

A tireless fighter for freedom and socialism

NEW YORK—The Communist Party this week issued a tribute to Alberto Moreau, Communist leader and educator, who died July 28 at the age of 80.

The tribute said:

Our Party, the working class and the democratic forces in our country have sustained a great loss in the death of Comrade Alberto Moreau at the age of 80. He was a member of the National Council, CPUSA.

For sixty years he worked tirelessly for the cause of socialism, national liberation and proletarian internationalism. He made rich contributions particularly in the ideological struggle and in the cause of national liberation to which he devoted major attention.

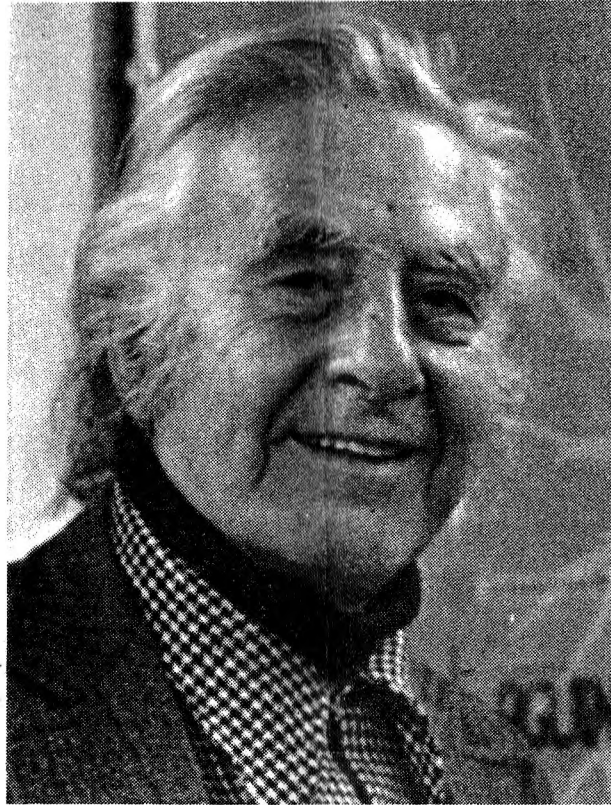
Comrade Alberto lived and breathed the Party and understood its indispensability in the struggle for socialism. He was unswerving in his loyalty and devotion to the working class, unwavering in his confidence in the total victory of his class and steadfast in the certainty of its fulfillment of its historical mission not only to free itself but all oppressed by capitalism.

Theory and practice

He understood the inseparable link between theory and practice as well as the Marxist-Leninist concept that the ideological struggle is on a par with the political and economic as taught by Frederick Engels, co-founder of scientific socialism, and stressed by Lenin in his struggle against opportunism.

Comrade Alberto understood and carried out in practice Karl Marx's teaching in his 11th thesis on Feuerbach that "The philosophers have interpreted the world in various ways but the point is to change it." (Marx's emphasis)

He was an expert on the national-colonial question. He fully understood the teachings of Marx that "Labor in the white skin cannot emancipate itself while that in the Black is branded," and that "a nation which oppresses another nation can never be free."



ALBERTO MOREAU

Comrade Alberto was an indefatigable fighter against the spurious white supremacist doctrine of the monopolist ruling class. He understood the centrality of the struggle for Black liberation and its revolutionary significance as well as the imperative necessity for the unity of Black and white workers and the alliance of labor and the Black people. He understood that the cause of the Chicano, Puerto Rican, Indian and Asian oppressed minorities is the cause of the working class.

During the 1920's Comrade Alberto was an outstanding leader of the anti-imperialist movement.

He carried out extensive revolutionary activity on behalf of the Communist Party, USA, in particular, in connection with the struggle for Puerto Rican independence and for an end to the U.S. imperialist domination of Cuba. In 1927, he along with others, including Cubans, Spaniards and Puerto Ricans organized the Club Obrero Espanol (Spanish Workers Club), an important center of political activity. Throughout his revolutionary career he kept abreast of developments in Latin America.

Teacher and activist

He was a member of the CPUSA's International and Puerto Rican Commissions.

Comrade Alberto was a true teacher. He was always ready to help anyone who approached him with ideological questions or problems which he helped to clarify. He prepared individual study courses for comrades engaged in particular work. This was most apparent in his approach to young people coming into leadership in the movement who felt the need for a deeper understanding of Marxism-Leninism. He took pains to help the study: he prepared outlines and bibliographies, answered questions and helped to make our theory a living thing for them.

Comrade Alberto worked not only at the national and state levels of our party but was active in the county organization and in his community club. During the course of his practical day-to-day activity he used every occasion to make clear the Marxist theoretical basis for that activity. Just a month before his death, at a Bronxwide membership meeting on the Freiheit, he dealt with the question of Zionism and its relationship to bourgeois nationalism.

Comrade Alberto is survived by his wife and comrade-in-arms for 53 years Jennie, son Gorki, daughter Tina and grandchildren with whom we deeply share this moment of bereavement.

The tribute was signed by Henry Winston, national chairman, and Gus Hall, general secretary, on behalf of the CP.