

International News

For a New International Communist Movement

Los Angeles, Calif.

In an effort to promote proletarian internationalism, communists from three countries held a cordial and friendly exchange of views here at the end of January. The meeting was attended by the leading members of the central committees of the Canadian Party of Labor, the U.S. Progressive Labor Party and the Union of Revolutionary Communists of Mexico.

Out of the wreckage of the old international communist movement a new communist international must be built. This meeting was a small step in that direction. The representatives of 3 parties were authorized to approve a set of principles that all comrades could agree on. These principles (see below) are the basis of our revolutionary unity.

The comrades from the U.S. and Canada were greatly encouraged by the steps taken in Mexico to rebuild a Marxist-Leninist vanguard out of the wreckage caused by the anarchists and revisionists. On their part the Mexican comrades appreciated that the revolutionary growth of PLP and CPL would be a big help in the defeat of our common enemy, U.S. imperialism. We all agreed that a great deal of study and analysis in the style of Marx is essential to a healthy communist movement.

The meeting unanimously agreed to found a common theoretical journal. This journal will be used to exchange view amongst the three parties and to critically examine opinions of communists in other countries. It will be edited in San Francisco and the first edition will appear Sept. 1. (A subscription, four issues for \$4.00, can be obtained by sending the money to Box 42422, San Francisco, Ca. 94101).

On the initiative of the comrades from Canada, it was decided to declare June 18 a day of international solidarity with Dan Vered and the other imprisoned communist of fascist Israel. Demonstrations at all major Israeli consulates in Canada, U.S., Mexico will be planned for that day.

Out of debate, study and united action against the class enemy, and fighting all the opportunist and bourgeois ideas inside the working class, a new international will come into being.

WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!

12 THESES OF COMMUNISTS FROM THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO

Signed by authorized representatives of the Canadian Party of Labor, U.S. Progressive Labor Party and the Union of Revolutionary Communists (of Mexico).

1. More and more the world is being divided into two classes, the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. All other classes are decaying and disappearing; the proletariat, the special product of capitalism, is the only revolutionary class.

2. The logic of the class struggle between the bourgeoisie



and the proletariat leads to the replacement of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie by the dictatorship of the proletariat. This historical change can only come about through armed revolution. The proletariat will thoroughly destroy the bourgeois military and bureaucratic machine and establish its own armed dictatorship over the remnants of the capitalist class in order to preside over the final liquidation of the bourgeoisie as a class.

3. Workers have no country, no nationality. The proletariat recognizes no borders, no frontiers. The workers of the world must unite and never support their own bourgeoisie or succumb in the slightest to racism or nationalism.

4. In the Western Hemisphere and elsewhere, the U.S. monopoly capitalist class has established a bloody system of imperialism. This system daily fastens more strongly the chains of enslavement on the American proletariat. All the American governments, ruling classes, militaries, media and even trade unions are increasingly under the control of the U.S. imperialists. The destruction of the U.S. imperialist system would be an immense help for proletarian revolution in the Western Hemisphere.

5. The capitalist ruling classes are preparing imperialist wars.

The duty of communists is to oppose these wars and war preparations. When the imperialists launch wars, despite our efforts, the duty of communists is to turn the imperialist wars into a revolutionary civil war. We will work first and foremost for the defeat of our "own" states in such a war, in order to prepare the conditions of proletarian revolution.

6. In order to march the population in cadence to an imperialist slaughter and to destroy the working class movement, the ruling classes are imposing the bloody system of fascism on the working class. Fascism can only be defeated by communism. We fight not to restore "bourgeois democracy" but to win dictatorship of the proletariat.

7. The movement against U.S. imperialism and local fascism must never unite with the national bourgeoisie or sections of it. The goal of the struggle against U.S. imperialism is socialism, not "national liberation." National liberation is a trap of the opportunists designed to crush the communist movement.

8. The revisionist groups, which back Soviet imperialism, the Maoists, the Fidelistas, the Trotskyites, the Social-Democrats and the anarchists are sworn enemies of the proletariat. Their opportunism has restored capitalism

in the USSR, China and other places and/or sabotaged countless revolutions and working class movements. Revolutionary communists can never unite with these renegades from revolutionary Marxism.

9. In order to organize the revolution a revolutionary party is necessary. This party is essentially illegal and operates under the principles of democratic-centralism. The core of the party are trained professional revolutionaries. The party combines legal and illegal, open and secret, industrial and military and other work in a flexible way in order to achieve revolution.

10. The reform struggle, unless it leads to the growth of communist ideas among the masses, fortifies capitalism. The duty of communists is to bring the ideas of revolution, internationalism and the dictatorship of the proletariat into the reform movement, recruit and train professional revolutionaries and promulgate communist ideas to the masses. Communists always work in the trade-unions, in the military, among the peasants and other places where the masses are to be found.

11. Communists oppose the bourgeois ideas of pacifism and humanism. On the question of war our position is simple: One, we are opposed to imperialist wars; two, we are not afraid of such wars. War can be a great school for the proletariat and great opportunity for the revolutionary party to seize power in the hour of the enemy's weakness.

12. Racism is the number one tool of the bourgeoisie in building anti-communism and in mortally dividing the working class. All communists must devote special attention to the defeat of racist ideas and racist groups.

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Manley Blocks Socialism in Jamaica

(The following article is reprinted from *The Worker*, newspaper of the Canadian Party of Labor.)

The Jamaican working class is steeped in a militant, class-conscious tradition, as witnessed through the 84-day Kirkvine strike of bauxite miners in 1953, the great sugar strike of workers at the Jamaican Broadcasting Corporation in 1964 and the election of Manley, reflecting a desire for socialism.

But Manley and the People's National Party will not bring socialism to Jamaica. The handwriting was on the wall when Manley explained in his New Year's address that his "just society" under "democratic socialism" meant that "the entire nation will be called on to make great sacrifices for the goals of national progress." A wage and price freeze is one of the "sacrifices" the working class will have to live with at a time when 20-30 per cent inflation rates have already eaten much of the real wages earned. And in the same breath there will be increases of 57

per cent on gasoline prices, 35 cent (domestic calls) on telephone bills, and 33 one third per cent on motor vehicle and drivers' licenses.

To appear "fair and just" a super-tax has been levied on incomes of \$20,000 a year and over, but there is no reason to doubt that the same bigshots who were able to avoid taxes before by receiving most of their income in the form of tax-free allowances will be able to escape with a 25 per cent tax rate, which is what will be levied in some allowances now. In any case, as Finance Minister D. Coore was quick to point out to an anxious Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ)—the national bourgeoisie, the measures may only be of a short term nature and are to be under constant review.

All in all, the main beneficiary of Manley's economic program is the Jamaican capitalist class. The call for increased productivity, the restriction on imports with the "target of 20 per cent replacement

of imported goods by 1980" and the establishment of Task Forces to increase exports are all in the interest of Jamaican businessmen, and is the reason the PSOJ was quick to give full support to the budget.

Manley's assurances that he is not a communist, his democratic socialism for the whole people, his appeal to Jamaican nationalism his "mixed economy" "unique" to Jamaica, is neither unique nor socialism. The nationalization of the primary industry (like the CN in Canada) and some banks has been tried before and has never brought gains to the working class. The question is whose interest does the government serve, the capitalist class or the working class? The state can only serve one.

The industrial working class can see what his type of "democratic socialism" means. Ever while Manley was presenting his budget on Jan. 19, 250 workers at Jamaica (continued on page 9)