

# WILL THE REAL POLICE AGENTS PLEASE STAND UP

The publication of a centerfold article titled "RCP Opens Fire on Tenants" in the April 9 issue of *Grimm's Fairytales*, known to some as *The Call*, newspaper of the "Communist" Party M-L, is laughable and ludicrous and at the same time desperate and dangerous.

Filled with distortions from its opening sentence to its end, based on one lie after another, the article charges that Revolutionary Communist Party "thugs" charged guns in hand into an Atlanta housing project to run roughshod over the tenants, going so far as to open fire, wounding one tenant.

On the face of it such charges are ridiculous. Anyone who is at all familiar with the RCP, has seen our Party's practice, is aware that we know the difference between friends and enemies, and that the residents of a low-income housing project are not among the enemies of working class revolution. Of course, the truth is that those involved in the incident *The Call* so wildly distorts are not, as presented, the masses of "the tenants" or even a "crowd" of tenants, but a small handful of CPML members and supporters.

Such contortions have long been typical of *The Call*, but now they have reached new depths. When the content of this article is taken together with the earlier appeals of CPML members in the housing project in question to bring in the cops to throw the RCP members venturing into "their" project into jail, it becomes clear that the CPML is moving from the lower levels of opportunism right into taking up provocative police action.

*The Call* article focuses on some recent events in the mainly Black housing project in downtown Atlanta, Capitol Homes, where the CPML and their equally opportunist predecessors the October League have for years been tolling their revisionist bells—mainly through their thoroughly reformist front group SCEF (Southern Conference Education Fund). They have called on the masses of tenants to aspire no higher than to replace the hacks in the tenants association with some new reform-promising hacks from the CPML.

## REPEATED THREATS

The main highlights of what really went down recently in Capitol Homes are as follows: One weekend in March, members and supporters of the RCP spent two afternoons going door to door to every apartment in the projects, speaking over a bullhorn and in one-to-one discussions with tenants about the struggle to free the Moody Park 3 and other political issues. 150 copies of the *Revolutionary Worker* were sold and a generally enthusiastic response was received overall.

On the second day a couple of SCEF/CPML members were caught tearing down Moody Park 3 posters. One of them who resembles a psychotic wino more than anything else went berserk waving around a small caliber hand gun as if it could make the spectre of revolution disappear from in front of him immediately. His equally crazed pinch-faced wife jumped up and down screeching at him to go ahead and shoot one particular RCP member who had politically challenged her stand in tearing down the posters.

The red-eyed psycho and his wife and a third tenant who they had infected with their political rabies, had worked themselves up to the point where all three were foaming at the mouth. While his wife screeched louder than ever, psycho-man pointed his gun at a carload of RCP members and supporters and the third rabid dog discharged her 22-caliber pistol in the air.

"Stay out of Capitol Homes" they yelled, "or we'll go to the housing authorities and they'll keep you out!" Digging deep into their bag of reactionary threats, one of them screamed "Stay away from here or we'll call the police and have you all put in jail."

Even while this was going down RCP members and supporters were in the immediate area knocking on doors and exposing the opportunism of these

reactionaries in "revolutionary" clothing. One tenant told a revolutionary who approached him with the *Revolutionary Worker* while the CPMLers were out on the street brandishing their pistols, "I never liked those people (the SCEF and CPMLites) but I never knew why."

## RIGHT-WING HACK POLITICS

The stand of this handful of reactionaries at Capitol Homes was a clear demonstration of the hack mentality and right-wing plumage of the CPML. Looking for all the world like a thin version of the bloated toad hacks in the unions who join with the companies to demand that revolutionaries stay away from "their workers," this psycho made it clear he was out to protect the tiny niche he has carved out for himself at the expense of the masses of tenants as a hack in the Capitol Homes tenant association.

Like a gutter snake forced to admit its real home is a sewer this opportunist claimed membership in the CPML saying he was "responsible" for the tenants at Capitol Homes and the Moody Park 3 posters plastered up throughout the projects were an unwanted eyesore dirtying up his "community." When politically blasted for his reactionary stand he whined that the cops would come down on *him* for these posters—the same cops he was only too happy to call on to kick the *Revolutionary Worker* out of Capitol Homes.

These hacks in tenants' clothing also puff themselves up so convinced of their own importance that they suffer the severe delusion of thinking that the main and sole purpose of the RCP coming to Capitol Homes was to attack and discredit them. Sorry—if we limited the areas in which we sell the *Revolutionary Worker* to those few places in which the CPML has limited influence, we would have some 50 weeks a year to twiddle our thumbs and do nothing.

Actually, even in Capitol Homes where the CPML has "worked" for years, only a handful of backward elements under their direct influence even mentioned SCEF or the CPML in all the door-to-door discussions carried on while selling the *Revolutionary Worker* there. Surely the vast majority of tenants have little or no idea who these self-proclaimed saviors are. So much for delusions of grandeur.

Refusing to be intimidated by a handful of raving psychos, frothing dogs and screaming banshees, RCP members returned several days later to continue the real task of doing revolutionary agitation among the masses of tenants and beginning to build support for key battles like the Houston Rebellion.

This time the project was also canvassed with a leaflet about the Moody Park 3 which included a brief section drawing the tenants' attention to the fact that a small number of people in the project wanted to keep the RCP and its revolutionary line out of Capitol Homes. The leaflet made it clear that these revolutionaries weren't about to be threatened by any would-be cops or go down on their knees to beg for the "right" to distribute revolutionary literature.

After most of the project had been canvassed with the leaflet the aroma of a genuine revolutionary line reached the nose of one of these rabid reactionaries and set her into a new pitched frenzy. Running door to door to plead with tenants to kick the RCP out, she finally picked up the phone to call reinforcements from local CPML cadre in other parts of town.

## 2-BIT VIGILANTES ATTACK

Twenty minutes later a motley ragtag crew of self-styled lynchers including three or four tenants and a handful of CPML cadre from elsewhere came running down the street to exercise the spectre of revolution from Capitol Homes. In a ridiculous imitation of the antics of the Keystone cops they had armed themselves with a strange assortment of weapons from a rubber hose, baseball bat and football helmet to a few handguns.

Contrary to the wild ravings of *The Call* editorial charging, "RCP Opens Fire On Tenants," in fact it was this motley crew that was clearly bent on doing violence to those who had dared to venture into "their turf." And with a revolutionary line no less—horrors! It was the CPML who began firing at people.

Apparently surprised that their opposition didn't immediately melt away under this attack, these two-bit vigilantes then turned tail and ran themselves. Their *Call* article, with undisguised frustration and outrage,

states that "immediately after" this episode, the police showed up. Too bad, CPML. After all, the cops certainly should have responded faster than that to your call.

As for the statement in *The Call* editorial that, "one thug was grabbed by two Capitol Homes residents and justifiably beaten," we can only repeat that these dreamers are very fond indeed of their fantasies and suggest that they check out Walt Disney Productions for a new career. And as for the CPML "tenant" claiming to have been shot in the hand, it can only be speculated as to whether this was a further fantasy or an attempt to cover the embarrassment of having been shot by one of his own comrade thugs in the panic of retreat.

In fact their view of reality has become so perverted and upside down lately that this same *Call* article describes as a "police-type provocation" the Party-led demonstration against Teng Hsiao-ping last January in Washington D.C.—a demonstration which was massively assaulted by police who beat and arrested many people. This should give some clue as to the accuracy of the CPML's Capitol Homes reporting.

Also in the midst of this wildly axe-swinging article, the CPML manages to slip in a response to a mock issue of *The Call* which appeared in late February. They limply slap at it as one of the RCP's "various 'dirty tricks.'" This mock "Call" was widely loved by revolutionaries for its demolition job on the simultaneously hilarious and counter-revolutionary line of the CPML. Their month's delay in responding to it was hardly due to their being unconcerned. In fact one of the rabid dogs right at Capitol Homes had whined openly about how its distribution at a CPML International Women's Day program in Atlanta had, in her words, "destroyed the whole event."

Perhaps their logic in raising it in this article is that if someone can make up an issue of the "Call" then they can make up a story about Atlanta. Unfortunately for them there is a difference. For one thing, the former gets to the heart of the truth about their reactionary line, while their Atlanta story is a pack of lies.

CPML's actions in unison with the armed forces of the State are nothing new. Several years ago in Boston, for example, when the ruling class was

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using a busing plan to sharpen divisions between Blacks and whites and Black people particularly were under attack, what was the CPML's response? They called for the armed forces of the state to come in and "protect Black people." As any revolutionary could have predicted, when the armed forces of the state—Boston cops—did enter the scene under the banner of "protecting people," they concentrated on

beating up Blacks, while also occasionally thumping on a few white masses as well to further stir up divisions.

Now, however, CPML has moved beyond merely offering confusing political cover for the pigs. With their actions at Capitol Homes, their open calls for all to unite to fight the RCP and the very publication of this lying, reactionary newspaper story of theirs, they have joined the pig assault.

Anyone with the slightest bit of experience in the progressive and revolutionary movement knows that the publication of an article like theirs is an open invitation for every imaginable sort of police action against revolutionaries. So in response to the CPML's lying charges about our actions, we can only say "CPML, will you, the *real* police provocateurs, please stand up so the masses can clearly see and deal with you."