

Editorial

Dear Reader,

I am very happy to report a positive development concerning *Proletariat*. After years of struggle and several false starts, we are on the verge of making the journal into a real quarterly. Our Party, although still young and small, is becoming strong enough to handle the publication of a regular theoretical journal besides its national and regional newspapers (the *People's Tribune*, *Tribuno Popular*, and *Western Worker*) and its pamphlets and books.

From time to time we like to restate, for the benefit of our new readers in particular, the purpose of *Proletariat*. As we have always said on our covers, *Proletariat* is "a theoretical journal published by the Communist Labor Party;" it is *not* "the theoretical journal of the Communist Labor Party." However, the subtlety of the distinction has often been lost, even on our own comrades. We do not use the second formulation because *Proletariat* is not meant necessarily to represent the positions of our Party; for that we have our newspapers. We have established the journal for another reason, to serve as a forum for debate and polemics on the part of both Party members and non-Party persons, to serve as a place where individuals can feel free to state their own opinions, including disagreements with our Central Committee, on issues concerning the international communist movement, analysis of national affairs, science, philosophy, political economy, and so on. We know that differences on many questions, particularly those still in the process of being discussed, are bound to exist inside and outside our Party; otherwise there would be no intellectual life at all. We want to utilize *Proletariat* to bring these differences out into the open and thus help develop the understanding of all on the events of the day, questions of theory, etc. Comrades and friends should in no way feel constrained or intimidated into remaining silent. At the same time they should feel encouraged to write on a wide variety of subjects. Recently we have published articles on sports and culture, among other things, and want to encourage many different types of contributions, from full articles to letters.

In short, we are very confident about the basic correctness of the orientation of our Party, and because we are confident we are eager to discuss differences and other points of view on questions of theory, and carry on comradely polemics both inside and outside the Party. Such discussion and debate can only strengthen the movement, to the benefit of all progressive persons and groupings. Further, we do not participate in the incestuous, Lilliputian versus Lilliputian attacks and counter-attacks that pass for theoretical struggle in the "new left," and are thus confident that most of what is submitted to us will continue to be on a reasonably high level. The only consideration, aside from the need for

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