



Soviet-built tanks being displayed in a military parade in Luanda, Angola.

Part I

The Class Character of the USSR

MAY 25—The current controversy on the left with regard to Angola, China, and the USSR, which is reflected in the Guardian newspaper's opening of a discussion on these matters, must of necessity go beyond a debate on China's foreign policy to the question of the class character of the USSR.

First, however, the most important thing for our party is to state its own programmatic position, independently of the views expressed by others in the discussion.

WWP's record on national liberation

I need hardly state that so far as Angola goes, our party has vigorously and unconditionally supported the MPLA. Our support for the MPLA and the People's Republic of Angola flows from our general programmatic position—which is to render firm, vigorous, and unconditional support to all oppressed people fighting imperialism and for their liberation. Moreover, we of course stand for the unconditional support of all the socialist countries, including the USSR as well as China, in the struggle against imperialist aggression and bourgeois reaction at home.

(Our support of the socialist countries should be distinguished