade unions to the Party's group in parliament.



2) The Party, and especially its leading elements, must thoroughly master the revolutionary theory of Marxism, which is inseparably connected with revolutionary practice.

3) The Party must draw up slogans and directives not on the basis of stock formulas and historical analogies, but as the result of a careful analysis of the concrete internal and international conditions of the revolutionary movement, and it must, without fail, take into account the experience of revolutions in all countries.

4) The Party must test the correctness of these slogans and directives in the crucible of the revolutionary struggle of the masses.

5) The entire work of the Party, particularly if Social-Democratic traditions have not yet been eradicated in it, must be reorganized on new, revolutionary lines, so that every step, every action, taken by the Party should naturally serve to revolutionize the masses, to train and educate the broad masses of the working class in the revolutionary spirit.



6) In its work the Party must be able to combine the strictest adherence to principle (not to be confused with sectarianism!) with the maximum of ties and contacts with the masses (not to be confused with khvostism - tailism!) without this, the Party will be unable not only to teach the masses but also to learn from them, it will be unable not only to lead the masses and raise them to its own level but also to heed their voice and anticipate their urgent needs.

7) In its work the Party must be able to combine an uncompromising revolutionary spirit (not to be confused with revolutionary adventurism) with the maximum of flexibility and manoeuvring ability (not to be confused with opportunism!), without this, the Party will be unable to master all the forms of struggle and organization, will be unable to link the daily interests of the proletariat, with the fundamental interests of the proletarian revolution, and to combine in its work the legal with the illegal struggle.

8) The Party must not cover up its mistakes, it must not fear criticism; it must improve and educate its cadres by learning from its own mistakes.

9) The Party must be able to recruit for its main leading group the best elements of the advanced fighters who are sufficiently devoted to the cause to be genuine spokesmen of the aspirations of the revolutionary proletariat, and who

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION...

What is The Democratic Lawyer? It is the political newspaper of the Communist Labor Party fraction of the National Lawyers Guild. (Fractions are groups of Communists and close contacts who work within a given organization for the purpose of influencing it.) Just as the People's Tribune and Tribuno Popular are the voice of the Central Committee in general, likewise The Democratic Lawyer is the voice of the CLP addressed to the particularities of the NLG and its members.

Most "shop papers" are produced on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and distributed in a clandestine fashion within the workplace. Frequent publication gives the paper the opportunity to speak often to the workers on not only issues of general political interest but also specifics of the class struggle in the given workplace. We could not follow this general format given that we intend to produce the paper only for national

Guild meetings.

We are not simply addressing ourselves to "Leftists" but wish to provide a Communist analysis for all the democratic forces in the Guild. A shop paper, however, is not to be an abstract treatise on the necessity of proletarian revolution but rather is supposed to inform its readers of issues practically and immediately relevant. Thus, we included "The NLG and the International Situation" and "Equal Rights Now."

We welcome and invite contributions and comments from friends and other interested people. We also urge you all to subscribe to the People's Tribune. For more information about our party and how you can join - or for a subscription to the PT - write to us at :

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"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression." Lenin



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are sufficiently experienced to become real leaders of the proletarian revolution, capable of applying the tactics and strategy of Leninism.

10) The Party must systematically improve the social composition of its organizations and rid itself of corrupting opportunist elements with a view to achieving the utmost solidarity.

11) The Party must achieve iron proletarian discipline based on ideological solidarity, clarity concerning the aims of the movement, unity of practical action and an understanding of the Party's tasks by the mass of the Party membership.

12) The Party must systematically verify the execution of its decisions and directives, without this, these decisions and directives are in danger of becoming empty promises, which can only rob the Party of the confidence of the broad proletarian masses.

In the absence of these and similar conditions, Bolshevism is just an empty sound.

Our Party, the Communist Labor Party stands for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. We aim to take up the historic task of the proletariat. We call upon all who are for proletarian revolution to join us!