

# LEADING ATTACKS ON REVOLUTIONARIES REVISIONISTS DO BOSSES DIRTY WORK IN UMW

The coal companies have stepped up their reactionary propaganda aimed at the militant class unity of the rank and file and at its developing revolutionary leadership. This propaganda campaign is part of their preparations for the June elections in the United Mine Workers union and the contract negotiations which will follow.

Besides open company propaganda and their use of gun thugs and the KKK, the bosses are relying more and more on the labor lieutenants and revisionists within the UMW to carry out their dirty work.

The April 2 issue of the Daily World, mouthpiece of the revisionist Communist Party USA, unleashes a red-baiting attack on the genuine communists in the mine fields. It makes the propaganda campaign of the coal bosses seem puny by comparison. George Meyers, head of the CPUSA's National Labor Commission, echoes the company's attacks on communists. He calls the genuine communists "disrup-

ters" who "have descended on the coal fields in the last few years."

Like the bosses and UMW reformist leaders, the CPUSA revisionists are scared to death about real communist leadership developing among the mine workers. The revisionists are trying to live on the reputation of the once-proud Communist Party, formerly the vanguard of the U.S. working class. While continuing to wave the red flag, they spread reformism and apologies for the companies.

The support the revisionists have given to the reactionary policies of the present UMW leaders is designed to help them

ride the coattails of the liberals into union leadership. The CPUSA went so far as to give support to the anti-communist attacks spearheaded by President Miller and Vice-President Trbovich at the Cincinnati Convention last September.

At that convention, *The Call* and other communist and rank-and-file newspapers were forcibly excluded from the convention hall in violation of every principle of union democracy. The revisionists sat quietly by while all this took place.

In their newspaper the following day, they denied that the

exclusion even occurred. They then joined in the anti-communist chorus by echoing the union misleaders' charge of "communist disruption."

The most class-conscious miners have growing respect for the genuine communists precisely because they have fought to make the UMW a class struggle union. The communists, for example, have consistently supported and given leadership to the rank-and-file strike movement.

Writing in glowing terms about the history of the CPUSA when it led the CIO organizing

drives, the revisionists try to cover up their present-day outspoken opposition to the wildcat strikes that have swept the mining regions. The CPUSA today sides with the union leadership in its efforts to crush the rank-and-file struggles and confine them within the bounds of trade unionism.

This is what their red-baiting charges of "disruption" are based on. To them, real communists like the October League are disrupting their sweetheart agreements with the companies and disrupting class harmony in the coal fields. To them, we are disrupting their dreams of coming to power within the unions.

With elections coming up in two months, the revisionists are once again trying to prove their loyalty both to the bosses and to the UMW labor phonies by heightening their attacks on communism. This is at the heart of the Daily World slanders.