

Capitalism in Crisis: Socialism for the 21st Century

A symposium sponsored by the Committees of Correspondence Education Fund, Inc.

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Whitcomb Hotel • 1231 Market Street • San Francisco, CA

1 pm

Building the Progressive Majority in the Age of Obama

Jack O'Dell, historic figure of the civil rights movement in the South, will present a "Democracy Charter" followed by a panel of movement activists including Michael Eisenscher, National Organizer, US Labor Against the War; Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; Steve Williams, Co-Director, People Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER); Frank Martin del Campo, President, San Francisco Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA); Bill Fletcher, Jr., Executive Editor, Black Commentator

4 pm

Conversation on the Left: Building the Left and the Progressive Majority

This panel is a roundtable discussion moderated by Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS) Co-Chairs James Campbell and Mark Solomon. Roundtable participants: Mildred Williamson of CCDS, Jamala Rogers of Freedom Road Socialist Organization; Linda Burnham, independent political activist; Michael Rubin of Solidarity, and leading representatives of the Communist Party USA and Democratic Socialists of America (speakers TBA.)

7:30 pm

Building Socialism in the 21st Century – An International Evening

An evening of internationalism will feature Helmut Scholz, Executive Committee of the Party of the European Left and head of the International Department of the Die Linke (The Left) Party of Germany; Marcos Garcia, Second Secretary for Labor Affairs for the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Chris Matlhako, Secretary for International Relations and member of the Political Bureau of the South African Communist Party, and a representative from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (speaker TBA).

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

REGISTRATION – Registration is \$50 for all 4 days from Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26, 2009, and includes the Symposium sponsored by the Committees of Correspondence Education Fund, Inc. The daily fee is \$20. For low income, youth, and students, it is \$5 per day. Registration and detailed information is available on-line at www.cc-ds.org, or email to national@cc-ds.org, or call (415) 863-6637 or (212) 868-3733.

HOUSING – Reserve a room at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco at the special group rate of \$99 per night, plus tax, for either a single or double occupancy room, \$119 for triple occupancy, and \$139 for quadruple occupancy. Please indicate the names of roommates, or whether you wish to be assigned roommates. Hotel check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out is 12:00 PM. The group rate is available for three days before the Symposium on July 23rd, and three days after the conclusion of the convention on July 26th. To make your reservation, call (800) 227-4747 and identify yourself as a Committees of Correspondence symposium and convention attendee. The hotel will hold rooms at the special conference rate until June 23, 2009. Reservation requests received after June 23, 2009 will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rates.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – A limited amount of funds will be available for people who could not otherwise afford to attend the convention. Please contact us about scholarship applications.

CHILD CARE – Those requesting on-site childcare must let us know the number of children and ages by June 30.

GETTING THERE – If you are flying into either San Francisco or Oakland airports, there are connections to the BART public transit system and the hotel is located at the Civic Center Station. On the hotel's website, you also can reserve a pick-up by Lorrie's Airport Service from San Francisco airport for \$15 per person. If driving, take the Civic Center exit from Highway 101 North or Highway 80 West, head north on 9th Street and turn right on Market Street. Valet parking is available in the hotel's secured parking lot (\$28.00 per day permit allows for unlimited access), or there is a convenient public parking lot just across the street.

Building the Progressive Majority and a Socialist Future

6th National Convention of the Committees of Correspondence for
Democracy and Socialism (CCDS)

Friday, July 24 to Sunday, July 26, 2009

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The 3-day CCDS convention will feature plenary discussion and workshops on strategies for building the progressive majority, CCDS, left unity, and a socialist future

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009

- 9 am **CCDS Goals and Principles: For a Democratic and Socialist Future** – presentation & discussion
- 1:30 pm **Building the Progressive Majority: Class, Race and Gender** – panel & discussion
- 3:45 pm **Workshops:** The Peace Movement in a Time of Economic Crisis
Rebuilding and Reenergizing the Labor Movement
The Crisis of Climate Change
Youth and Student Organizing
Building Socialist Education
- 7 pm **Reception and Tribute to Charlene Mitchell** sponsored by the Kendra Alexander Foundation

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

- 8 am **An International Breakfast** –with honored guests from South Africa, Venezuela, Germany, France, and Vietnam
- 9:30 am **Workshops:** International Solidarity
Working Class Culture and Movement Building
Organizing the South: Key to Winning
Building the Progressive Majority and the 2010 Elections
Economic and Social Justice
Defending Constitutional, Civil and Human Rights
- 1 pm **Discussion and Adoption of the Goals and Principles:** For a Democratic and Socialist Future
- 3:15 pm **Convention Resolutions:** Peace and Justice Agenda, Plan of Action
- 5:45 pm **Balloting for Election** of National Co-Chairs and National Coordinating Committee
- 7:30 pm **Evening of Solidarity with Vietnam:** This special event will feature an honored guest from Vietnam, a film of the CCDS 2009 friendship tour of Vietnam, and a firsthand report by Judge Claudia Morcom who presided at the May 18, 2009 International Peoples' Tribunal of Conscience in Support of the Vietnamese Victims of Agent Orange in Paris, France

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

- 9 am **Election Results, Voting on Amendments to By-Laws, Convention Resolutions** – continued
- Noon **Adjournment**

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