

# Editors' Note

## 'Class Struggle' - A Weapon to Advance Marxist-Leninist Unity

This special double issue of *Class Struggle* is published at a very important turning point in the party-building movement, immediately following the successful conclusion of the May Unity Meeting and the establishment of a new Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party.

The May Unity Meeting was the first of what will be a series of decisive steps to weld together the growing trend for Marxist-Leninist unity into a single party. One of the concrete accomplishments of the Unity Meeting was the drafting of a new Call for all Marxist-Leninists to unite, to contribute to the struggle for drafting the party program and to participate in the discussion and debate leading to the first Party Congress to be held later this year.

The new Organizing Committee will publish documents and discussion bulletins directed at all the forces within the unity trend. But it will also seek to make public as much of the pre-Congress discussion as possible. In this way large numbers of workers will be able to participate in the debate, other Marxist-Leninist groupings will be won to the unity trend, and the level of the whole movement will be raised in the fight against revisionism and opportunism.

Both the October League's newspaper, *The Call*, and *Class Struggle* will become organs for voicing the developments and advancing the ideological struggle within the unity trend. The pages of *Class Struggle* are open to all those who support the unity efforts and whose articles will deepen our understanding of the burning questions facing our movement.

In this issue several such articles are printed by groups and individuals who participated in the May Unity Meeting, including the League for Marxist-

Leninist Unity, Clay Claiborne and Harry Haywood. We hope that future issues will carry many more articles detailing the political line of the groups within the unity trend on major questions, and summing up the wealth of practical experience which they bring to the party-building cause. The October League as well as other groups will also use *Class Struggle* to carry out debate within the unity trend, responding to those articles which we believe to be erroneous in their analysis.

The main purpose of *Class Struggle* in the period ahead is to draw a sharp line of demarcation between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism. Accomplishing this will necessitate sharp critiques of revisionism and centrism, such as the one offered by Carl Davidson in his analysis of the Angola debate. It will also necessitate thorough-going polemics with those claiming to be Marxist-Leninists, but who oppose the building of a party. Sherman Miller's critique of the so-called "Revolutionary Wing" is an article of this type.

In carrying out the struggle against revisionism, one of the factors in our favor is that we have over a century of communist experience as well as the example of several great revolutions to learn from. Eileen Klehr's article on the class struggle under socialism bases itself in large part on the glorious history of China's Cultural Revolution, the tenth anniversary of which was celebrated in May. The path-breaking experiences of the Chinese working class provide valuable lessons for the party-building movement today.

*Class Struggle* assumes more importance than ever before in this period of pre-Congress debate. We encourage our readers to participate in this debate by writing for *Class Struggle*, by responding to the views expressed in the journal and by subscribing to it regularly and distributing it widely.

*The Editors*  
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