

CPUSA: Traitors to miners' movement

Back-door traitors.

These are people who pretend to support you, who pledge their "undying loyalty to the cause." But all the while, they are actually working to sell you out, stab you in the back, and set you up for defeat.

The revisionists in the so-called Communist Party U.S.A (CPUSA) are just these kind of back-door traitors to the miners' movement.

In a recent editorial in their newspaper, the Daily World (Feb. 24), they brag that "no finer service has been rendered" to the coal miners than by the CPUSA. It's clear, however, that the purpose of all this self-praise is to cover up their disgusting attacks on the rank and file of the UMW.

In that very same issue of the Daily World, the revisionists feature a statement by a UMW Executive Board member demanding that the rank and file stop criticizing UMW President Arnold Miller and other top union bureaucrats who have tried to sell them out at every step of the way.

"Now is not the time to desert our leaders or call for resignations," said the statement in a

shameless appeal to support the widely-discredited Miller leadership. Echoing red-baiting attacks against those who have signed recall petitions against Miller, the CPUSA went on to say:

"Those who would depart from our tradition of complete unity during the national strike are traitors."

But who are the real traitors? Who has really departed from the interests of unity during the strike? It is precisely Arnold Miller and his circle who are guilty of these crimes.

It is the Miller gang who actively campaigned for a contract which the rank and file overwhelmingly rejected.

It is Miller who tried everything to keep scab production going—from putting the clamps on picketing at non-union mines, to refusing to defend arrested union members. And now it is Miller who is supporting the government's use of the Taft-Hartley Act against the strike.

No, the traitors to the struggle are not the rank-and-file workers and genuine communists of the CPML who are standing up to the class collaboration of the bureaucrats. The real traitors are Miller as well as

the revisionists of the CPUSA who are rushing to his defense, trying to keep the union from being transformed into one that genuinely fights for and represents the rank and file.

The CPUSA's actions are really no surprise. They are trying to worm their way into union office by forming an alliance of thieves—called the "left-center coalition"—with the likes of Arnold Miller, Doug Fraser of the UAW, William Winpisinger of the IAM, etc. This alliance is aimed at keeping union power out of rank-and-file hands.

The revisionists, besides covering up for the Miller clique, also urge coal miners to look to the government for help in winning the strike. At a time when Carter is threatening federal seizure of the mines, the CP runs an editorial in the March 7 Daily World calling for the nationalization of the mines. Of course, they throw in a phrase about this seizure being under "democratic control" and "in the interests of the nation."

But the government itself is run by the coal bosses and their fellow capitalists, and seizure or even nationalization would only serve these interests in a differ-

ent form. Anyone who thinks the government will act in the miners' interests needs only to look at Carter's use of Taft-Hartley and threats of federal troops to see that he is on the bosses' side all the way.

The revisionists, by their call for a government takeover in the coalfields, are really saying that miners would be better off working directly for the government. But miners have already had some experience with federal troops, federal courts and jails, and with the President and Congress—in short, all the evils that make up the apparatus of government power. Under the present conditions, nationalization would only bring this repressive machinery down upon the miners more intensely.

No amount of self-congratulatory praise about their "loyalty" to the miners can cover up this kind of betrayal. The CPUSA revisionists are no better than the operators, the government or the labor misleaders like Miller. They're all the enemies of the coal miners, and the revisionists are the most dangerous of the lot with their efforts to dress up their scabbing in the name of "communism."