

# Look Who's Lecturing

## The "C" P U S A . . .

In the last issue of "Revolutionary Cause" ATM attacks the CPUSA for its revisionism and reformism. Specifically, it attacks the CPUSA's demand for the "hiring of Spanish-speaking cops" in Chicago. Says ATM: "Luckily these phoney 'communists' have little influence in the current struggle. Puerto Rican people have learned that minority cops can beat you as badly as white cops; that obscenities aren't limited to the English language. The struggle is not for more minority cops, but for an end to all police brutality and a revolution to overthrow the system which uses police to oppress working people." Revolutionary Cause, Vol. 2, #5, page 6

People will ask: What is wrong with that position? There is nothing wrong with it. The problem is that ATM has consistently put forward an even more reformist line than the CPUSA itself on the same question.

We thoroughly exposed their class collaborationist line in the forum held at Denver, Colorado in March 1977. There we said:

"ATM goes even further in their reformism. They put forward that the police should live in the working class and national minority communities. According to them, the police will think twice before attacking somebody in the community for fear of reprisal. What ATM doesn't speak to is the fact that what they are calling for is objectively class collaboration with this line on the possibility of control of the police, of making it neutral, etc. This line in fact was put forward by organizations like the Black Panthers and the Black Muslims who fought, in a very militant way, for the demand -- "Black cops for the Black ghetto."

"In Harlem, an Afrom-American community in New York, the great majority of the police are Blacks and despite this, there is no other community in the city that has a greater incidence of police brutality than this area. In Puerto Rico all the police are Puerto Ricans and that has not changed the repressive apparatus. We should remember Lenin asked not for changing the nationality of the police, the army, etc., but asked for the struggle to smash the state apparatus." (Denver Forum, Five Organizations speak on... Party Building", Published by CORES (M-L-M) page 20)

And today, without any self-criticism and repudiation, ATM pretends by using the same arguments that we used to expose them to lecture the CPUSA. It's important for ATM that the CPUSA stop raising the same demands that they are raising because people can make the connections and realize that although organizationally ATM is not part of the CPUSA, their line, in the last analysis, represents the same thing: reformism, class collaboration, counterrevolution.

