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Sharp differences have developed in the Marxist-Leninist movement both in the U. S. and in other countries. Some feel that ideological differences in the U. S. have nothing to do with disagreements abroad. We feel that helping resolve theoretical problems - common to all nations - is necessary to solving similar questions here.

U. S. Marxist-Leninists have a special responsibility for developing Marxist-Leninist theory since we live in the most powerful imperialist country. Lenin said that imperialism is monopolistic, parasitic or decaying, moribund capitalism, the final stage in the development of capitalism. It is the stage of monopoly capitalism characterized by huge export of finance capital.

Imperialism exploits, not only its own people but turns other countries into its colonies and dependencies. This describes the relationship between the countries of Latin America and the Wall Street profiteers -- with the exception of Cuba where the relationship has been radically changed.

Unless U.S. Marxist-Leninists can develop a correct policy they will be in constant confusion as they were in the 1960 elections. Then it was argued that since many Negro people and workers would vote for Kennedy we must do the same, even though it meant voting for his program of armed attack against Cuba. Thus, the policy of Hall, Flynn and Weinstone put Kennedy's false promises of domestic reforms as primary when the real interest of the workers and the Negro people in the U. S. was support of Cuba against the common enemy - Wall Street and its imperialistic candidate - Kennedy.

Hall, Weinstone and The Worker tell us that any ideological criticism of the CPSU 22nd Congress decision is anti-Soviet.

They recently joined Kennedy in opposing Soviet testing; and their closest associates slandered the Soviet Union on Hungary, joining the imperialist attack at that time. This does not stop them from attacking those who seek by honest criticism to help resolve the disagreements in the Socialist camp and strengthen all anti-imperialist forces.

It is our contention that those, whether in the USSR, USA, China or Albania, who take issue with the CPSU leadership on the bloc concept are helping to strengthen Marxist-Leninist theory. The decision of the 22nd Congress that the USA and the USSR have the absolute power to determine whether we have peace or war conflicts with reality on many fronts.

To mention but one or two: powerful as it is, U. S. imperialism cannot subdue important contradictions within the imperialist camp which threaten the outbreak of war. We refer to the Common Market's challenge to Wall Street, the rise of German imperialism and the British-U.S. friction in the Congo.

Despite Khrushchev's pleas in the U. N. for U. S. imperialism to turn into a lamb and disarm, the nature of imperialism is such that U. S. arms production is the greatest ever and these weapons are continually being used to further conflict in the Congo, in Laos, in Vietnam, in Taiwan and in Latin America. Actually, the bloc theory, confusing the nature of socialist arms for defense with imperialist arms for conquest and profits, has encouraged bourgeois pacifism and lulled the people to the danger of imperialist aggression and war.

How else can we explain the editor of ISVESTIA telling the American people "to be proud of your young president, Mr. Kennedy." Marxist-Leninist in the U. S. believe that Kennedy's McCarran Act is an attempt to hinder the strengthening of ties between the working class and the Negro people in the U. S.; and those exploited by Wall Street in other lands. Why should we be proud of our young president? How can we do otherwise than reject this judgment in order to play an

effective role in promoting international solidarity?

We ask the leadership of the CPSU if it is not true that all major behests of Lenin were carried out under the leadership of Stalin? Did they consider that changing the name STALINGRAD would encourage imperialist aggression, particularly German revanchist militarism? Is it not true that all attacks on Stalin at the 22nd Congress were repetitions of Trotsky and Tito, anti-Soviet agents and provocateurs.

The few words on the Chinese revolution in the 22nd Congress draft and the attack on Albania negate the importance of unity among the socialist nations. If the unity of the Socialist world, especially Soviet-Chinese unity, was regarded as the primary task to forestall war, then the CPSU leadership should have acted differently. The Leninist efforts of the Chinese party to restore unity in the Socialist world are indispensable to defeating imperialism. They should be studied and supported by all Marxist-Leninists in every land.

Kruschev told us only a year ago that the Socialist countries would advance together into Communism, reaching the goal at about the same time. Without explaining the drastic change, he now tells us that the Soviet Union goes ahead on its own - without consulting other socialist countries, without emphasizing the need for joint efforts. We are deeply concerned over this matter and will deal with it in future issues of HAMMER & STEEL.

Socialist Albania is hard-pressed by Tito armed with U. S. jets and tanks. The Party there raises questions of Kruschev and modern revisionism. Modern revisionism is the concept which seeks to pervert Marxism-Leninism to accommodate itself to imperialism - particularly to U. S. imperialism.

The two-bloc idea, acceptance of Kennedy's professions of peace at face value, the slanders of Stalin, the easing of criticism toward Tito and the sharp attack on Albania, the sickening praise of Kennedy, are all accomodation to U. S. imperialism, - i. e., revisionism.

On the other hand, the USSR often finds it necessary to overcome the harm done by Kruschev's soft line on imperialism by Leninist actions. For example, the illusions about Kennedy's desire to negotiate an H-bomb test ban had to be negated by Soviet tests. The illusions that German and American imperialists would neogtiate in good faith on Berlin were negated by the Berlin wall - symbol of resistance to the war plotters.

We would agree with the Albanian Party that Kruschev has followed a revisionist line but the reality of the existence of socialism in the USSR has helped correct that line on occasion and will soon help eradicate the modern-revisionist tendencies.

U. S. Marxist-Leninists cannot accept the excuse of revisionist leaders that the difficult objective situation is the sole reason for the weakness of the Left in the U.S. The Negro people are fighting for liberation. The youth are resisting imperialist war. The workers are increasingly dissatisfied with the rotten opportunist line of the AFL-CIO leadership. The Left lags behind and does not grow.

A Marxist-Leninist movement can be built in the U.S. based on a policy of struggle against U.S. imperialism and its Kennedy government -

By a struggle against the modern revisionists regardless of the source

By restoring the teachings of Lenin, Stalin and Mao.

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