A Celebration of the Chinese Revolution of 1949
Panelists: Richard Pendleton, Duncan McFarland, and Wadi’h Halabi

The Chinese revolution led by the communist party won victory in 1949 and established the People's Republic on Oct. 1, 1949. This victory was a giant step forward for humanity's transition from capitalism to socialism. It also won China relative political independence from world capitalism, after a century of humiliation and oppression.

Today we recognize China's immense achievements in improving living and educational standards for the Chinese people, and achieving rapid industrialization and creation of the world's largest working class. We also recognize immense problems and challenges. As China rises in the 21st century, once again the Communist Party of China is reaching out to the international working class and is making ambitious plans for socialist construction.

The program will feature presentations by a panel: 1) Richard Pendleton, who first visited China in 1971 and met Zhou Enlai, will provide a long term perspective from the US-China Peoples Friendship Association. 2) Duncan McFarland, coordinator of the China Study Group at the CME since 2008, will describe important China-related events over the last year including the deterioration of US-China relations, and 3) Wadi’h Halabi, economics commission of CPUSA, will talk about China's rising productivity of labor in manufacturing over the last decade, which now surpasses the capitalist world. This has far-reaching implications. Presentations followed by discussion.

Book Sale Fundraiser – Cash or Check Only

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Report From a Brazil in Crisis
Gary Doterman

Gary Doterman, the former director of the CME, currently lives in Minas Gerais, Brazil. The region boasts the largest concentration of industrial workers in the Western Hemisphere, including the biggest integrated steel plant and massive mines. With Brazil in economic and political crisis, the Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB) is organizing, and running candidates. Gary will report.

Beginning of The Great Revival

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee
"Beginning of the Great Revival", known as "The Founding of a Party" in China and a companion piece to 2009’s blockbuster The Founding of a Republic, details the historic events surrounding what is referred to as the Chinese Revolution, the period from 1911 to 1921, when Sun Yat-sen overthrew the Qing Dynasty and planted the roots of what has become today's Chinese Communist government. The story shows the beginnings of the country’s most influential first-generation leaders, including Mao Zedong, Chiang Kai-shek and Zhou Enlai. Just as The Founding of a Republic did, the film, features a cast of China’s biggest box office names such as Liu Ye, Chang Chen, Chen Kun, Andy Lau, Daniel Wu and John Woo. Watch the trailer.