

CHAPTER ONEINTRODUCTION

Comrades:

The revolutionary movement of the United States has certainly gone to a higher level.

Today, the communist movement is engaged in struggle over some of the most burning questions facing the proletariat and oppressed masses of the people, going forward like a mighty storm against imperialism.

These questions are: the international situation, the objective situation within the U.S., the central task of communists - party building, strategy and tactics of the American revolution.

The correct Marxist-Leninist resolution of these questions in particular are at the very heart of an armed seizure of state power to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Unity must be reached among communists. This unity must be based on the political line which answers these questions. Thus, unbreakable unity is forged in the heat of the class struggle against all shades of opportunism.

One aspect of our movement is our amateurishness, unpreparedness, a definite lack of theoretical clarity on the burning questions of our day, a hasty grasp of the lessons drawn by the international proletariat, a beginning understanding of the correct relationship of the objective and subjective factors of the revolution, etc.

The other aspect of our movement, and this is the side in motion, is the maturing of our movement, the struggle to become professional revolutionaries, devoting our lives entirely to the education and organization of the proletariat to achieve its goal.

This, which is developing and growing day by day in a relentless struggle against opportunism, is the human material which will bring into being the Party of Leninism, the Party of a New Type, and qualitatively lead the proletariat and oppressed masses forward against one of the two superpowers, the main enemy of the world's people - U.S. imperialism.

There are those in our movement who try to delay the historic mission of the proletariat, who betray the cause of the working class. They, under the guise of Marxism-Leninism, revise the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism. They peddle their treacherous theories of peaceful transformation, productive forces theory, the theory of spontaneity; they bog down the struggle fighting for social reform and not social revolution; they are the social fascists who try to disarm the proletariat, leading the proletariat into slaughter at the hands of the bourgeoisie. They many times cover themselves in "left" clothing,

peddling theories such as the "multi-party state" instead of the dictatorship of the proletariat, or theories such as the "working class has no allies in the revolution."

These revisionists, whether in their naked right opportunist form and essence, or whether in their left masquerade, right in essence, are agents of the bourgeoisie within our very midst; these forces are highly dangerous. They oppose the building of the party of the proletariat; they distort the strategy and tactics of the proletariat and they tremble at the thought that the proletariat will organize its army and so they do everything in their power to prevent this. These political swindlers sneak into our ranks, divide the class, weaken us, and confuse and corrupt honest forces who truly want to make revolution. They are responsible for our setbacks and temporarily strengthen the decaying, declining, dying bourgeoisie.

Without a struggle against opportunism, it is useless to speak of overthrowing imperialism. We make a clear distinction between these self-proclaimed "leaders" who are demagogues, who talk about "learn from the masses" when in actuality they stand as a direct obstacle in the path of proletarian revolution and those honest comrades who are making mistakes and are disarmed, without an understanding of the laws of the revolution, following these "leaders" who have kept them disarmed and turn them away from the science of Marxism-Leninism, to hold their positions and through lies and slanders divide them from comrades who wage struggle against these swindlers. Thus, we are not directing this line of fire against comrades who are making errors, who make mistakes and are correcting them. Lenin taught us:

"...not he is wise who makes no mistakes. There are no such men, nor can there be. He is wise who makes not very serious mistakes and who knows how to correct them easily and quickly."

We are confident that, in drawing firm and clear lines of demarcation, the genuine, which is the majority (the Bolsheviks), will unite against this sham handful of political swindlers.

Throughout our pamphlet, we will polemicize against those organizations which we believe have right and left opportunist lines, and with facts, not speculation or rumors, show why the RU, OL, the Guardian and PSP, on questions of principle are not adhering to Marxism-Leninism, in lesser or higher degrees. With facts, we will also demonstrate the treacherous line of the left opportunist "Communist" League, and we urge all comrades to study the pamphlet put out by the comrades of the Black Workers Congress, The Struggle Against Revisionism and Opportunism - Against the RU and OL.

It would be preferable that the RU, OL, PSP the Guardian, CL, do a repudiation of their present lines, true and thorough repudiation and place themselves with the interest of the class. We doubt, however, that some of these "leaders" are capable of honest, above-board and serious self-criticism; many are acting in the only way they can, since they represent their views - the views of the non-proletarian classes. Most of the cadres will have to break with them.

The Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization stands with all that is honest and genuine; most especially, we are in gratitude to our close comrades of the Black Workers Congress, for through unity, they have pointed out our errors, and jointly, we have developed in the struggle against opportunism. Internationally, we stand in unity with the great present-day leadership of the international proletariat, the Chinese Communist Party and the Party of Labor of Albania. We stretch out our hands in solidarity to the world's people righteously fighting U.S. imperialism and U.S.S.R. social-imperialism.

Comrades, we ask that you study this pamphlet, which by no means is complete; the thoroughness which must be achieved will come about through the joint contributions of all communists.

Let's move forward resolutely and without delay - Build the party - Remove the obstacles in our way, and let's carry out our proletarian duty!

Long live proletarian revolution!

Long live the dictatorship of the proletariat!

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FOOTNOTES:

1. Lenin, Selected Works, Eng. ed., Moscos, 1947, Vol. II, pp. 582-583.

