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Photo montage which served as stage backdrop at Moreau memorial consisted of photo of Moreau (foreground) superimposed on blown up photos of demonstrations.

A moving tribute paid to a fallen Communist

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NEW YORK, Sept. 22—A moving memorial tribute to Alberto Moreau, veteran Communist leader, who died in July at the age of 80, was held Tuesday evening in Godoff Hall at the District 1199 Hospital Workers Union building in Manhattan.

Several hundred people including Moreau's wife, daughter, son and grandchildren listened to speeches, songs, a poem, and telegrams from Communist leaders of Latin America honoring Moreau, one of the founding builders of the Communist Party, USA, member of its Central Committee, teacher and author.

The service was chaired by Grace Mora, chairperson of the CPUSA's Puerto Rican Commission, who also spoke movingly of the advice and leadership she had received from Moreau.

Henry Winston, national chairman of the CPUSA, called Moreau "one of the greatest minds that the working class has ever produced in this country."

"He helped to build a cadre which has made great contributions," Winston said. "Alberto was an individual loved by people. He had that quality that helped weld people together. I loved this man as our Party loved this man."

Winston cited Moreau's contributions to the Latin American anti-imperialist movement and the formation of the Cuban Communist Party, and his role in fighting for Puerto Rican independence.

Sandy Pollack, a close co-worker of Alberto Moreau's, recalled one of her last conversations with Moreau, in which he urged young people to study Marxism.

"We are revolutionaries and we must learn revolutionary science," he told her.

"If we can make anywhere

near the contribution he made," Ms. Pollack said, "then, whenever we die, our lives were worth it! Our lives had meaning."

Jose Ristorucci, member of the New York State Board of the CPUSA, said that he met Moreau first at the offices of La Nueva Voz, a Marxist Spanish-language paper that Moreau, together with Felix Ojeda and Jesus Colon, founded in New York during the 1950's.

"The best memorial we can make is to teach others as he taught us," Ristorucci said.

Messages of condolence honoring Moreau from the Central Committees of several Latin American countries were read at the service. The Communist Parties of Cuba, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Guyana and the Dominican Republic praised Moreau

for the contributions he had made to the revolutionary struggles in all of Latin America.

"Please accept our most heartfelt condolences," the message from the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party said, "and our conviction that in dying for the Revolution, his memory and his efforts will live forever."

The program was opened by Terry Cannon, staff writer for the Daily World, who read poem dedicated to Moreau. Poem concluded:

Listen, my friend,
 Alberto, listen;
 We will have good news
 you soon.
 In the mean time,
 gracias, thank you,
 Thank you,
 Alberto.