

# "Three worldists" are on the path of merger with social-democracy

Recently the social-chauvinists of "CP(M-L)" again pledged their loyalty to the cause of class collaboration by endorsing UAW President Douglas Fraser's social-democratic coalition, the Progressive Alliance. The flag-waving patriots of "CP(M-L)" are already notorious for advocating that the workers give up their revolutionary struggle and instead unite with the U.S. monopoly capitalists to "strike the main blow" at the Soviet social-imperialists. Now, with their lavish praise of the Progressive Alliance, it can be seen that these followers of Chinese revisionism are on the path of merger with social-democracy. In glowing terms they state that: "Just last year, United Auto Workers President Douglas Fraser was complaining about what he called the 'one-sided class war' being waged by big business against the working people. Then in January he initiated the Progressive Alliance, a coalition of labor and civil rights groups, to combat the offensive of big business." (The Call, "UAW Workers Foot the Bill — Fraser's \$400 Million Seat", Nov. 5, 1979) With these words the "CP(M-L)" expresses their love and respect for the labor traitor Fraser on the ridiculous grounds that his social-democratic coalition, the Progressive Alliance, is an opponent of the vicious capitalist offensive against the working class.

The Progressive Alliance is a coalition composed of bourgeois liberals, trade union bureaucrats and Afro-American opportunists ("liberals, labor and minorities"). Fraser was instrumental in its formation and is the leading spokesman and organizer of it today. These social-democrats belong to the "left wing" of the Democratic Party. Their expressed purpose is to pressure the Democratic Party to implement its own program. This is a hoax. The Democratic Party administration of President Carter has been implementing its program all along: a program of starvation, fascism and war, including soaring oil prices, devastating wage cuts, savage racial discrimination, and MX missiles. Fraser's

Progressive Alliance is based on covering up these crimes of Carter's Democratic Party administration and on pushing the fraud that the Democratic Party can solve the problems of the workers if only its "reforms" are really implemented. Fraser and his gang are desperately attempting to convince the workers to support Carter and his anti-working class offensive, and to have faith in the politics and program of the Democratic Party. They are doing so precisely at a time when the workers are turning away from the Democratic Party with disgust and when Carter is wailing about a "crisis of confidence" in his administration and the capitalist government as a whole.

Douglas Fraser recently imposed blatantly sellout contracts on the auto workers, earning even more of their hatred and contempt. This puts "CP(M-L)" in an unpopular position among the workers, having just praised Fraser to the skies as someone who "combat(s) the offensive of big business". So in the very same article they criticize Fraser, although very politely, for accepting a seat on the board of directors of the Chrysler billionaires for services rendered. They mention Fraser's "ideology of so-called 'common interests' between labor and capital". And after Fraser's gigantic sellout of the auto workers, "CP(M-L)" claims to have experienced a revelation: "Now the real meaning of Fraser's version of a 'progressive alliance' becomes evident. What he really wants is an alliance between a section of the top labor leaders and the biggest, most reactionary representatives of big business at the expense of the workers."

Let's take a look at this doubletalk. "CP(M-L)" criticizes Fraser for joining Chrysler's board of directors and for thus concluding an alliance of "labor leaders" and "big business" to the detriment of the workers. So far so good. But wait a minute! Previously we saw that they praised Fraser when "he initiated the Progressive Alliance... to combat the offensive of big business"

against the workers. Either Fraser is a traitor to the working class or he is not. In fact, he is a traitor. "CP(M-L)" actually praises Fraser, supports his coalition, the Progressive Alliance, and supports its efforts to mobilize the workers to have faith in the Democratic Party. This shows that the class collaborationist politics of "CP(M-L)" lead directly to support for the Carter administration and its all-round attacks on the working class.

"CP(M-L)'s" criticism of Fraser is simply a smokescreen to hide their agreement with his identical politics of class collaboration. For example, "CP(M-L)" only criticizes "Fraser's version" of a "progressive alliance" with the class enemy, admitting that they are not opposed to class collaboration in general. And this is why "CP(M-L)" did not lift a finger to oppose Fraser and the top UAW hacks when they were recently forcing scandalous sellout contracts on the auto workers. Their criticism of Fraser is sham. At most, it is simply a dogfight over who can best betray the workers' interests.

The "CP(M-L)" is on the path toward merger with the social-democrats. This shows that their politics are liberal-labor politics. Their politics are becoming indistinguishable from those of the Progressive Alliance, which express the anti-working class views of the alliance between the imperialist liberals of the Democratic Party and the soldout labor bureaucrats. This "liberal-labor" politics is the politics of class collaboration, of striving to turn the working class movement into a plaything in the hands of the rich. Liberal-labor politics is totally opposed to the workers taking the path of revolutionary mass struggle against the class enemy. Instead it advocates that the workers sit around dreaming of the paradise that will come into being, if the Democratic Party "liberals" ever get around to implementing their lying promises. It is the politics of utter betrayal of the proletariat in the service of the monopoly capitalists.

"CP(M-L)" is following in the footsteps of Earl Browder, arch-revisionist traitor to the American proletariat and one of the architects of liberal-labor politics in the U.S. Starting in the mid-1930's, Browder advocated that the workers abandon the path of mass revolutionary struggle and instead reduce their movement to begging the Roosevelt Democrats for supposed reforms. Browder took the formerly revolutionary CPUSA down the path of revising Marxism and merging with social-democracy. Browderism was a forerunner of modern Khrushchovite revisionism. The Khrushchovite revisionists also took up the ideological position of social-democracy, and their followers set upon the path of fusion with the social-democratic parties. And this is the path being followed by the Chinese revisionists too. The social-chauvinists of "CP(M-L)", the followers of Chinese revisionism, are moving toward merger with social-democracy. The "CP(M-L)" has inherited the yellow banner of their mentor Browder, and are advocating a "progressive alliance" with the Democratic Party. They are on their knees before the social-democrats. □

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