

Multinational communist party needed to lead our struggles

by the Revolutionary Union

There's great turmoil and disturbances around the world today. It seems like government regimes and leaders are falling all the time--Cambodia, Portugal, the U.S., Germany, Greece and Ethiopia.

In the U.S. there's Nixon, and an economy that's going full steam ahead into a breakdown (see RU article in August issue). The rulers of this country are fighting with each other like a pack of hungry dogs. All the big controversy over foreign policy and the economic crisis used to happen behind closed doors, but now it's all out in the open.

Should we feel helpless or hopeless over this? HELL NO! This confusion among the ruling class is a great chance for the working class to build up its struggle, get organized, and start building and leading a movement that can drive the monopoly capitalists to their knees.

WE NEED A REVOLUTION

These are the words that drive terror into the hearts of the monopoly capitalists. While they fight like wolves over how to do it, they all agree that their system has to be maintained, so they try to fool us into believing that the problem is just Nixon, or just the Republicans, or just a do-nothing Congress.

From McGovern to Wallace they all sing the same tune--"Sure, you've got some grievances! The people in this country aren't getting a fair shake! But what can you poor fools do for yourselves? You won't get anywhere by relying on yourselves! Just vote for me and I'll set you free! They're all out to convince us that we have to reform the system--not destroy it and replace it with another system.

Many people have learned that the system doesn't serve our needs, but the facts are that it can't serve our needs. And that's because it's based on the fact that the working class sweats and toils while the capitalists reap the fruits of our labor.

All the wealth in society is the product of labor, yet workers get back only a portion of what they produce. The rest, called surplus value, is the product of unpaid labor and is kept by the capitalists to pay off rent, interest, future investments and to keep themselves fat. So how do we stop this rip-off?

What is the RU?

The RU is a national communist organization that actively participates in and builds the many struggles of workers and other oppressed people today. Beyond this, the RU sees the liberation of the people lying in the overthrow of the imperialists by the working class, the replacement of capitalism and all exploitation with socialism, under the rule of the working class. To accomplish this task, the working class must have its own communist party to lead our struggles. To contact the RU in D.C., write to PO Box 12053, Wash, DC 20005.

We need a socialist revolution to create a society based on the needs of the people and not on the profits of the capitalists; a society where the masses enjoy true democracy and the government is used against those who want to exploit and rip off the working class, and not against the people.

CROSSROADS IN THE STRUGGLE

Despite a few setbacks, the revolutionary movement is on the advance. In the 1960s there was a mighty storm of peoples' struggles that shook this system to its foundations. The Black people especially rose up and roused other groups into the fight while doing it. There was the largest and most militant student movement this country has ever seen. And there was wave upon wave of wildcat strikes.

Many things have been learned in these spontaneous struggles and they are continuing to advance. Only today these struggles are guided more and more by the revolutionary stand of the working class, directed squarely against the system itself.

In the past few years the beginnings of a revolutionary workers movement have been built. People united to support the Farah strike on the basis of working class solidarity and support for the struggles of oppressed peoples (most of the Farah strikers were Chicanos and women). There's been the revival of May Day, the International Workers' Day, for the first time in 25 years in this country.

And there's been the fact that the multi-national working class--Black, white, Brown--is beginning to lead the fight against the oppression of Black and other oppressed nationalities, as in San Francisco where a struggle involving people of all nationalities and led by the working class forced the state to stop its fascist-like "Operation Zebra" searches in the Black community.

WE NEED A PARTY

But a strong revolutionary movement needs a revolutionary party. A party that can be a single unifying center, draw all the struggles together into one solid fist against the system and show the correct path forward. A party that is the general staff of the working class, made up of the best fighters that have come forward in the struggle.

The party bases itself on scientific socialism--Marxism-Leninism, the science of revolution. A science which openly declares itself in the service of the working class. Marxism-Leninism sums up the development of society and uncovers what laws have been behind this development; it sums up the thousands of years of struggle by the exploited, and the 150 years of struggle by the working class against capitalism, and the lessons that it draws from those struggles helps us to fight better today. Marxism-Leninism also sums up the laws of development of capitalism so that people can grasp how the system came into being, where it's going, and how to deal with it and replace it with something better. It's kind of like this--our move-



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ment is like a ship on a very stormy sea. The party is like the navigator trying to bring it into shore. And to do that, just as the navigator needs the science of navigation so too the party needs the science of Marxism-Leninism, for without the guidance of ML the movement will go in the direction of least resistance--towards reformism.

But the key thing about the party is that it is forged in struggle and must draw the boldest, most dedicated fighters for the working class into its ranks.

For a number of years we had a party like this--the Communist Party USA --But 20 years ago the CP gave up the struggle. Instead of building up an independent revolutionary movement, they told the working class to fall in line behind the liberal capitalists. Instead of standing with the people of the world --they hid behind the skirts of the Soviet Union, which had fallen back into capitalism and become one of the main bullies of the world. The old "Communist" Party U.S.A. betrayed the working class. They spread illusions about the "peaceful road to Socialism"--a slogan which has resulted in thousands of dead workers in every country where it's been the program of the party (Chile for example). The CPUSA is 100% traitor to the class, and should be isolated and exposed.

The New Party must be Multi-National because the working class is Multi-National and because having more than one party giving leadership cracks the unity of the people. Within the party comrades of different nationalities will relate on the basis of equality while a division of labor is probable based on the fact that comrades can be more effective in certain cases when working among people of their own nationality.

UNITE AROUND A COMMON PROGRAMME FOR ACTION

There is much ideological and political struggle in the new communist movement now--and this is a good thing--for it reflects the state of turmoil in the world today--and the struggle for a proletarian line around which the new party can unite.

We must develop a party programme which clearly points the way forward for the struggles of the masses of people. In addition the programme must indicate the long term goal of socialism and communism, analyze the world situation and the imperialist's crisis, provide a class analysis of U.S. society, summarize the history of the communist movement in this country and analyze the tendencies within the revolutionary movement today.

In future articles we will deal with some of the burning questions which are related to the development of this programme.