International Communist Movement

E.F. Hill’s Statement

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E.F. Hill, Chairman of the Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist), published a statement entitled “International Communist Unity Imperative” in the January 18 issue of “Vanguard.” Full text of the statement follows.—Ed.

The leaders of the Soviet Communist Party propose to hold on March 1, 1965, a meeting of the so-called drafting committee for an international conference of the Communist and Workers’ Parties.

This is purely a continuation of the scheme proposed by Khrushchev whose meeting was scheduled for December, 1964.

Khrushchev’s proposed meeting was to attempt to impose revisionism, that is, desertion of Marxism-Leninism, on the world movement.

It was to attempt to give international backing to Khrushchev’s system of revisionism including his revision of the 1957 Moscow Declaration and 1960 eighty-one Parties’ Statement and to attempt to exclude from the international movement all Marxist-Leninist parties and all Marxist-Leninists.

Khrushchev’s proposal met with widespread opposition and an obvious lack of enthusiasm for the whole project.

The opposition to Khrushchev’s proposal was undoubtedly one of the factors that led to his ignominious defeat.

The successors to this project are scarcely likely to have any greater success than Khrushchev.

The fact that they persist in it demonstrates that revisionism is indeed the main danger in the working-class movement.

At the very moment when the threats of U.S. imperialism are being stepped up, the unity of the socialist camp, of the international communist movement and of all the oppressed peoples, is of paramount importance.

The crisis of U.S. imperialism is desperately acute. Its threats and actions reflect that crisis and its weakness yet desperation. Now is the very moment to unite as never before against it.

Yet, at this very moment, the modern revisionists propose to persist in a move aimed at further dividing the forces against U.S. imperialism. No greater service to U.S. imperialism could be imagined.

Far from persisting with this meeting, the Soviet Party leaders should be initiating discussions between themselves and the Marxist-Leninist parties against whom Khrushchev’s blows were directed precisely because those Parties directed their blows at the main enemy, U.S. imperialism, as they were required to do by the international documents.

The Soviet Party leaders should be initiating discussions with the Communist Party of China and the Albanian Party of Labour, to repair the damage done by Khrushchev. Only adequate preparation and the adhering to Marxism-Leninism by the Soviet Party leaders can lay a proper foundation for an international conference.

The Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist), both on its own and in its joint statement with the Communist Party of Indonesia, has made it clear that only a conference in which all the Marxist-Leninist parties from the socialist countries participate can lay a proper foundation for a worldwide conference of all Communist Parties to eliminate the foulness of revisionism.

Khrushchev was defeated because of his revisionism. Khrushchev did untold damage, but his advent had its positive side.

It revealed clearly the rotteness that existed latent in many Communist Parties.

It brought that rotteness to the top and revealed it to all in good time.

The toiling people of the world can now see very clearly the ugly features of revisionism.

Khrushchev’s defeat was a defeat for all revisionists. The revisionists do not know what to do in the present circumstances.

They rush hither and thither and they disagree amongst themselves. They can never have unity for revisionism approaches problems not from any principle but from case to case.

Khrushchev’s defeat occurred at the moment of mounting crisis for U.S. imperialism. The crisis of U.S. imperialism and the crisis of revisionism go hand in hand.

The present situation imperatively demands the unity of the socialist camp, and the enhancement of Marxism-Leninism.

If the modern revisionists do not desist from their present plans of dealing further blows against Marxism-Leninism, there is no doubt they will share the fate of Khrushchev.

Nothing can hold back the advance of Marxism-Leninism. Nothing can hold back the consolidation of the forces of Marxism-Leninism.

The Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) will do all it can to consolidate the forces of Marxism-Leninism.