International News

For a New International Communist Movement

Los Angeles, Calif.

In an effort to promote proletarian internationalism, communists from three countries held a cordial and friendly exchange of views here at the end of January. The meeting was attended by the leading members of the central committees of the Canadian Party of Labor, the U.S. Progressive Labor Party and the Communist Party of Revolutionary Communists of Mexico.

Out of the wreckage of the old international communist movement a new communist international must be built. This meeting was a small step in that direction. The representatives of 3 parties were authorized to approve a set of principles that all comrades could agree on. These principles (see below) are the basis of our revolutionary unity.

The comrades from the U.S. and Canada were greatly encouraged by the steps taken in Mexico to rebuild the Marxist vanguard out of the wreckage caused by the anarchists and revisionists there. The Mexican comrades appreciated that the revolutionary growth LP and CIL would be a big help in the defeat of our common enemy, U.S. imperialism. We all agreed that a great deal of the struggle and achievements of the Marxists in the West are a lesson in the style of Marx is essential to a healthy communist movement.

The meeting unanimously agreed to found a common theoretical journal. This journal will be used to exchange views amongst the three parties and to critically examine opinions of communists in other countries. It will be edited in San Francisco and the first edition will appear Sept. 1. (A subscription, four issues for $4.00 can be obtained by sending the money to Box 42422, San Francisco, Ca. 94109).

On the initiative of the comrades from Canada, it was decided to declare here a day of international solidarity with Dan Vered and the other imprisoned communists of the fascist Israel. Demonstrations at all major Israeli consulates in Canada, U.S. Mexico will be planned for that day.

Out of debate, study and united action against the class enemy, and fighting all the opportunists and bourgeois ideas inside the working class, a new international will come into being.

WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!

12 THESSES OF COMMUNISTS FROM THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO

Signed by authorized representatives of the Canadian Party of Labor, U.S. Progressive Labor Party and the Commune of Revolutionary Communists (of Mexico).

1. More and more the world is being divided into two classes: the proletariat and the bourgeoisie. All other classes are disappearing: the proletariat, the special product of capitalism, is the only revolutionary class.

2. The lonely character struggle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat leads to the replacement of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie by the dictatorship of the proletariat. This historical change can only come about through armed revolution. The proletariat will thoroughly destroy the bourgeois military and bureaucratic machine and establish its own armed dictatorship of the proletariat. The new class in order to preserve the final liquidation of the bourgeoisie as a class.

3. Workers have no country, no nationality. The proletariat recognizes no borders, no frontiers. The workers of the world must unite and never support their own bourgeoisie or succumb in the slightest to racism or nationalism.

4. In the Western Hemisphere and elsewhere, the U.S. monopoly capitalism has established a bloody system of imperialism. This system daily fastens more strongly the chains of enslavement on the American proletariat. All the American governments, ruling classes, military, media, and trade unions are increasingly under the control of the U.S. imperialists. The destruction of the U.S. imperialist system would be an immense help for proletarian revolution in the Western Hemisphere.

5. The capitalist ruling classes are preparing imperialist war.

The duty of communists is to oppose these wars and war preparations. When the imperialists launch wars, the duty of communists is to turn the imperialist wars into a revolutionary civil war. We will work first and foremost for the defeat of our "own" states in such a war, in order to prepare the conditions of proletarian revolution.

6. In order to march the population in cadence to an imperialist slaughter and to destroy the working class movement, the ruling classes are imposing the bloody system of fascism on the working class. Fascism can only be defeated by communism. We fight not to restore bourgeois democracy but to win dictatorship of the proletariat.

7. The movement against U.S. imperialism and local fascism must never unite with the national bourgeoisie or sections of it. The good of the struggle against U.S. imperialism is socialism, not "national liberation." National liberation is a trap of the oppenants designed to crush the communist movement.

8. The revisionists groups, backed by socialist imperialism, the Maoists, the Fidelistas, the Trotskites, the Social Democrats and the various national bourgeoisie of the proletariat. Their opportunism has restored capitalism in the USSR, China and other places and sabotaged countless revolutions and working class movements. Revolutionary communists can never unite with these renegades from revolutionary Marxism.

9. In order to organize the revolution a revolutionary party is necessary. This party is essentially illegal and operates under the principles of democratic centralism. The core of the party are trained professional revolutionaries. The party combats legal and illegal, open and secret, industrial or propaganda and other work in a flexible way in order to achieve revolution.

10. The reform struggle, unless it leads to the growth of communist ideas among the masses, fortifies capitalism. The duty of communists is to bring the ideas of revolution, internationalism and the dictatorship of the proletariat into the reform movement. Recruit and train professional revolutionaries and promulgate communist ideas to the masses. Communists cannot work in the trade-unions, in the military, among the peasants and everywhere where the masses are to be found.

11. Communists oppose the bourgeois ideas of pacifism and humanism. On the question of war our position is simple: One, we are opposed to imperialist war, two, we are not afraid of such wars. War can be a great school for the proletariat and great opportunity for the revolutionary party to seize power in the hour of the enemy's weakness.

12. Racism is the number one tool of the bourgeoisie in building anti-communism and in mortally dividing the working class. All communists must devote special attention to the defeat of racist ideology and to the unity of the working class.

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Manley Blocks Socialism in Jamaica

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