

CAST AWAY THE LABOR ARISTOCRATS¹

The unprecedented mass actions that are unfolding during this decade have reinforced the role of the Communist Party as the most advanced detachment of the proletariat and isolated the evil of bourgeois trade unionism that has for so long served to fragment and prevent the proletariat from asserting its revolutionary role as the leading class in the struggle for national democracy.

While great masses of workers are calling for general strikes against US imperialism and its running dogs, principally the Marcos fascist puppet clique, labor contractors like Oca and Co. openly offer their strike-breaking services to the reactionaries. The bourgeois trade union bosses like the labor lawyer Lacsina, despite their previous pretensions of being progressive, also openly show their lukewarm attitude or outright opposition to the development of general strikes.

The Lava revisionist renegades, despite their counterrevolutionary abandonment of the trade union movement during the last more than two decades, are once more creeping out of their holes to combine with notorious saboteurs of the revolutionary movement of the proletariat.

The Communist Party of the Philippines faces a bright future in organizing trade unions and Party branches in factories, transportation lines, mines, plantations, logging concessions and other places of work. The political and economic crisis of the enemy is getting worse everyday and all the labor aristocrats are clearly becoming incapable of making apologies for the reactionary system.

The workers have long awaited their Party to intensify ideological, political and organizational work among them. During all the time that the bare-faced labor aristocrats and The Lava revisionist renegades had all the field of labor to themselves, not even 10% of the working class population heeded their sham calls for unionization and a great number of workers preferred to join militant national democratic mass organizations which follow a revolutionary policy.

The labor aristocrats have played the role mainly of either being labor contractors and labor lawyers, represented

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mainly by Oca and Lacsina. These antiproletarian scoundrels have gone too far in their counterrevolutionary and corrupt activities. Their conspicuous personal wealth lays them open to an all-out attack by the proletarian revolutionaries.

The personal wealth of the labor aristocrats is derived from secret brokers' and retainers' fees from the big bourgeoisie; subsidies from US imperialist agencies, the puppet government and the Chiang lobby; overt and covert strike-breaking and strike-peddling; establishment of company unions; huge salaries from labor federations; collection of huge negotiation fees and lawyer's fees ranging from 10 to 25 percent; manipulation of union funds under various pretexts; and so on and so forth.

The Party in the performance of its leading role is duty-bound to expose with ruthless zeal the various forms of betrayal of the proletariat perpetrated by the labor aristocrats. If the workers and student activists participating in mass actions are well mobilized for the trade union movement, these labor aristocrats can certainly be cast away and the revolutionary path of the proletariat can be rid of obstacles. Never before has the situation been as favorable as now for the development of revolutionary trade unions and the establishment of Party branches.