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CPUSA Mourns Lumer's Death

Hyman Lumer was a remarkable activist, a fully dedicated Marxist-Leninist in words and deeds. His passing at the age of 67, when he was so productive, is a great loss to our class, our people and our Party. The deep personal loss suffered by his widow Dorothy, his two sons Robert and Ernie, his stepdaughters Claudia, Margaret and Linda, and his stepson Charles is shared by us.

On behalf of all comrades and the millions who knew of Comrade Lumer, we express our sorrow and lower our banners in respect to him.

Comrade Lumer was a scientist and a scholar who earned his Ph.D. in the field of biology and became a professor at Western Reserve University and at Fenn College in Cleveland.

As a teacher, he helped organize the teachers' union in Cleveland. He soon became fully involved in union organizing during the CIO drive of the 1930's, supporting strikes in auto, steel, electrical and rubber. He left the college campus for class struggles in the mills and became the educational director of the Ohio-Kentucky district of the United Electrical Workers Union from 1947 to 1950.

Within the union he became known as a modest, skillful teacher who was always ready to discuss with shopworkers the most elementary as well as the most complicated problems. His approach and his teaching always had a Marxist-Leninist class-struggle quality. For this, he was made the victim of a Taft-Hartley frameup and served a term in federal prison.

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Comrade Lumer was a source of strength against Browder revisionism within the Party and against McCarthyism in the unions. When the Party emerged in the struggles for its rights against McCarthyist terror and violence, he became a leader in the fight against those of the Right and Left who sought to scrap the Party.

His struggle was always based on fundamental principles of workingclass solidarity and proletarian and socialist internationalism. He taught and organized on bread-and-butter demands, while fighting the poison of anticommunism and anti-Sovietism. He fought against racism in every area of struggle. He helped weld unity of Black and white workers together with Chicano, Puerto Rican, Native American Indian, Asian-American and all oppressed workers.

His struggle against anti-Semitism was combined with a constant, vigorous fight against Zionism. His writing and activities strengthened the struggle for national liberation, democracy, peace, social progress and socialism--against imperialism, fascist juntas, neocolonialism and wars of barbarous aggression and threats of nuclear annihilation.

He condemned U.S. imperialism in every area--Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. He called for a solution in the Middle East that would guarantee the rights of the Arabs against Israeli aggression and occupation, the rights of the Palestinians and the territorial integrity of all Mideast nations, including Israel, in a world at peace.

Comrade Lumer has been a constant champion for Communist Party candidates and participation in the Presidential elections, and for the exposure of and struggle against the twin-party domination of the electoral process by monopoly capital. He struggled to make the elections serve the needs of the people, as against the profit and power of the big business-military combine. He advocated "Vote Communist" as the most effective vote against monopoly capital.

He wrote many books and pamphlets. Among his books are, *Is Full Employment Possible; Poverty: Its Roots and its Future; and Zionism: Its Role in World Politics.*

He taught and lectured and debated. He was a workingclass advocate, a Marxist-Leninist partisan, an unwavering champion of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

We salute his lifetime of great work even as we mourn, with heavy hearts, this enormous loss of our great comrade and friend, Hyman Lumer.

Henry Winston, National Chairman
Gus Hall, General Secretary
Communist Party, U.S.A.

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Jewish Affairs & Jewish Commission, CPUSA

Pay Tribute

Comrade Lumer was in many respects the voice of the Communist Party in the struggle against anti-Semitism and Zionism. He was our tribune, an internationally recognized authority on all questions pertaining to the Middle East, Zionism and the struggles of Jewish Americans.

Comrade Lumer's was the clearest voice in exposing and rejecting the ideology and influences of Zionism and in fighting persistently for internationalism and the unity of all working people against racism and oppression. His contribution to preserving the principled unity and cohesion of our Party, and maintaining the purity of our science, Marxism-Leninism, against all manner of revisionism and opportunism, will remain an eternal testament of his devotion to his class and his Party.

His long experience in and deep knowledge of the struggles of Jewish Americans, his ability to feel the pulse of the Jewish community, to sense with certainty the major issues confronting that community, made him the natural and necessary choice to edit *Jewish Affairs*, the magazine that he was instrumental in founding.

Under his editorial and political leadership, *Jewish Affairs* and the Jewish Commission of the Party came to play instrumental roles in popularizing and propagating the Marxist-Leninist teaching on many issues and in developing a movement for peace in the Middle East.

Comrade Lumer made special contributions to the struggle against racism and anticommunism. In all his writings and speeches, he emphasized the absolute indispensability of Black-Jewish unity in the struggle against racism and anti-Semitism. He played an important role in exposing the inherently racist nature of Zionism and its policies in the U.S., the Middle East and in Africa. As well, his exposure of the big lie of "Soviet-anti Semitism" as an apology and cover for anti-detente cold warriors was instrumental in the fight for peace and peaceful coexistence.

Comrade Lumer's death is an irretrievable loss to all of us. His contributions are his legacy and his life an example for us to emulate.

Alex Kolkin, Chairman
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Jewish Affairs

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Articles

DR. HYMAN LUMER:**Communist . . . Dedicated Worker . . . Hero**

by Dr. James E. Jackson
National Education Director, CPUSA

(Comrade Jackson presided at the New York Memorial meeting in tribute to Dr. Hyman Lumer. His presentation, and the presentations of Margaret Burnham and Robert Lumer, Dr. Lumer's stepdaughter and son, are reprinted below.)

He was born in a Brooklyn brownstone, with a midwife in attendance, on July 1, 1909. He died in Bulgaria, the land of red roses, with statesmen of the workers' power among the mourners at his bier.

Brooklyn was the borough of Walt Whitman, our great poet, who sang the "Song of the People" and struggled against their violators and oppressors.

Bulgaria is the land of Georgi Dimitrov who led the working people of his nation to socialist power under the triumphant international banner of Marxism-Leninism. In a famous speech, which helped marshal the global forces that ultimately smashed Hitler-fascism, Dimitrov described the characteristics of the person of a special kind, one who is required in these soul-testing times to stand forth as a leader of the people's struggle for social progress, world peace, economic wellbeing, democracy and socialism.

The foremost elements in his definition were loyalty to the working class and unflagging endurance in the struggle.

Hyman Lumer measured up to Dimitrov's specifications most worthily. He exhibited to his last breath the noblest qualities associated with the vanguard of the working class which has a special midwife's mission: to help in the victory of the new age aborning, the age of the true freedom and peace of peoples, of socialism-communism.

Hyman Lumer was a learned man, a scholar, writer, scientist, doctor and professor, a man of broad cultural interests ranging from collecting odd bottles and stamps to a rich appreciation of music and theater in all their forms.

Hyman Lumer was a compassionate and kind man, a warm and considerate friend, a patient and exacting teacher. He never worked

harder than when he was helping others add a measure of depth or completion to their work in progress.

He took satisfaction in undertaking the most arduous and painstaking tasks. Without a thought of glory or the size of the workload he was carrying, he never hesitated to volunteer for whatever job that needed to be done. He was a most capable man on a wide spectrum of fronts.

We shall dearly miss him and fondle in our memory his twinkling wit--wry and dry--and his modest and and considerate manners in relating to his comrades. Above all, he was a fighter for the liberating truth of Marxism-Leninism, a passionate foe of capitalism/imperialism, of racism and nationalist backwardness.

The world changed mightily in the threescore and seven years encompassed in Hy Lumer's lifespan. Then, freedom and power for working people were the unrealized projections of the social scientists--Marx, Engels and Lenin--and the dreams and visions of good poets from Whitman to Gorky. Now, over a third of the people of the earth are free at last, have socialist societies and are determining their own course without a capitalist class of exploiters. Another third are in transition away from the system of capitalism-imperialism with its racism and its spiritual and material impoverishment of the masses.

More and more actively, the peoples of all nations are opting for consolidating world peace and are coming out in opposition to the arms race.

Today the working class, in alliance with the national liberation movements and socialist community of states, has the most favorable conditions for completing the process of changing the world for humanity's happiness.

Hy Lumer had a meaningful input in these great and historic changes-in-being and in-progress. His works will live on to help us.

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by Margaret Burnham

Dr. Lumer spent the morning of July 22, the day he died, interviewing a Lebanese patriot in Varna, Bulgaria, where both were guests of the Bulgarian Communist Party. Hy was at work on that day at the job to which four full decades of his life had been dedicated.

We know what "at work" meant for Dr. Lumer. We know the nature of his job. We know that his work had earned him the high distinction of leadership in the Communist Party, USA. We know who Dr. Lumer worked for; as a Marxist-Leninist, he worked for his Class, for our class--for working people. We know his work advanced the cause of international peace and detente, that he worked

against the poisons and pollutants of anti-Semitism and racism, just as he worked to promote, internationally as well as within the Jewish community, an appreciation of the threat posed by Zionism. This was Hy's work. It was, in sum, the work of one who deserved richly the righteous and high honor of the name, "Communist."

Many of you may have known Hy only through the pages of his party's journals, *Political Affairs* and *Jewish Affairs*, and through his other writings. Many others of you enjoyed comradesly relations with my stepfather, having worked, met and talked with him on a day-to-day basis. Many of you fought along with him for the survival of his party.

All of us, whether or not we knew Hyman Lumer personally, marveled at the manner in which this man harnessed his giant and creative intellect and focused his superbly productive mind, forging out of it a well-honed tool with which he could fight for his party and his class.

What even his closest associates may have never seen was the intense and furious style with which Hy worked at almost every waking moment of the day. During the ten years that I have known him, I cannot recall seeing him on a single day when he was not at work. Night and day, weekday and holiday, vacation day or workday, he sat before a typewriter wherever he was, relentlessly struggling to convey to his worldwide audience the message of his party on the questions of the day.

As he perceived it, the times he lived in required this of him. The urgency of the movement for socialism demanded such unyielding dedication. He had it, and he gave it. Hy's work was his life. Hence we, for whose benefit he worked, were his life.

For this life, our movement will be eternally grateful. But from Hy's premature death, another lesson surely must be drawn. The movement for peace and social justice has no material wealth; it has no diamonds and no gold mines. This party's wealth is its people. Socialism can only be won through the work and the efforts of people. When our people work themselves to death, we have squandered our wealth. We grieve our loss now, but our grief will not edit *Political Affairs*, it will not publish *Jewish Affairs*, it will not educate this party's youth.

While it is the responsibility of each partisan in the movement for justice to give forth his or her best work, we must also make it our duty to demand of ourselves and our fellow workers that we and they live healthy and long lives. We must all come to believe that, with the physical and mental limitations of the human body, true dedication to our movement requires moderation in work, not incessant work.

I know I am your voice when I salute Hy Lumer's wife and comrade, Dorothy Burnham Lumer. Each was fortunate in finding in the other a deep and compassionate companion and friend. I know what she meant to him, because the Dr. Lumer whom many at times found

shy and retiring, laughed often and displayed great warmth of character when in my mother's company.

Finally, though we mourn today, let us remember that one day the name of Hyman Lumer will be as widely known here, and uttered with the same reverence, respect and pride, as it is among his comrades abroad. History reassures us that his vision can only be victorious. His life's work has brought us leaps and bounds closer to true socialism.

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by Robert Lumer

There are many kinds of heroes in this world. Some, as in Vietnam or Angola, are heroes because they are willing to give their lives for their people. Some, as in Chile, Portugal and Spain, spend most of their adult lives behind bars, waiting and hoping.

But there is another kind of heroism that is often necessary and difficult in its own way. That is the heroism of patience, hard work and confidence in the future, even when the present is difficult, when there are setbacks, when the work doesn't seem to accomplish anything.

My father had the political understanding and the dedication to continue through many such years of suppression and isolation, of struggle just to survive as a Marxist-Leninist party. His weapons were a typewriter, books and a keen analytical mind capable of training itself to expertise in any subject, from biology to political economy, from abstract philosophy to the concrete politics of Zionism in the Middle East. His weapon was constant, untiring, hard work, editing magazines, giving lectures, writing articles and books.

It was not easy to be his son, especially during the McCarthy years. A lot was missing and a lot was very difficult to understand. But he gave me something else which was worth a great deal in compensation: an understanding of the world.

We could have led a different life. He was chairman of the biology department at Fenn College in Cleveland, Ohio. He was establishing a name for himself as a researcher. He could have made a good living; we could have had a nice home in a nice suburb and indulged ourselves in many nice comforts. But the suburb would have been lily-white and I would have grown up taking racism for granted. I would have grown up ignorant, maybe sensing vaguely that something was wrong but unable to grasp what it was. Instead, our house was filled with workers, Black and white. It was filled with unions, with peace movements, with struggles, with dedicated and selfless people. If it was filled with hardships, it was filled with life.

In the bleak 50's he went underground. He didn't crawl underground to hide his convictions. He went underground to continue

working. They were terrible years that marked all of us. But when so many ran away, covering their retreat with newly-adopted anti-communism, he fought for the party and for the ideal of socialism that seemed farther away than ever.

The 60's began to bring an end to the isolation. This meant not an easing up, but more work, new tasks to be accomplished, new burdens to be shouldered. I watched him day after day, coming home from work, going to meetings, coming home again and working into the night to finish an article or some editing. It was his life, his contribution, and his heroism cost a great deal. He sacrificed many things in life which should be taken for granted.

His life was a useful and successful one. He helped provide political leadership with the party and to the party. He fought together with the people of the United States and the peoples of the world against imperialism, and dealt it crushing blows. He fought against racism and saw a strong movement of Blacks and other colored minorities emerge and make new strides in the struggle for their rights. He fought for peace in Vietnam and it was won. He fought for socialism, and in the 40 years during which he was active, the face of the world was changed.

There is a sense of personal loss. He was about to visit his daughter-in-law and granddaughter whom he didn't live to see. But relatively speaking, my personal loss is minor. He belonged also to his wife Dorothy, who joined him in the struggle and gave him her great resources of strength and humanity. He belonged to his party, to the people of this country and, as we were able to see in Bulgaria where he died so suddenly, to the world movement.

In his own country, he was considered officially a criminal, and *The New York Times* did not hesitate to slander him in its obituary. But in Bulgaria, he was paid the tribute one pays to a man whose loss is immediate and enormous. He was paid the tribute one pays to a man who has made a tremendous contribution to humanity. And that is what he did.

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Winston's Moving Farewell to Lumer

by Victoria Missick (Reprinted and abridged from the Daily World, July 31, 1976)

"In the darkest days of a storm, Hy was a man of confidence in the working class and in people once they know the truth. As a Jewish Communist, Hy Lumer was an outstanding fighter against anti-

Semitism and Zionism and as a white Communist, he was among the many in the forefront of the fight against racism and for Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Indian and Asian liberation."

These were the words of Henry Winston, national chairman of the Communist Party, USA, who, in a moving tribute, bade farewell to Hyman Lumer, who died at the age of 67 while vacationing in Bulgaria.

More than 700 family, friends and comrades packed the auditorium of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Labor Center in midtown Manhattan for the memorial service.

Present also were representatives of the nations of socialism, including members of the Permanent Missions to the UN of the German Democratic Republic, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, the Ukraine and Mongolia.

Ernest DeMaio, United Nations Representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions and past general vice-president of the United Electrical Union (UE), described Lumer as a "unique person, who gave up a life of comfort for the working class when, at the time of the Cold War, he became the educational director of the UE, then a target of reactionary forces."

He noted that Lumer was later imprisoned under the anti-Communist clause of the Taft-Hartley law, "which was repealed when Hy was still in prison."

DeMaio concluded, "Just as our bodies are nourished by food of farmers we don't know, Hy touched and enriched many."

Winston, addressing the family and friends and comrades, told the audience that in Hy Lumer, "you have lost a great friend, a comrade whose greatness shone precious because of his singleminded devotion to the cause of Marxism-Leninism, represented in the Party which he helped to lead and for which he fought."

Lumer, he continued, was an intellectual giant of the Party, with the neverending persistence of a Leninist fighter, always defending the interest of the class and the national interest of his people.

None who apologized for monopoly escaped Hy Lumer's anger, Winston added, referring to Daniel Bell, Marcuse, Sweezy, Maoists, Trotskyites and others.

"Hy was able to do this because he was a Communist and able as a Communist to defend with brilliance the lines and policies of the Party," Winston said.

"He understood the meaning of Zionism, of the occupation of Arab lands as an aim of imperialism to set back the movement for a just peace in the Middle East, to attack Africa, to control the Mediterranean, and for a future attack on the USSR."

"He understood anti-Arab chauvinism as part of the anti-Black attitudes and practices of representatives of monopoly in the U.S."

"He was in the forefront of the fight against racism."

Among the others who spoke were Carmen Ristorucci, Secretary of the National Commission for Women's Equality of the CPUSA; Barry Cohen, assistant editor, *Political Affairs*; professor Gaylord Leroy of Temple University; and Dr. Herbert Aptheker.

James Steele, national chairman of the Young Workers Liberation League, told the audience that as "young Communists, we accept Hy's death as a passing of the baton, to continue the struggle to win the young generation to the fight for peace, Black-white unity and for the motive force in Hy's life: socialism."

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Hyman Lumer Was Right!

by Daniel Spector

It is said that there are no indispensable people, only people who do indispensable work. It is the measure of one such as Hyman Lumer that both he and his work were indispensable.

While his contributions spanned many decades and many areas of struggle, it is perhaps as a theoretician and activist in the struggles of Jewish Americans and in the fight for peace that he was accorded the greatest recognition and appreciation.

What marked his contributions in these areas was a commitment to principle, a steadfast devotion to the science of Marxism-Leninism.

Immediately following the June 1967 war, when Zionism had whipped up nationalist sentiment among Jewish Americans to an hysterical frenzy, Hy was able to see through the Zionist masquerade of the "murderous Arabs" and wrote:

The basic conflict in the Middle East is not between Jews and Arabs but between U.S. and British imperialism on one side and the peoples of the Middle East, both Jewish and Arab, on the other. The issue is oil.¹

U.S. imperialism is prepared to use Israel for its own ends, but it is also prepared to sacrifice Israel if it deems necessary.²

He challenged all progressive and peace-minded people in our country with these words:

For us in the United States, the task is to expose the role of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East and to show the folly of trying to guarantee the future of a Jewish state in Israel through dependence upon it.³

Ten years ago, before many were to recognize it, Hy was able to write that Israel's refusal to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people "lies at the very heart of the Israeli-Arab hostility."⁴

In 1971, fully two and one-half years before the 1973 war, Hy wrote:

If Israel's rulers continue their stubborn refusal to break with past policy, to accept the UN resolution and thus to open the door to fruitful negotiations, the negotiations will sooner or later break down, leading to a resumption of fighting and all the dire consequences this entails.⁵

Again in 1973, when the October war aroused emotions to fever pitch, Hy maintained with characteristic clarity:

...it is essential to recognize that the central conflict in the Middle East is that between the forces of imperialism and those of national liberation and that in this conflict Israel's rulers have been found almost at all times on the side of imperialism.⁶

His writings and lectures analyzing the role of Zionism in blocking the development of a united people's movement maintained the same clarity, the same workingclass partisanship. *Zionism: Its Role in World Politics*, published in 1973, is perhaps the most penetrating, Marxist-Leninist analysis to be found anywhere. As well, Hy was the first to compile the writings of the great master, Lenin, on the Jewish question, which was published the following year.

Because of his long years of involvement in struggle, Hy was able to sense the mood of the Jewish community, to feel the pulse, to single out the major issues and needs. In 1970, under his able editorial and political guidance, *Jewish Affairs* began publication. He was to edit this magazine for six years, until his untimely death.

Hy made a particular contribution in the fight against racism in exposing the racist essence of Zionism. In 1971, he wrote:

Another consequence of the heightened influence of poisonous Zionist ideology is an alarming growth of racism and chauvinism within the Jewish community. Anti-Arab chauvinism in its most virulent forms has reached disturbing proportions. And the rise of white chauvinism has dangerously undermined Jewish-Black relations.⁷

Further, the struggle [against anti-Semitism] must be conducted as part of the fight against all national and racial oppression. Of crucial importance is the unity of the Jewish people and Black and other oppressed minorities. Such unity can be achieved only if the false focus of "Black anti-Semitism" is rejected, if there is a real effort to fight racism among the Jewish people and to bring them fully into the struggle for the liberation of all oppressed peoples.⁸

Hy's contributions to the defeat of anticommunism, particularly anti-Sovietism, were equally important. He took head on the big lie of "Soviet anti-Semitism" and analyzed the Zionist-inspired campaigns on this issue as follows:

The preoccupation with the non-existent persecution of Soviet Jews serves to draw attention away from the very real dangers which confront American Jews. The Jewish organizations and leaders thus preoccupied devote scarcely one percent of the energy expended on this "crusade" to combatting the growing menace of the ultra-Right in this country and the rise of neo-Nazism in West Germany. There are no mass meetings, conferences, demonstrations or petitions on these dangers, except on the Left.⁹

These words, written in 1967, seem almost prophetic in today's Los Angeles where crosses are being burned in front of houses occupied by Black, Chicano and Jewish families, with no response from the Zionist establishment.

These racist and anti-Soviet crusades by the Zionists, Hy wrote, "leads to aligning the Jewish people with all reactionary enemies of the Soviet Union, among them the most vicious Right-wing anti-Semites" and "...to identifying the Jewish people with the most extreme racist elements in the country, who are also the most rabid anti-Semites."¹⁰

This finds particular expression during election periods when the Zionist establishment attempts to tie the Jewish people to the most reactionary, racist candidates. This year, their darling was Scoop Jackson, the fastest demagogue in the West. They are now

seeking to build support for the equally reactionary and racist Jimmy "ethnic purity" Carter.

But this is totally against the interests of Jewish Americans. In the last editorial that Hy wrote in *Jewish Affairs*, he said with characteristic eloquence and clarity:

...in this Presidential campaign [the interests of Jewish Americans] will be best served by working to turn out the largest possible Jewish vote for the Communist Party ticket of Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner. It is only these candidates who defend the interests of the workers against their exploitation and robbery by big business, who conduct an uncompromising struggle against racism and anti-Semitism in all their forms, who strive to advance detente and peaceful coexistence, who seek a just peace in the Middle East based on Israeli withdrawal from the conquered territories and recognition of the full national rights of the Palestinian Arab peoples. And it is only these candidates who advocate the abolition of the whole capitalist system of exploitation and oppression and the establishment of a socialist U.S.A.

A vote for Hall and Tyner is the clearest possible expression of repudiation of the forces of reaction and of support for a program that truly serves the interests of the working people. We call upon the Jewish working people in particular to express themselves in this manner. And we urge that Jewish Communists and progressives especially devote their full energies to assuring ballot status for the Communist Party as widely as possible, to conducting a mass campaign, and to securing the maximum Hall-Tyner vote in the Jewish community.¹¹

Hall-Tyner petitioners form Hy Lumer Brigade

Special to the Daily World

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 23 — In the campaign to put Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner on the ballot here as Communist Party candidates for President and Vice-President, a new petition brigade has named itself the Hy Lumer Brigade and has pledged to collect at least 300 signatures a day — to honor the late Marxist leader.

Lumer, who died last month, was editor of *Political Affairs*, the Marxist theoretical journal, and *Jewish Affairs*.

The Brigade is made up of students and unemployed youth, Black and white.

A member of the Brigade told the *People's World*, coast Marxist newspaper, "We thought the only correct way to express our deep feeling of loss and to carry on Hy Lumer's spirit of Communist strength would be to work for a quota."

Another young Brigade member said: "I didn't know him, but when I hear his name or read some of his writings, I will always remember the dedication of members of the Brigade to honor his name."

An Interview with the Communist Candidates

(Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner are the Communist candidates for president and vice-president. In previous issues of this magazine, we have expressed our enthusiastic support for this team and have urged our readers to help build support for a mass Communist vote in November. We are pleased to present, in the interview below, the views of the Communist candidates on major issues confronting Jewish Americans.)

Q. What are the issues in the Middle East conflict? How can peace be achieved, and what are the elements of such a peace?

A. The basic issue is the right of every country and people to sovereign national existence, to independence and security. In order to realize this right, it is indispensable to achieve a political settlement of the Middle East crisis. Either the people and nations of the region will live in peace, or they will face mutual annihilation.

The situation appears to be stalemated at this time, due mainly to the interim agreement in force and the disunity within the Arab world. But in actual fact, the situation remains dangerously explosive; the threat of renewed hostilities and a conflagration is ever present.

All peace forces welcomed the current ceasefire, now one year old, in the hope that it would pave the way to a resumption of peace negotiations. But while the interim pact appears to have brought relative tranquility to the borders of the opposing countries, hostile acts continue and place the durability of the agreement in doubt. On no account does the present superficial lull resolve the substantive questions: acquisition of territory by war and the rights of the Palestinian Arab people. The constantly changing domestic and international pressures on the Middle East situation could reach the flash point at any moment.

The Communist Party supports the just national rights of the Israeli people and the right of the state of Israel to existence and security. This is not in contradiction to our support for the struggles of the Arab nations for national and social liberation. Further, we distinguish between the pro-imperialist, aggressive, anti-national policies of the Israeli government, and the true national interests of the Israeli people.

A just and lasting peace can be achieved by putting an end to the occupation of the territory of others, ending the state of belligerency, recognizing the sovereign rights of all states in the region and restoring the rights of the Palestinian Arab people. These conditions are summarized in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and were further clarified and strengthened in subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly, which

were passed by a more than two-thirds majority of the nations of the world. These resolutions proclaimed that the nations of the world will not agree to the acquisition of territory by war, will not agree to the abolition of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people, and will support the right to existence of the State of Israel.

By its unilateral maneuvers to sidestep the initiatives of the UN, and to stall the international conference at Geneva to resolve the problems of the Middle East, Washington seeks to maintain the instability of Middle East relations. It wants to wring concessions from the Arab countries and regain its economic and political influence in the area.

At the same time, the Israeli government seeks to maintain the status quo, having created every barrier to frustrate the calling of the Geneva conference, which would work to take into account the just rights of all concerned parties. Official Israeli policy aims at continued territorial annexation of Palestinian Arab land by the intensification of capital investment, the exploitation of the resources and inhabitants and the building of settlements on occupied territory. It aims at the liquidation of the Palestinian Arab problem through forced evictions and suppression of resistance. Its effect, thus, is to frustrate and undermine every chance for peace.

By its reliance on the political support and arms of U.S. imperialism, and by its pursuit of policies that have alienated most of the nations of the world, the Israeli government builds on quicksand. These policies are miscalculations fraught with potential danger, and are in contradiction to Israel's own national interests.

This is why we support the implementation of the decisions of the UN as a great contribution to the struggle for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Such a settlement can only be achieved through the framework of the international conference at Geneva by direct negotiations between all countries concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian Arab people. The conference must also include the United States and the Soviet Union as the guarantors of peace. Together, all parties involved can find realistic ways for the implementation of the UN resolutions. This will establish a positive way for preventing the renewal of hostilities, and for ensuring the rights and security of all peoples and countries of the region. Such a peaceful settlement with the Arab states will make possible the normalization of Israeli life, of relations with all the peoples of the world. This will be the best guarantee for Israel's own security and future.

Q. Prior to the Democratic Party convention, the major Jewish organization figures backed Senator Henry Jackson. With Jimmy Carter's nomination, these same organizations are now shifting their support to his campaign. What is the significance of these developments, and what are their implications for Jewish Americans?

A. The Zionist leaders made an all-out effort to influence the Jewish voters in behalf of Senator Jackson because they believed him to be "a friend of Israel"--that is to say, one who could be relied upon to render all-out military support to Israel. Jackson had earned his reputation as a hawk, an opponent of detente and a supporter of bigger and bigger armaments. He was willing to assume this mantle of "friend" as long as it increased military expenditures and corporate profits.

These Zionist leaders, in exchange for support for the Israeli government's policies, pinned their hopes on Jackson, just as they gave their full support to Nixon's genocidal aggression against Vietnam. Thus they often found themselves in the company of the most reactionary, pro-war, racist, anti-Semitic and anti-Communist demagogues in the country.

In these weeks leading up to the elections, the Zionist establishment is not now certain that President Ford and the foreign policy that he controls will be sufficiently militant in support of Israel. In its desire to return to a position of influence in the Arab world for political and economic advantage, our government's policy and posture has moved to a more delicate balancing act in its relations with both Israel and the Arab nations, thereby creating a cooling off in Israel-U.S. relations. These Jewish leaders see in this a danger to Israel.

On the other hand, Jimmy Carter is making an intensive effort to win the favor of the Zionist leaders and the Jewish electorate, following the Jackson line. This has been crudely expressed by Carter, who paints himself as a defender of Jews and of Israel, and pledges Israel the fullest support. Zionist leaders are now completing the shift and are making an all-out effort to influence the Jewish masses in Carter's behalf.

Carter's adventurist proposals will help neither the Jewish people here in the U.S., nor the State of Israel. The Carter-Jackson line, stressing reliance on massive weapon supplies for Israel, freezes it into the dangerous position of fighting endless wars with its Arab neighbors.

Yet the Jewish people in this country are not only concerned with Israel. They are aware of the ever-growing social and economic ills befalling all the people and of the spread of anti-Semitism and racism. Jewish Americans, Jewish workers in particular, with a broad liberal tradition, will undoubtedly repudiate the blatant attempts of these so-called "Jewish leaders" to exploit their vote. They have a deep interest in the broad range of domestic and foreign issues involved in the present campaign, the issues of economic distress, urban tensions, the deterioration of the very quality of life, of world peace and disarmament. Jewish Americans, in spite of the Zionist leadership of their organizations, will make their electoral choices in their self-interest on all these issues.

Q. In recent months, the media has carried reports of increased activity of such fascist organizations as the Ku Klux Klan and the National Socialist White People's (Nazi) Party directed in the main at Black and other nationally-oppressed people, but also at Jews. The recent period has witnessed a heightened racist offensive, the central focus of which has been an attack on integration of schools through the smokescreen of "forced busing." What is the reason for these developments? How do you assess the role of the leadership of the Jewish community in these struggles?

A. U.S. state monopoly capitalism suffers from a multiple of crises for which it has no real solutions. Its recourse is to employ devices designed to hold each crisis in check, but these in turn trigger the intensification of the contradictions of the system. In this stage of the increasing decay of capitalism, the system is not able to fully resolve any of the older crises and, at the same time, is incapable of preventing the outbreak of new ones.

Monopoly capitalism endeavors to resolve these problems at the expense of the working class by digging deeper into its bag of lies, tricks and demagoguery. It fosters racism to perpetuate the division between the white majority and the Black minority in order to maintain disunity and perpetuate discrimination against, and superexploitation of, the Black minority. Racism, the main motive for which is the extractions of profits for monopoly capital, divides and fragments the exploited and diverts them from united struggle against their real and common enemy.

The heightened racist offensive reflects the shift in the position of monopoly capital from a policy of concessions to one of racist attacks. The shift in policy is accompanied by a new appeal to racism and to the backward fears of whites. The calls to "law and order," the anti-busing campaigns, the alliance of many of the leading politicians with ultra-racist forces, intensify the base for racism and anti-Semitism. This new appeal is geared to taking full advantage of the real problems with which working people are faced, such as housing, taxes, busing, education and jobs. It presents a great danger because it influences new sections of the people.

Many Jewish Americans, particularly workers, are engaged actively in the struggles against racism and anti-Semitism. Yet, the leading Jewish organizations have a racist approach to these social ills. They have expressed their opposition to compensatory quotas in education and employment for oppressed minorities, their condonation and support of anti-Black and anti-Puerto Rican actions and their opposition to busing and to open enrollment in New York colleges. They aim to fan the flame of racism among the Jewish people with deceitful charges of "Black anti-Semitism."

The other side of the coin is the apparent conspiratorial silence and do-nothingism of the Zionist establishment in the face of the rise of anti-Semitic acts. This silence represents an alliance with and an accommodation to the power centers of state monopoly capitalism. Its purpose is to discourage the organized, militant actions of the progressive masses, and to win favor in behalf of the

interests of the Israeli ruling circles.

Instead of developing a mass campaign against the real dangers of anti-Semitism and racism, the leading Jewish organizations are attempting to whip up hysteria among Jewish Americans around the phony issue of "Soviet anti-Semitism" and the alleged persecution of Soviet Jews, in an attempt to ally the Jewish people with the most reactionary cold-warriors who are also the most rabid anti-Semites and racists.

The struggle against anti-Semitism cannot be isolated from the fight against racism. It must be grounded in the unity of Jews and Blacks against their common enemy--the monopolist, racist oppressors. The class interests of white workers in the struggles today can only be advanced in unity with Black workers as an integral part of the fight to end the oppression of Black people. Jewish Americans have a particular stake in developing joint struggles with those in the Black community who are opposed to Zionism, for this opposition is part of the struggle against imperialism and chauvinism. The urgent task of Jewish Americans is to wage a relentless struggle against all the forces who are pursuing tactics of division.

Q. Why should Jewish Americans vote Communist in 1976?

A. The participation of the Communist Party in the coming elections is of great significance to all working people.

Ford's commitment to the giant monopolists is clear, but slam-bang, go-stop-reverse, deceitful Carter, who promises all things to all people, will continue to favor the same interests if elected. Whether the president and Congress are Republican or Democratic, the deck is stacked. A mere change in national administration will not solve the problems of cutbacks, runaway prices, speedup, layoffs, wage freezes and poverty. Decades of Democratic presidents and Congressional majorities have helped to create and perpetuate the mess because they are beholden to the same monopolists for their jobs and political slush funds.

Many people are increasingly seeing through this political con game that works well only for big business. That is why 80 percent to 90 percent of the registered voters decided there was no primary choice, and nearly 70 million registered voters who have withdrawn from the electoral process in hopelessness are expected not to vote in the November elections.

The time has come for a clear and real choice, to reflect what these millions are thinking and feeling. The Communist election platform is a fighting program that calls for a people's anti-monopoly coalition to abolish poverty and repression. It is the only electoral platform that has a program for ending anti-Semitism and racism on all levels of our economic, political, social and cultural life. It is the only electoral platform that calls for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East based on UN Security Council

Resolutions 242 and 338. It presents a unique alternative because of its class approach.

A vote for the Communist candidates will serve as a loud warning to the masters of monopoly and their political servitors to take heed. A vote for the candidates of the Communist Party is an act of deep political consciousness, the most meaningful vote a person can cast. Hundreds of thousands of voters have already signed our electoral nominating petitions to place our party on the ballot. This, together with a mass turnout in the elections for Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner, and for all local Communist candidates, will send up powerful signals. Voters will be saying: "We've had it. We're not buying right-wing extremes and the cold-war posture. We're tired of your lies, tricks and colossal giveaways, of cutbacks in all essential life-serving programs and 'acceptable levels of poverty,' Enough of the real gap between our wages and the cost of living. We're ready to give the Communist Party a chance." Equally important, a developing and on-going Communist electoral constituency will provide the clout to defend and advance the interests of the working people.

In the coming November elections, Jewish voters must help to defeat the spokesmen for monopoly capital, the breeder of anti-Semitism, racism and national chauvinism. A vote by Jewish Americans for the Communist candidates will show that a significant segment of the Jewish people repudiate the reactionary policies of the Zionist establishment, and will strengthen the position of Jewish progressives in their struggle against these policies.

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Hy's legacy is a living legacy because Marxism-Leninism is a living science, the science of victory. It is to the victors that his legacy belongs.

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In Memorium

We were deeply grieved and shocked to hear about the death of Comrade Hyman Lumer, the prominent leader of the United States working class and the well-known international Communist veteran, who devoted his efficient life with great loyalty and enthusiasm to the interests of United States' working class, defending the purity of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and upholding proletarian internationalism, and the world peace.

For us, who are involved in the struggle against the imperialist U.S.-Israeli aggression and conspiracies, Comrade Lumer stood for something more than that. We regarded him as an active soldier fighting shoulder to shoulder with us, by his brilliant activities and works against those enemies--Zionism and U.S.-imperialism--and defending with us our just cause. Thus, with great sorrow we say that we have lost one of our best friends, who was personally known to many of us.

Dear comrades, the central committee of the Jordanian Communist Party offers, with all comradely feelings, its warmest condolences to you, to his family and to all his comrades and friends.

N. Ashab
CC, Communist Party of Jordan

With profound sorrow received news of death of American and international Communist leader, Hyman Lumer, who distinguished himself in struggle for the interest of American working people and world struggle for peace, democracy, national independence, socialism and against imperialism. Accept our deepest condolences and convey this sentiment to his family.

Lumer was a leading member of the Jewish Commission CPUSA, and editor of its publication Jewish Affairs.

Meir Vilner, General Secretary
Toufiq Toubi, Chairman
Communist Party of Israel

The Peoples Progressive Party extends its deepest sympathy on the untimely loss of Hyman Lumer who made an invaluable contribution for peace, democracy and liberation.

Cheddi Jagan, General Secretary
Peoples Progressive Party, Guyana

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Comrade Hyman Lumer, lifelong fighter for democracy, peace and socialism, outstanding Marxist scholar, staunch internationalist, dedicated Communist and workingclass leader. He will be sorely missed.

William Kashtan
Alfred Dewhurst
Central Executive Committee,
Communist Party of Canada

The Central Committee of the Puerto Rican Communist Party joins in the sorrow brought about by the great loss of Comrade Hyman Lumer, outstanding fighter for peoples' liberation and loyal defender of the interests of the proletariat.

The death of Comrade Lumer is an irreparable loss, although we are aware that his teachings and dedication to Marxism-Leninism will not perish. The responsibility fulfilled by Comrade Lumer through the pages of Political Affairs was extraordinary.

The Central Committee of the Puerto Rican Communist Party also shares the deep pain and sorrow of the Lumer family on the death of such a distinguished revolutionary fighter.

Franklin Irizarry, General Secretary
Puerto Rican Communist Party

On behalf of Ambassador Smid, the members of our Mission and my own behalf, I wish to convey sincere sympathy and condolences for the great loss the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States has sustained in the passing away of comrade Dr. Hyman Lumer.

Dr. O Jachek
Acting Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak
Socialist Republic to the UN

In Memorium

The entire Young Workers Liberation League membership and progressive youth everywhere deeply mourn the untimely passing of Comrade Hyman Lumer, member of the Political Bureau of the CPUSA and editor of its theoretical journal, *Political Affairs*, as well as *Jewish Affairs*. Comrade Lumer was a devoted teacher, friend and active supporter of the struggle of the young generation for jobs, quality education and a betterment of social conditions.

His life, scholarship and confidence in the working class, flowing from a profound and creative grasp of Marxism Leninism, will always inspire both young communists and democratic minded youth to intensify constantly the fight against racism, anti-Semitism, Zionism and anti-Sovietism, for Black-white workingclass and people's unity. The life of Comrade Lumer, his days as a militant in the youth movement, as a union activist, educator of workers, scholar and Party theoretician, is a splendid example of total commitment, perseverance and uncompromising dedication to the struggle for peace, detente, anti-imperialist solidarity, national independence, progress, democracy and socialism.

Comrade Lumer's death is a great loss to the Communist Party and the world anti-imperialist movement. We in the YWLL have lost a patient teacher and close personal friend.

Central Committee, Young Workers Liberation League
James Steele, National Chairman - Roque Ristorucci, Executive Sec'y.

Hy Lumer's lifework will stand forever as a standard by which we can measure our own efforts. His steadfast dedication to the working class and oppressed people of this world, his solid and unswerving commitment to true proletarian internationalism, his unrelenting commitment to the cause of peace and liberation are qualities which we must cherish and strive for. Comrade Lumer's personal dedication, courage, and adherence to principle in the face of opportunists and critics of all kinds is worthy of emulation by us all. We are proud to have been associated with him and mourn his passing.

The staff of the *People's World*

The death of Hy Lumer came as a great shock to the thousands of his readers who learned so much from him about the fatal flaws of chauvinistic nationalism and his keen scientific analysis of the dangers of racism and anti-Semitism. His tireless work for a world without war, racism and exploitation will be long remembered and cherished.

Jack Spiegel, Midwest Director
United Shoeworkers of America,
AFL-CIO

We mourn the loss of our beloved Comrade Hy Lumer. His outstanding leadership in the fight for peace, against racism and anti-Semitism and for class unity has been an inspiration and spur to our work among the Jewish masses. Long will his teaching guide us in the struggle for peace and socialism. He remains engraved in our hearts and minds.

Our heartfelt condolences to *Jewish Affairs*, its readers and supporters.

Jewish Commission of the
Communist Party of Illinois & Iowa

It was the repressive Truman-McCarthy era Taft-Hartley Act that sent Hy Lumer to prison. Without the constitutional challenge to such antilabor acts that he and others made at that critical time, such laws would not have been struck from the books. We should remember today that one of the major contributions that Hy Lymer made to his country was his willingness to go to prison to uphold his principles. Let later generations know and recall.

Frank Wilkinson, Exec. Director
National Committee Against
Repressive Legislation

Dear Dorothy and Family:

You have our deeply-felt sympathy. With the loss of your husband and father we lose a brave, courageous, thoughtful friend and comrade. We have respected Hy Lumer over many years for his great scholarly, Marxist contributions and friendly guidance.

Frances Williams
World Peace Council of Southern
California

For Hyman Lumer, a dedicated, devoted man. All progressive-minded people will miss him. Warmest condolences to Dorothy and Bob, and to his comrades and friends.

Earl Robinson

In Memorium

It is with deepest sorrow that we extend our sympathy in this moment of bereavement. The National Anti-Imperialist Movement in Solidarity with African Liberation knows so well the profound contribution that Hy has made to the world movement for peace and dignity, especially on the continent of Africa. His special contribution of bringing clarity against the reactionary tendencies of Zionism and racism has been fundamental in building international solidarities. Hy has left us a comprehensive understanding of how true democracy can be achieved. Through his works, Hy will be remembered. There will always be a leadership role reserved for him in our collective struggle to bring imperialism to a complete halt.

Anthony Monteiro, Ronald Stevenson, Gwen Patton
for the National Anti-Imperialist Movement in
Solidarity with African Liberation

The passing of Hy Lumer is a great loss to the progressive movement in this country and the world. At the same time, his substantial contributions to the theory and practice of the movement stand as worthy memorials of a committed life.

Howard Parsons
Bridgeport, Conn.

Progressive America, which fights consistently against racism, for national dignity, peace, democracy, equality and human dignity, has lost from its ranks a valiant, dependable leader.

Hy Lumer was a brilliant Communist leader, writer, and editor, whose books, pamphlets, essays and monographs will continue to be read as reliable guides in the struggle against U.S. imperialist reaction by fighters for detente and peace throughout the world.

George B. Murphy, Jr.
Washington, D.C.

When did I first meet Hy Lumer? I don't know, it was as though I had always known him and still remember him: soft-spoken, free with his own thoughts and uncertainties, and compassionate.

Together we were two-thirds of an American delegation to a conference in Rome, the first of what came to be an endless and still continuing succession of meetings on the Middle East. Hy was more patient than I, yet we both wearied of the prevalence of talk over action. And of course Hy bore of doubly because he was never in top health.

For all of the many healthy political differences we had, including a public discussion on the nature of Zionism at a meeting in New York City shortly before he died, I am happy to have known Hy as an honest and persevering friend.

Allan Solomonow
Fellowship of Reconciliation

Condolences to Dorothy Lumer and her family for the untimely passing of her beloved husband and devoted father to his children,

HYMAN LUMER

a superb humanitarian, a son of the working class held high and respected in its ranks, and a true and devoted Marxist-Leninist. He will be long remembered and missed by all.

Fred Firestone, President
Jewish-American Cultural Club
Los Angeles, California

In Memoriam

The City Committee of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs extends to you, Dorothy Lumer, and your family, our profound condolence at the untimely passing of your renowned and respected husband and father, Dr. Hyman Lumer.

With this we also wish you and your family the best wishes for your future welfare and your participation in general.

For the City Committee of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural
and Fraternal Clubs
Goldie Maymudes, President
Sam Aronoff, Vice-President

The Progressive Cultural Club of Philadelphia
extends our sympathy to Dorothy Lumer and family
on the loss of your husband and father.

Phil Novick
Chairperson

Hy Lumer's passing is a great loss to the Communist Party and to the American working class.

Henri Percikow
Brooklyn, New York

IN MEMORY OF
HYMAN LUMER

His monument is already being built by all of us who seek and struggle for a world of peace, a world free of the ominous threat of thermonuclear war.

Bob Klonsky, Exec. Dir.
World Peace Council of
Southern California

From his writings and lectures we learned that only through unity in struggle of the oppressed Arab peoples with the oppressed Israeli masses can peace be established in the Middle East. He also maintained that unity of the oppressed masses at home can defeat political and racist oppression here in the United States.

Rose Chernin for the staff
of the L.A. Committee for the
Defense of the Bill of Rights

IN MEMORY OF

DR. HYMAN LUMER

FROM THE EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF MORRIS LANDER - \$300

As trade unionists we deeply regret the passing of Dr. Hyman Lumer, marking the loss of a most competent Marxist and teacher. Most importantly, he viewed all questions from the eyes of the working class and in its interests, and for this, as workers and trade unionists, we feel the great loss.

A group of Trade Unionists
Los Angeles

Trade unionists everywhere feel the loss of the great leadership tendered by Brother Hy Lumer. His contributions to international workingclass solidarity will serve as a goal for many to equal.

A group of delegates to the Los Angeles County Federation of
Labor

In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF HYMAN LUMER

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Los Angeles, California

In Memorium

The death of our dear comrade Hy Lumer evokes feelings of inexpressable sorrow and irretrievable loss throughout our Party. His brilliance as a theoretician and scientist, as an activist and teacher enlightened all those who had the privilege to know him and his writings. In mourning his death we should renew and deepen our dedication to those struggles he so relentlessly led-- the battles to defeat racism, anti-Semitism, Zionism and all the obstacles which prevent the working class from seizing the reins of history. Indeed, only in this way can we express our respect, our admiration and our enduring love for Hy Lumer.

Angela Y. Davis

We mourn the passing of our dear comrade -- Dr. Hy Lumer

His brilliant reporting, his clarity in presenting the issues for peace in the Middle East, his leadership in the political field make his loss great for all of us.

With our deepest sympathy to his wife, Dorothy and family.

Paula Moldofsky
for the Los Angeles Committee for *Jewish Affairs*

We have lost a great leader, teacher and organizer in the passing of Hyman Lumer. We shall always honor him for his leadership in the struggle for a better life and a secure peace.

Leo Koski
Society for Cultural Relations,
USA/USSR - Los Angeles

From his publications I developed great respect for Hyman Lumer's knowledge of history and politics and his humanitarian concern for the rights of all people. I deeply regret that none of us will be able to hear him speak again.

Dr. John F. Benton
Professor of History
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