

The 'United Labor Front' of the MLOC/'CPUSA (M-L)' Means Unity with the Khrushchovite 'C'PUSA and All the Social-Democrats

The "CPUSA/ML" Is Working for a United Front with the Khrushchovite Revisionist "C"PUSA

Browderite liberal-labor politics is common to all the right opportunists in the U.S. The "CPUSA/ML's" social-democratic politics has therefore led to its repeated attempts over the years to form alliances and a common front with the other followers of Browderite politics. It is this common Browderite platform of the liquidation of revolutionary communism that lay behind the "CPUSA/ML's" years of close ties with the "three worlders." Today, this common Browderite platform is what forms the basis for the Weisberg sect's attempts to form a united front with the utterly corrupt, pro-Soviet revisionists of the so-called "Communist" Party of the USA.

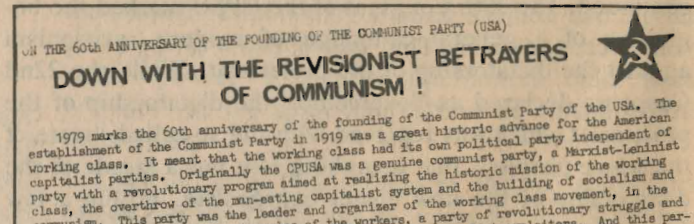
Whether or not to form a united front with the "C"PUSA is a major question of principle. The "C"PUSA is not only the main Browderite grouping in the U.S., but it is also the official, recognized agency of Soviet (Khrushchovite) revisionism. It is part of the international Khrushchovite trend. Indeed, it is one of the most loyal toadies of Soviet revisionism in the world. It follows an amalgam of Browderism and Soviet revisionism. It has betrayed and trampled into the mud the traditions of the once-revolutionary CPUSA. Today the "C"PUSA is an entirely different party, communist in name only, but in reality a traitor to the proletariat and a mere shadow of the Democratic Party. It is a broken shell that lives on the alms from the bourgeoisie and the Soviet revisionists.

It is incumbent on all revolutionary Marxist-Leninists to inculcate among the revolutionaries, the class conscious proletarians and the broadest masses the spirit of bitter hostility to the Khrushchovite and Browderite traitors. Not unity with the "C"PUSA, but irreconcilable struggle against it, is a hallmark of a genuine communist policy. Twenty years ago, at the historic Moscow meeting of November 1960, Khrushchovite revisionism was openly denounced in front of the communist and workers' parties of the entire world. Shortly thereafter, in 1961, the public polemic broke out in full force between revolutionary Marxism-Leninism and Soviet revisionism. All over the world, the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists separated from the Khrushchovites, fought them, and built new Marxist-Leninist parties free from the Khrushchovites in those places where the old parties had fallen into the Khrushchovite corruption. This glorious struggle was led by the Party of Labor of Albania. The Chinese leadership constantly vacillated and sabotaged this struggle. One of the methods of Chinese revisionism was to float the idea of a united front with the Khrushchovites in the name of an alleged joint struggle against U.S. imperialism. But the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists rejected this treachery. They held that to seek a united front with the Khrushchovites was to invite a Trojan horse into the communist and workers' movements. Marxism-Leninism teaches that the fight against imperialism is inseparable from the fight against revisionism. As Comrade Enver Hoxha stressed: "...unity will be re-established in the communist movement and the socialist camp, but it will be re-established by the Marxist-Leninists without revisionists and traitors and in resolute struggle against them." (Cited in the *History of the Party of Labor of Albania*, Ch. VII, sec. 2, p. 605)

It is this principle that the "CPUSA/ML" is throwing to the winds with its present appeals for a united front with the "C"PUSA. The particular nature of this appeal is that the "CPUSA/ML" wants the Khrushchovites to join with them in a "united front of labor" with the social-democrats and all the other "reformists," as the "CPUSA/ML" calls them.

Hence in August 1979, the Weisberg sect sent a traveling team to Detroit, a city they do not work in, in order to leaflet

the National Convention of the "C"PUSA. The Weisberg sect did not go there to denounce the Khrushchovites. They did not even distribute their journal *Unite!* which had a mock "criticism" of the "C"PUSA in its August 15 issue. Instead they distributed only an appeal from their so-called "Trade Union Action League" (TUAL) entitled "To Strike Is to Struggle."¹ With this they meant to appeal for unity with the "C"PUSA on the pretext of alleged support for the struggle of the auto workers.



Above: Leaflet put out by the COUSML (predecessor of the MLP) to denounce the 22nd National Convention of the Khrushchovite revisionist "C"PUSA in 1979. It was distributed in the factories and outside the "C"PUSA convention hall. The MLP trains the proletariat in irreconcilable struggle against revisionism. On the other hand, the Weisberg social-democratic sect went to the "C"PUSA convention to beg for unity. Instead of fighting revisionism, they distributed an appeal by the TUAL for unity, entitled "To Strike Is to Struggle." Unity with revisionism is a cornerstone of the "CPUSA/ML's" "united labor front."

This is a repetition of the tactics of the so-called "Communist Labor Party of the USNA," a pro-Soviet neo-revisionist outfit which has for years been begging for a united front with the "C"PUSA. The "CLP" bases this on its claim that the "C"PUSA is not a Marxist-Leninist party, but is nevertheless allegedly a genuine fighter for socialism. Apparently the Weisberg sect considers the "C"PUSA to be not Marxist-Leninist, but nevertheless genuinely in favor of the strike movement and the interests of the auto workers. However, this is balderdash, because the "C"PUSA is an enemy of socialism and a saboteur of the workers' movement.

Actually, "CPUSA/ML's" appeal was for unity with the Khrushchovite strikebreaking. The "C"PUSA did not stand for a strike against the sellout auto contract, while the "CPUSA/ML's" appeal "To Strike Is to Struggle" opposed strikes against both GM and Chrysler under the pretext that GM was "too strong" and striking it would "deplete the UAW 'war chest' and demoralize the workers," while a strike against Chrysler "might break the company."

A "United Labor Front" with the Khrushchovites

In recent months, the Weisberg social-democrats have gone into a frenzy with their repeated appeals to the "C"PUSA to join the "united labor front." For example, in July, the "CPUSA/ML" gently chided the "C"PUSA for not joining with TUAL in a "united front of the labor movement" in a factory in Chicago. (*Unite!*, July 1, 1980, p. 1, col. 3) Both *Unite!* and *Advance*, the newsletter of Weisberg's trade union group, the TUAL, have carried one appeal after another for a united front with the "C"PUSA's trade union group, the Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy (TUAD).

The tactics for wooing the "C"PUSA were discussed, for instance, in a recent interview with a TUAL spokesman in

1. There are now two groups calling themselves the "Trade Union Action League." The "CPUSA/ML," always so eager to oppose the struggle against revisionism and opportunism on the plea of the necessity of "unity," has been racked by one split after another. As a result of one of these splits, there are now two TUAL's. All references to the TUAL in this article are to the TUAL affiliated to the "CPUSA/ML."

Unite! ("Interview with TUAL Organizer Matt Fusco," *Unite!*, Sept. 1, 1980, p. 3) *Unite!* asked the following question: "Your [TUAL's — ed.] call for a united front of labor was issued in part to the Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy (TUAD) and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU). Do you expect them to respond? In what way?" Note that the TUAD is the trade union wing of the "C"PUSA, while the CBTU is closely associated with the Democratic Party.

TUAL organizer Matt Fusco replied: "To respond directly? To answer our letter? No, not at this time." He then went on to describe various indirect ways in which he thought unity with the Khrushchovites and social-democrats could be achieved in practice. For example, he suggested uniting with these organizations in a "national coalition" of the opportunist chiefs to carry out the building "for a demonstration in Washington for jobs," that is, to carry out organizing the plans of the revisionist and social-democratic groups for work in the unemployed movement. Fusco described the revisionist trade union organizers and other opportunists politely, indeed glowingly, as "progressive forces in the labor movement."

The tactics employed by the Weisberg sect in order to unite in action with the revisionists, labor bureaucrats and social-democrats is to dress up each of the proposals or actions of the revisionists and others as wonderful advances for the working class movement, and then to gently chide the revisionists, labor bureaucrats and social-democrats for not uniting with the TUAL in carrying out these programs. As well, the Weisberg sect will make constructive "criticisms" as to how to improve these plans and actions. For example, in the November 1980 issue of *Advance*, the Newsletter of the National Organizing Committee of the TUAL, Matt Fusco gives ecstatic praise to a "Conference on Union Democracy Held in Detroit," which he himself admits was organized by the forces of social-democracy, and also returns to the question of the "Washington March for Jobs." We shall consider his praise for the social-democratic conference on union democracy in the next section.

As to the Washington March for Jobs, Matt Fusco laments that it did not take place prior to the presidential elections as "A Political Opportunity Lost." He dresses up this proposed march, intended to promote revisionist and social-democratic politics, as a wonderful opportunity to bring "politics" to the workers. He supports the plans of the "C"PUSA's TUAD, but gently chides them for not going further, saying, "The Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy (TUAD) published a national call for endorsements for the march, but proposed no date or organizing committee." He discusses the question of "Why then was this opportunity lost?" But this discussion is avowedly for the purpose of bringing "a lesson to the progressive forces in the labor movement," among which Fusco includes the TUAD and the opportunists. That is, Fusco is trying to be helpful to the revisionists and social-democrats.

Fusco stresses his complete loyalty to the revisionist and social-democratic program, saying: "Everyone agreed [what an abject self-confession! — ed.] with the call for holding a march in Washington, D.C. during the election campaign in order to put before the candidates our demands, the demands of the workers: ...Freeze on Prices, Rents, Taxes, and Interests!" (emphasis as in the original) "Everyone agreed" — that is, the "CPUSA/ML" agreed too and is marching totally in step with the labor bureaucracy, social-democrats and Khrushchovites! Getting down on his knees, Fusco even endorses explicitly the demand for the "freeze" on prices, rents, taxes, interest, etc. This demand, as is well known, is the thinly disguised way in which Lane Kirkland and the AFL-CIO bureaucracy, Kennedy and the social-democrats, and others call for strengthening Carter's wage-price controls, making them mandatory and sup-

pressing the workers' movement, under the plea of adding a few controls on the capitalists. The labor bureaucrats and the Kennedyites are willing to drop explicit mention of controls on wages, because it is taken for granted that such a demand for freezes on prices, etc., implies a strict freeze on wages. They prettify the fascist wage controls and tell the workers not to defy them, but to work to strengthen them, for, don't worry, the capitalists will kindly consent to have their own government apparatus freeze prices, rents, taxes and interest also. By endorsing this demand for a "freeze," which "everyone agrees" means mandatory wage controls, Matt Fusco and the National Organizing Committee of TUAL are showing once again that their "united front of labor" is actually a united front with Khrushchovites and other class traitors against the working class movement.

Not only does the Weisberg sect's "united labor front" unite on the basis of pushing forward the various plans and actions of the Khrushchovites and other class traitors, but even the plan for a "united labor front" itself is not original. Instead, it has been taken with insignificant minor variations from the arsenal of the Khrushchovites and the social-democrats. Even Weisberg's "CPUSA/ML" itself admits this. Thus in a major article on "the united front of labor" in *Unite!*, it is described as "tak(ing) over the half-hearted attempts by the reformist 'opposition' to build a united front of labor." (*The United Front of Labor: To Defeat Reformism and Unite Against Capital*, *Unite!*, June 15, 1980, p. 3, col. 4) That is, the revisionists and class traitors are only "half-hearted" about the "united front of labor." But the "CPUSA/ML," in order allegedly to defeat these fiends, will wholeheartedly carry out the united front with them.

The political content of the "united labor front" with the Khrushchovite TUAD and the social-democrats is shown by the program of the TUAD. The TUAD is also for such "unity," and it describes it as the "rank and file working in harmony with courageous, forward-looking leaders." (Programmatic statement carried in every issue of the TUAD publication, *Labor Today*) It is of course no secret that the "courageous, forward-looking leaders" are none other than the trade union bureaucrats, especially those with social-democratic leanings. Thus the avowed goal of the TUAD is to cool down the discontent among the rank and file workers with the "forward-looking" section of the trade union bureaucracy in order to reestablish harmony between the workers and the labor traitors.

The "CPUSA/ML" seeks unity with such an outfit in order to form a common front against the workers. It seeks to use the TUAD as a transmission belt to further unity with the trade union bureaucracy. Since it is seeking unity with the TUAD, the Weisberg social-democrats in practice have no serious criticism of the TUAD. They engage in the type of squabbles that arise when both sides are swimming in the same murky waters. Thus, in trying to explain the difference between the "united labor front" of the "CPUSA/ML" and the "left-center coalition" of the "C"PUSA, *Unite!* is reduced to the following babbling: "In opposition to the revolutionary trade union movement, they [the TUAD — ed.] issue the pathetic slogan that 'an injury to one is an injury to all.' In contrast, the revolutionary Trade Union Action League declares that 'an attack on one will be answered by all.'" ("No to the CPUSA Revisionist Ticket," *Unite!*, Sept. 1, 1980, p. 4) Only the imagination of professional imposters like Weisberg could see the difference between revisionism and revolution in the differences between these two innocuous slogans.

The "CPUSA/ML's" calls for unity with the TUAD are thus in fact nothing but a thinly disguised call for unity with the Khrushchovite "C"PUSA. In order to preserve a

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"Marxist-Leninist" disguise, the "CPUSA/ML" prefers this alliance to be slightly indirect, but real and palpable nonetheless. Thus it prefers for the time being to seek unity via TUAD, various coalitions, and unity in action on the revisionist program, rather than through direct appeals to the "C" PUSA for negotiations. Besides, the time is not ripe for direct appeals anyway, as the "C" PUSA and the major social-democratic groups treat with contempt their ardent lovers from the "CPUSA/ML" and their delusions of grandeur. But in whatever form or guise the "CPUSA/ML" works for unity with the Browderites and Khrushchovites of the "C" PUSA, it remains rank treachery. It is an open declaration by the "CPUSA/ML" of its renunciation of revolution, its hatred for the struggle against revisionism, and its totally social-democratic stands. It is a revival of the social-democratic theories of the Second International, which advocated that revisionists and revolutionaries could coexist together in peace, or, to be more precise, advocated that the revolutionaries should be corrupted and compromised by uniting together with revisionists.

Merging with All the Other Social-Democrats Via the "United Labor Front"

The attempts of the Weisberg sect to form a united front with the Khrushchovite revisionists are only a part of his efforts to form a united front with all the social-democrats. Today the pages of *Unite!* are filled with all kinds of tales about the "united labor front," the "people's front against fascism" and the "popular front of the working class and its allies" that the "CPUSA/ML" is building with the revisionists, social-democrats, "progressive" labor bureaucrats and all the forces comprising the "left" wing of the Democratic Party. This shows that the Weisberg sect has given up even the pretense of building revolutionary organization in favor of merging into a common front with the forces of avowed social-democracy and the other opportunists.

The Weisberg sect dresses up its treachery in all kinds of pseudo-Marxist, high-sounding labels. But just like Browder, the Weisberg sect is turning the Marxist teachings about "united fronts" and "popular fronts" on their head. As a cornerstone of Browder's efforts to corrode the CPUSA, in the mid-1930's Browder began a process of liquidating the Party organizations and the class organizations of the proletariat on the pretext of redefining the united front and the popular front. First he liquidated the independent revolutionary mass organizations, then the Party fractions in mass organizations, and then the basic organization in the factories. Finally in 1944 he liquidated the Party altogether. Simultaneously he defined and redefined the united front on a "broader and broader" basis, including in it first a section of the labor bureaucracy and the "left" wing of the Democratic Party. Finally he brought in the whole labor aristocracy, the liberals of both the Democratic and Republican Parties, and even outstretched his hand to the National Association of Manufacturers and J.P. Morgan himself.

The Weisberg sect is traveling on the same road. At the 5th Plenum of their CC, the Weisberg sect reiterated its tactics of eliminating any obstacle to unity with the avowed social-democrats under the pretext of a fight against the "left." They flagellated themselves for their "sectarian" errors of: "narrow(ing) the united front or popular front to the existence of a particular mass revolutionary organization. Rather such organizations are part of these fronts, and their mission is to unite with other appropriate forces." (*Unite!*, May 15, 1980, p. 4)

Here the "CPUSA/ML" is denouncing even the idea of building mass revolutionary organization in favor of the tactics and strategy of "unit(ing) with other appropriate forces." As well, they are admitting in a backhanded way that their "mass revolutionary organizations have been a complete fiasco and are virtually non-existent.

So who are the "other appropriate forces" that the Weisberg sect seeks unity with? We have already seen that a major component of their "united labor front" is the Khrushchovite "C" PUSA. But there are others as well, first and foremost the avowed social-democrats.

We have already referred to the ecstasy of the "CPUSA/ML's" TUAL over the "Conference on Union Democracy."

(Matthew Fusco, "Conference on Union Democracy Held in Detroit," *Advance*, Nov. 1980, p. 2) Fusco hails this conference, saying that "Attendance at the conference, which nearly doubled the organizers' expectations, continues to point out the growing trend in the labor movement toward much more active and broad discussion of the problems facing workers, as well as the continued growth of interest in the labor movement among academic and professional circles. In the past year alone conferences have been held on the future of the labor movement, on fighting plant closings, on the environment and energy, and on working class culture." But who was at these conferences? Fusco himself admits that "The conference [on union democracy — ed.] was sponsored by the Association for Union Democracy which is supported by various social-democratic forces in the labor movement and the labor education and labor law fields." He proudly exhibits a list of some of the people attending this conference, not failing to highlight: "progressive" labor bureaucrats, such as Sądłowski and Victor Reuther, "former director of International Affairs for the UAW," whom he characterizes as "liberal union reformers"; trotskyite organizers in the trade unions; associated social-democratic labor lawyers, such as those behind the campaign that resulted in the election of the notorious sell-out Arnold Miller to the presidency of the United Mine Workers; and so forth. In short, this conference, as well as the other conferences he praises, were conferences of the top labor bureaucracy and their petty-bourgeois lawyers, ideologues and allies. To be sure, these were conferences of the social-democratic section of the labor bureaucracy, conferences that are part of the bourgeoisie's plan to further



Photo shows comrades of the MLP denouncing social-democracy and the Chrysler sellout contract at a UAW-supported "Progressive Alliance" conference on the "future of the labor movement," held in Ann Arbor, Mich., January 1980. The MLP fights the social-democratic subversion of the workers' movement. In contrast to this, the Weisberg social-democratic sect went into raptures over this conference and the other conferences organized this year by the social-democrats to subvert and disorient the workers' movement. They regard social-democracy as among "the progressive forces in the labor movement."

activate social-democracy in order to subvert and disorient the coming class battles of the 1980's. You can tell which side of the barricades these conferences are on by the fact that the conference "on the future of the labor movement," held in Ann Arbor, Michigan in January 1980, opened with a minute of silence to honor the counter-revolutionary, case-hardened, fascist George Meany, late head of the AFL-CIO Executive Board.

Thus the Weisberg sect is seeking unity first and foremost with the forces of avowed social-democracy. The "other appropriate forces" include the "progressive" labor bureaucrats, the labor lawyers, and the labor educators. The "other appropriate forces," in fact, reads like a who's who of the most trusted labor lieutenants of the capitalist class.

Why, Matt Fusco and the "CPUSA/ML" are so saturated with bourgeois respectability and so isolated from the class sentiments of the proletariat that they regard it as a mark of distinction for someone to be a labor lawyer or labor educator independent of that individual's class stand. Why, that is the next best thing to being a "progressive" bureaucrat! Why, these are the "allies" of the working class to be included in the "popular front"! It never even strikes them that the "growth of interest in the labor movement" in the universities has anything at all to do with the bourgeoisie studying the ways to suppress the workers' movement. The "CPUSA/ML" is nothing but the apologists and glorifiers of the soldout stratum among the labor aristocracy and the

petty bourgeoisie that serves as the social base for the reactionary trend inside the workers' movement.

The "CPUSA/ML" hasn't forgotten the student movement either. Oh no. They stress that "...revolutionary activists must begin to win some of the allies of labor to the idea of the united front. *Students who participate in labor studies programs at the universities* are an example of this group." (*Unite!*, June 15, 1980, p. 3, col. 4, emphasis added)

Incredible! The "CPUSA/ML's" conception of "the allies of labor" is totally corrupt, lacking any shred of a revolutionary outlook towards society. They do not identify the revolutionary and progressive students as the "allies of labor," but classify students according to what courses they take in school. Now everyone knows that the "labor studies programs" have been set up by the bourgeoisie to train prospective labor bureaucrats, government officials and personnel officers for the corporations. Of course there may be progressive or revolutionary-minded students in such programs, as in any other program, but they will be found among those who revolt against these programs and participate in the revolutionary mass movements. But the "CPUSA/ML" is not interested in the masses of fighting students, and especially not in those who are revolted by social-democracy, but instead searches for friends and allies among those in thrall to the bourgeoisie. In effect, the "CPUSA/ML" wants to get off to an early start in making alliances with the labor bureaucrats and government officials of tomorrow.

Finally, another example of "other appropriate forces" is the "reformists," whether "within the working class movement" or the "national movements." Thus the Resolution of the Political Bureau of the "CPUSA/ML" entitled "Defeat the 'Left' Danger to Fight the Right!" sobbed that "The Party has belittled the importance of temporary alliances with the national reformists." (*Organize!*, Sept. 1979, p. 26) The 4th Plenum of the CC reiterated this stand in reporting on one of their numerous splits. The CC stressed: "In the U.S. today there can be little doubt that the masses of working and oppressed people are under the influence of reformism, whether in the trade unions or national movements. The anti-Party group, on the other hand, believes the reformists hold no sway over the masses of oppressed nationalities. They view the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Jesse Jackson, the NAACP, etc., as virtually without support. As a result, they maintained the view that it is unnecessary for the Party to work with these organizations in order to win the masses away from their influence." (*Unite!*, Feb. 1, 1980, p. 5, col. 3)

Thus the "other appropriate forces" include the "reformists," both the "national reformists" (i.e. "reformists" in the movements of the oppressed nationalities) and the "liberal union reformers" or "progressive" bureaucrats. The "united labor front" or "popular front" consists of "temporary alliances" or "work(ing) with" the "reformists" as well as the other forces. Indeed, the "CPUSA/ML" sinks to the depths of insisting on "work with" the SCLC, PUSH, the NAACP, etc. But notwithstanding Weisberg's prettification, these organizations are nothing but coalitions of social-democratic chieftains, soldout elements mainly revolving around the Democratic Party but also friendly to the Republican Party as well. In July this year, the NAACP sent its leader to grovel before the Reaganite Republican Convention, while some of the former leading lights of the SCLC, Abernathy and Hosea Williams, endorsed the Klan's favorite candidate, Ronald Reagan. Meanwhile PUSH leaders and the majority of the "national reformists" stumped for Carter. All of these characters are nothing but firemen over the revolutionary movements, as was witnessed recently when the Carter administration dispatched Jesse Jackson and Andrew Young to extinguish the flames of revolt among the black masses in Miami and Chattanooga.

Winning the Masses from the "Reformists" and Social-Democrats by Praising Them to the Skies

The "CPUSA/ML" alleges that it advocates "temporary alliances," "united labor fronts," and "popular fronts" with the "reformists" and social-democrats in order to win the masses away from their influence. What a fraud! In fact their whole work is to convince the masses about the positive and "progressive" nature of these flunkies of the bourgeoisie. The pages of *Unite!* and *Advance* are full of

glowing praise for these dogs and present each conference, action and proposal of the social-democrats, labor bureaucrats and "reformists" as a step forward for the working masses.

We have already seen the enthusiasm with which Matthew Fusco greeted the social-democratic conferences in the pages of *Advance* in his article "Conference on Union Democracy Held in Detroit." (*Advance*, Nov. 1980) What "criticism" did Fusco make of these conferences? He gently suggested that: "This union democracy conference, like the majority of others, suffered from the failure to transform the broad discussion and experience of the participants into any program of action, any statement of principles or any form of organization." In brief, Fusco was excited and a little impatient over the prospect of developing the social-democratic program and organization, which is what these conferences were aiming at anyway without the need of Fusco's advice. Instead of appealing to the masses against the opportunists, Fusco on the contrary welcomed the "broad discussion" and rich "experience" of the social-democrats, trotskyites, labor bureaucrats and others. Of course, he utterly failed to mention that their "experience" was experience in suppressing the workers' struggles and their "broad discussion" was on the best methods of betraying the workers.

Another typical example of how "CPUSA/ML's" "temporary alliances" with the social-democrats and "reformists" are more like torrid love affairs can be seen in their coverage of the so-called "National Anti-Klan Network" in *Unite!* (Jan. 15, 1980) Now this "network" is a coalition composed of all sorts of dubious social-democratic hacks, Democratic Party politicians, cultural nationalists, the "C" PUSA, the "three worlders" and opportunists of every shade. It is nothing but a paper organization, an empty shell, which seeks to cool off the anti-fascist struggle and direct it into such channels as begging "individual politicians and governmental bodies at all levels" to make empty declarations against the Klan.

But in the press of the professional liars of the "CPUSA/ML," this broken-down old nag was transformed into a powerful young stallion. It became a group "(bringing) together young organizations with older organizations which have fought the Klan for a long time." Amazing! Why indeed would anyone want to win the masses away from the influence of such heroic, longstanding fighters against reaction! But this is not all, for, according to *Unite!*, "over 450 people attended this meeting, representing 200 organizations. This was the first time in over ten years that such a step has been taken towards building a united front with a single goal in mind — fighting the Klan and all that it represents." Incredible! Every "reformist" hack and his brother are all of a sudden praised as "fighting the Klan and all that it represents" while the network allegedly "represents an effort to break from individual isolated resistance toward building a national movement." The "CPUSA/ML" is more enthusiastic about the "reformists" than the "reformists" themselves!

Hence it is clear that "CPUSA/ML's" "united front tactics" is not designed to win the masses away from the "reformists," but to strengthen the hold of social-democracy and opportunism over the masses. The "united labor front" of the "CPUSA/ML" is a common front with the "reformists" against the interests of the masses of workers, against revolution and Marxism-Leninism.

Of course, it is quite natural that the "CPUSA/ML" should seek to bolster the other social-democrats and "reformists," since Weisberg and the "CPUSA/ML" have always been social-democrats themselves. The "united labor front" signifies that the "CPUSA/ML," which has never built independent organization in practice, is denouncing the very idea of the proletariat organizing itself as a class for itself and not as a miserable appendage of the imperialist liberals and the Democratic Party. The "CPUSA/ML" is setting forth the Browderite plan that the revolutionary movement will allegedly arise spontaneously from the increasing unity, organization and politicization of the yellow front of "reformists" and social-democrats. In reality, the "united labor front" means to form a common front with the "left" wing of the Democratic Party, a common front aimed against revolution and Marxism-Leninism. □