

Introduction

The articles in this pamphlet—taken from the pages of Workers World newspaper in late 1976 and early 1977—deal mostly with the defeat of the left wing of the Chinese Communist Party and the comeback of the rightists who were purged during the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of 1966-1970.

Sam Marcy's analysis of the defeat of the Mao faction, led after Mao's death by Chiang Ching and three others who were slandered as the "Gang of Four," was written during the very heat of the events, but has been amply verified by subsequent events. It is all too clear now, with the return of Teng Hsiao-ping, whom Mao himself removed from office early in 1976, that the anti-Maoists are in control of the party.

The value of these articles, however, lies not merely in their "prediction" of the unfolding political development in People's China, but in the method of their approach to the events at the time they happened, in the application of Marxism-Leninism to the Chinese socialist revolution and to the extreme shifts in the revolution's leadership. Furthermore, the great wealth of background on the revolution and the Cultural Revolution which