

CURT PEKING CONTINUES TO IGNORE OPPOSITION POLISH CP

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The latest material broadcast by the Polish service of Radio Tirana from the so-called provisional Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland makes one wonder why the activity of this Marxist-Leninist party has not received recognition by Peking. It is an interesting fact that the programs of the Polish opposition CP, faithfully carried by the Albanian radio's Polish service, are not reported by Communist Chinese media.

This is even more surprising when we look back to the content of some of the Polish-language broadcasts which gave special attention to the great cultural revolution which is currently being carried out in China. In fact, the provisional Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland earlier this year issued a special resolution on the cultural revolution entitled "The Great Victory of the Chinese Communist Party and the International Communist Movement".

The text of the resolution, dated 10 January, was broadcast in instalments by the Polish service of Radio Tirana on the 15th, 17th and 10th of February. It is one of the well-written commentaries issued by a so-called Marxist-Leninist party on the cultural revolution.

Considering the tremendous effort on the part of the Maoist faction to dig up every piece of information appearing outside of China on the cultural revolution, it is not likely that the Polish document escaped Peking's attention. In spite of this, however, the Polish Marxist-Leninist material remains unknown to the Chinese public.

Neither the resolution on the cultural revolution, nor any other document originating from the provisional Central Committee has been reported by the Communist Chinese. In fact, a thorough search fails to reveal any direct mention by Chinese media of the existence of the Polish group which was first heard of in March 1966. This is even more surprising since the first document published by the Polish group in the pages of the Belgian pro-Chinese communist weekly *Le Voix du Peuple* called for "development and reinforcement of friendship with the Chinese people and the Chinese Communist Party".

The only conclusion one can draw about Peking's "discretion" concerning the existence and activity of a Polish Marxist-Leninist group is that, for reasons of their own, the Chinese leaders find it too early to openly support such organized opposition in other communist countries. The existence of alleged anti-revisionist and pro-Chinese forces within other communist countries, including the Soviet Union, has been hinted by Peking a number of times. The Chinese communists have even printed materials showing pro-Mao sentiments among Polish citizens. Polish "friends", among other things, were said to have expressed their admiration of two Chinese films shown at a reception of the Chinese embassy last October. But such reports have been published in the Chinese media on almost all communist countries (perhaps with the notable exception of Rumania).

Again, Peking is by no means shy in reporting the emergence of new, Marxist-Leninist parties, when they appear in countries of the free world. The latest example of this is the prompt reporting of the foundation of the pro-Chinese Austrian communist party in early March. Therefore, it is justified to assume that as soon as Peking finds it useful for its own purposes, it will publicly reveal the existence of pro-Chinese parties in opposition to the communist ruling parties, either within or outside their respective countries.

Curiously enough the time is not yet considered ripe for such a disclosure.

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