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The U.S. communist movement is in crisis. The essence of that crisis is to be found in the main political lines which dominate the movement.

On the one hand is the modern revisionist political line which conciliates U.S. imperialism by declaring, in the face of all the evidence to the contrary, that the transition to socialism can and will take place in a "peaceful," "democratic" and evolutionary manner.

On the other hand is a "left" opportunist line which conciliates U.S. imperialism by proposing to unite with it under the banner of anti-Sovietism.

These opportunist lines lead the working class movement astray. In response to them, an anti-revisionist, anti-"left" opportunist trend has emerged within the communist movement. The future of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian revolution in the U.S. now rests on the development of this trend.

The pressing task before this trend is developing an accurate summation of the opportunist lines and generating a correct general line to guide the work of communists. This process can most precisely be characterized as the rectification of the general line of the U.S. communist movement.

It is to contribute to this task that the undersigned have launched a new journal of Marxist-Leninist theory, *LINE OF MARCH*. The title comes from *The Communist Manifesto*, where Karl Marx and Frederick Engels note that communists have the responsibility for "clearly understanding the *line of march*, the conditions, and the ultimate general results of the proletarian movement" as the basis for providing leadership

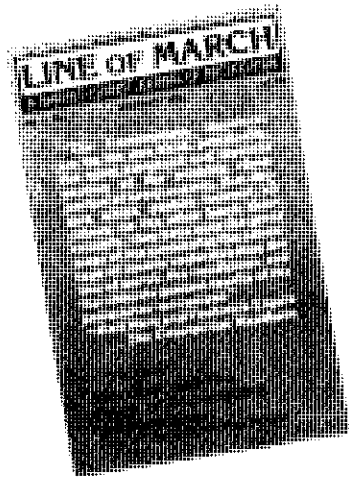
to that movement. In conjunction with this journal, the editors have also established LINE OF MARCH Publications as a center for producing and distributing a variety of materials which advance the theoretical work of the U.S. movement.

The journal, *LINE OF MARCH*, is published bi-monthly. Its contents will fall roughly into three areas: articles on different aspects of Marxist-Leninist theory which speak directly to those outstanding questions that must be addressed in the process of developing the movement's general line; Marxist-Leninist analysis and commentary on major political developments in the world and in the U.S.; and discussion articles relating to the party-building question.

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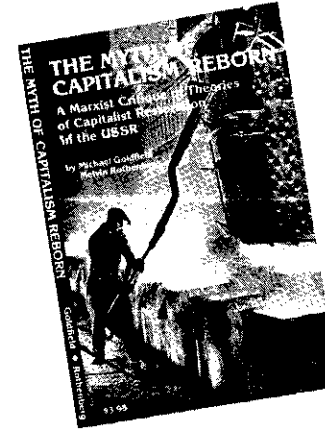
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