

Syndicalism is a form of trade unionism with the aim of workers possessing the means of production and distribution. Its final goal is the control of society by federated bodies of industrial workers. The major weapon of Syndicalists is the general strike.

Anarchism is the doctrine urging the abolition of governmental restraints or of the government itself as the condition for full social and political liberty. In the USNA, anarchism from the petty bourgeoisie early on united with syndicalism from the immigrant European workers to become Anarcho-Syndicalism.

The revolutionary process in 1919 was entering the stage of unionization of the industrial proletariat. The working class wing of the new Communist Party came directly from the Syndical movement and brought their ideology with them. The revolutionary upsurge engulfing the world did not allow for a principled unity. The great need was to unite the revolutionary movement based on practical activity. They would pay the dues later.

The CPUSA grew with the growth of the industrial unions and after their isolation during the late 1940s they simply transferred their Syndicalism to the mass struggle. There

were new slogans but they had the same syndicalist content. National unity under a Roosevelt coalition, all-class black unity, unity of the unions — everything in the name of unity. They never recognized the existence of the dialectic.

Lacking Marxist theory, the CPUSA transformed the objective demand for revolutionary unity into a slavish tailing behind whoever was temporarily in control of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). This final crisis of the CPUSA evolved as the industrial stage of the USSR began to transform and Soviet society, economics and politics were thrown into contradiction.

The USNA is undergoing the same economic process. The basis for the Syndicalism is being rapidly wiped out. One of the results is that the industrial unions are rapidly declining. Today, they represent fewer than one in six workers. The workers in heavy industry are displaying the historic tendency to side with the political representatives of heavy industry in order to maintain jobs based on armaments.

The CPUSA cannot explain to their membership why the Soviet government is doing things that are against the interests of the world's workers.