



Joyful Romans celebrate victory of the divorce law, a triumph over forces of the rightwing and the Vatican. "The coalition government could result in the spontaneous revolutionary intervention of the masses."

to genuine revolutionary elements in Italy precisely because the presentation of the historical compromise concept does not represent a sudden and violent breach by the PCI leaders from the past. Reformism has been the day-to-day practice of the PCI for decades and bourgeois parliamentarism with the aid of the PCI has sunk deep roots in the masses.

It is not a situation where the leadership of a revolutionary working-class party has suddenly breached the revolutionary platform of the party.

But the ascendancy of the PCI to official positions in a governing coalition with the bourgeoisie would accelerate the consciousness of the masses and quickly make it possible for them to judge, through their own experience, the sharp contrast between the promise and the performance of the PCI leaders in an increasingly aggravated social and political crisis.

Of course, where working class revolutionary independents can make a race of it in specified localities, in such a way as to avoid

causing the PCI to be defeated by a reactionary candidate because of revolutionary electoral intervention, it should be done.

There is no question that a new chapter in the history of the embattled Italian proletariat is about to open. Italian monopoly capitalism, which has long avoided the formidable power of the workers, is not likely to escape a showdown this time.

The conference of European CPs Significance for the proletariat

Marxism differs from bourgeois ideology not only in that it is a superior method of social analysis, but also in that it is a revolutionary ideology. It is a doctrine of the revolutionary struggle. As such, it is inherently partisan in the presentation of its viewpoint - the viewpoint of the proletariat. It is of necessity most hostile to the predominant view of all social phenomena and in particular to the view of bourgeois ideology. The struggle is not to change the world over, but to change it in such a way as to bring about the prevailing view, ideologically guided by the bourgeoisie.

Because bourgeois ideology is reactionary and has inherited a great deal from previous prevailing ideology, and since the method of bourgeois production is still the prevailing method, the working class outlook has an uphill struggle in gaining ascendancy over the bourgeois outlook. This is sharpened by the fact that the working class has not yet achieved a complete break with revolutionary Marxism, and in which reformism and revisionism have regained considerable ground. It is all the more necessary to be on guard, not to be taken in by the means of the new reformism - and, of course, by the reactionary forces of the