

Editors' Notes

This issue of *Class Struggle*, published on the eve of the new year, comes at a historic point in the development of the revolutionary forces in the U.S.

The wide support and interest in building the National Fight-Back Conference December 27-28, is a good indication of the growing influence of Marxist-Leninists among the masses.

At the same time the ideological struggle in the communist movement has developed steadily in the most recent period, providing a clear basis for Marxist-Leninists to unite and isolate the various opportunist tendencies. This development has been expressed by the publication of the October League's "Call for Marxist-Leninists to Unite," which includes an organizational plan for the building of a new communist party.

The October League and other revolutionary forces have reached new advances in their mass work at the same time as the struggle for the party has gained unity and strength. While the party-building plan represents a minimum basis for Marxist-Leninists to organizationally unite, the struggle to raise the theoretical level of the movement and of the masses must continue, and in fact intensify. Political line is always decisive, and the two-line struggle between Marxism and revisionism is the key to the life and health of the party.

Therefore the articles presented in this issue of *Class Struggle* reflect efforts to deepen our understanding and advance the struggle around some of the most important questions of the day. They are all products of the battle against revisionism—on the question of the press and party organization; on the national question and cementing Black/white unity; on the opposition to social-imperialism and the danger of centrism; on the so-called "recovery" of the economy.

In fact, every article in this issue is a blow to those who are pessimistic about the building of the party and who drift closer to the revisionist party with each new advance of the Marxist-Leninists. For example, Mike Klonsky's speech to the Call Conference (p. 5) lays out a clear direction for the building of the party around a newspaper which serves as collective organizer, combining both agitation and propaganda.

In this speech, he attacks the revisionist press which openly preaches class-collaboration and social-imperialism. But he also exposes the so-called "independent" press—those who wish to publish their newspapers independently from the working class, free to vacillate between Marxism and revisionism, divorced from any type of organization among the workers.

The theme of this speech is the need to publish a revolutionary weekly newspaper. And as the October League intensifies its work toward the weekly *Call*, we must also strengthen *Class Struggle* journal, making it more frequently published. To do this we need the support and assistance of our readers. We encourage all our readers to become subscribers to *Class Struggle*, and distributors of it as well.

We also want to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for the new year—a year certain to see great victories for the working class and oppressed peoples all over the world!

The Editors

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