



Second International Conference

Resolution on Palestine

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The Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations denounces the continued suppression and massacres carried out by the imperialists, social-imperialists and their lackeys of the people of Palestine and of the Middle East in general. This suppression is yet another striking manifestation of the predatory nature of imperialism which thrives on the ruthless domination and exploitation of oppressed nations and peoples.

Today, as a result of the intensification of the crisis of the imperialist system, all of its contradictions have sharpened up. On the one hand, the contradiction between the two rival imperialist blocs headed by the U.S. and the USSR has intensified and is reflected in their war preparations. On the other hand, as the imperialists step up their vicious attacks on the oppressed nations and peoples in order to maintain their empires, the struggles of the oppressed peoples have also intensified. In the whirlwind of the present world situation, the imperialists are even more frustrated in the face of the national and social liberation struggles that threaten them, and they resort to every form of outrage in order to suppress and subvert these struggles and try to reduce them to pawns in their global contention for hegemony. Palestine, and the Middle East in general, is one of the regions where the heroic relentless struggle of an oppressed people for liberation and the ruthless suppression and subversion and manoeuvring of the imperialists is strikingly evident. Through the U.S. imperialist puppet state of Israel and other regional lackeys, the Palestinian people have been driven out of their country and have suffered massacres numerous times. In this, along with the imperialist bloc headed by the U.S. the social-imperialists too are equally guilty. Either through brutal suppression or through posing as mediators or friends, all imperialist powers have all along been actively engaged in obliterating the Palestinian people and thus doing away with another thorn in their side.

Following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and the setback suffered by the Palestinian liberation movement and the revolutionary masses in general, the U.S. imperialists and their allies set up a puppet regime and even more directly took on the task of suppressing the masses. The social-imperialists, too, stepped up their rivalry by rearming and strengthening their lackeys in Syria, and by subverting once again the just feelings of the Palestinian militants and masses against capitulationist policies. However, imperialist suppression and machinations have not intimidated the masses who have risen up again and again in struggle. Today the plans of the imperialists, especially those of the U.S. imperialist bloc, are once again being confronted in a sharp manner with the just struggle of the masses in Lebanon. In this situation the imperialists continue to try to impose their domination through the force of arms (through both direct military aggression and the arming of forces allied with one or another imperialist bloc), hatching new conspiracies under cover of negotiations, and trying to subvert, misdirect and capitalise on the struggle of the masses.

The whole experience of the Palestinian liberation struggle up until today, and in particular the recent experiences, illustrate most strongly that genuine liberation from imperialism and reaction can only be achieved under the guidance of a proletarian vanguard armed with Marxism-Leninism, a genuine communist party. The need for such a vanguard, which cries out to be fulfilled, remains the pressing vital task to be accomplished for the victory of the Palestinian people in their struggle against imperialism.

The Revolutionary Internationalist Movement calls on the international proletariat to support the just struggle of the Palestinian people. □