

"Peaceful coexistence is one of the aspects of the struggle to safeguard world peace. Communists must not reduce the whole content of the struggle for peace to peaceful coexistence, nor play up peaceful coexistence as the general line of the foreign policy of the socialist countries. Still less should they regard peaceful coexistence as the path for transition to socialism on a world scale, or as the key strategy for the worldwide struggle for socialism.

"The general line of the foreign policy of a socialist country must comprise the following three main aspects: to realize mutual comradesly assistance and cooperation among the fraternal socialist countries; to fight against the imperialist policies of provocation and aggression and to realize the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence among countries with differing political and social systems; and to give all-out support and active help to the national-liberation movement

and the revolutionary struggles of the working class and other labouring people in the capitalist countries.

"Of course, the socialist countries, in the course of the struggle for defending peace and realizing peaceful coexistence, may enter into negotiations with the imperialist countries and make certain concessions, when necessary. But such negotiations and compromises must be subject to the principle that they proceed from the fundamental and long-term interests of the revolution and that reliance is placed on the peoples' strength in struggle. Unprincipled negotiations and compromise, which do not proceed from the interests of the revolution and do not rely on mass struggle, can only endanger the revolution and world peace. In such cases, the greater goodwill we demonstrate for negotiations, the harder the imperialists will press us; the more concessions we make, the more they will demand. Thus, peaceful coexistence will be rendered impossible and the cause of world peace made insecure."

Belgian Marxist-Leninists Urged to Unite And Rebuild Belgian Communist Party

Appeal by Organizing Committee of National Conference of Belgian Communists

BELGIAN Communists have been called on to stand on the side of genuine Marxist-Leninists so that "the working class may victoriously face the great struggles that lie ahead."

The call was contained in an appeal to Belgian Communists issued by the Organizing Committee of the National Conference of Belgian Communists on December 22, 1963.

La Voix du Peuple, organ of the Belgian Communist Party headed by Jacques Grippa, published the appeal under the title: "Long Live the National Conference of Belgian Communists" in its sixth issue (Jan. 2). It condemned the present Political Bureau (whose leadership has been usurped by the Rightists) for abandoning revolutionary principles, betraying proletarian internationalism, practising reformism and persecuting genuine Marxist-Leninists.

The appeal began with a clear outline of the character and tasks of the Belgian Communist Party. It said: "We have joined the Communist Party to become fighters of the vanguard of the working class, the ultimate goal of whose actions is to build a communist society through socialist revolution.

"This Party should in its actions be guided by the theory of scientific socialism, by Marxism-Leninism whose universal truth it integrates with revolutionary

practice, and with concrete conditions in the country at a given time.

"We should stand at the forefront of the day-to-day struggle waged by the working class and the labouring masses against the attacks of capital, for the defence of freedom and democracy, against the danger of war and for the realization of immediate demands.

"We know that capitalism which has developed to its highest and last stage, that is, imperialism, is synonymous with exploitation and oppression. We know that capitalism, by its very nature, begets misfortune for the people, catastrophes, uncertainty in life, crises and wars.

"We hold that it is not enough to combat the consequences of capitalism alone. It is necessary finally to overthrow the capitalist 'order' which means violence daily exercised by a handful of exploiters against the broad masses of the exploited.

"We know that socialist revolution implies the destruction of the bourgeois state machine; the seizure of power by the working class allied with other sections of the labouring people; the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"We proclaim that only by the united struggle of the revolutionary classes and revolutionary peoples of

the world can the common enemy, imperialism, be defeated.

"Proletarian internationalism is a sacred principle for us.

"In substituting the reform of capitalism for the ultimate goal of socialism, reformism aims at deception.

"In advocating the 'patching up' of the capitalist system, reformism seeks to save it from its doom.

"Reconciling antagonistic classes means class collaboration at the expense of the oppressed. The practice of reformism means hostility to the anti-capitalist actions of the working class and labouring masses.

"Condemnation, exposure and liquidation of reformism of various hues and shades is the indispensable condition for ensuring the victory of labour over capital.

"The Communist Parties are founded and have been fighting on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles.

"We have been, are and will remain fighters of the revolutionary proletarian Party, the vanguard indispensable to the working class.

"Is the present Political Bureau inspired by these revolutionary principles? We all know very well that it has rejected these principles and is therefore no longer a Communist Party.

"The practice of this group is out-and-out opportunism in every respect. It is no longer willing to hear people talk about the vanguard role of the Party. It has even written off this concept from the Party Constitution."

Citing facts to show how this group has abandoned and negated these principles in day-to-day struggles, the appeal pointed out: "The present Political Bureau attempts to turn the labouring masses away from the struggle by spreading illusions about bourgeois parliament which tramples on the will of the people."

"This group, together with the leaders of various bourgeois parties and Spaak, tries to deceive the masses on the question of the Moscow tripartite treaty which sanctifies and encourages the stockpiling of nuclear weapons by U.S. imperialism and its allies, as well as the policy of atomic blackmail.

"According to the Political Bureau, the question is no longer one of opposing NATO nor of withdrawing from this organization but one of remaining in it in order to support the policy of U.S. imperialism and its leaders. . . .

"Thus the Political Bureau has gradually become an appendage of Spaak's policy.

"It has betrayed proletarian internationalism. Its attitude towards the national-liberation struggle of the Congolese people, towards Cuba and socialist China throws glaring light on this betrayal. . . .

"It has liquidated the Party as a communist organization. . . .

"It is revisionist. It practises reformism which it has 'theorized' anew in the Party Constitution and theses of the '14th Congress.' It could not have achieved its purposes had it not deceived the Party, used disgraceful means and persecuted Communists true to Marxist-Leninist principles. We declare, therefore, that this group has no right to speak for the Party.

"No Communist should cherish any illusions about the role of this Political Bureau. Increasing numbers of people are joining our ranks for rebuilding the Party on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

"Communist fighters have rebuilt the Federations in Brussels, Liege and Charleroi. The Party is also being rebuilt in Borinage and other regions of the country.

"Today, we address this appeal particularly to you, comrades who are hesitating. You say we are right, but you think it is necessary to uphold 'the unity of the Party.'

"The very thing we desire is to restore unity. But you should know that the only unity possible is one based on Marxism-Leninism.

"It is the very betrayal of our cause, the cause of the working class and the labouring people, by the despicable revisionist leaders that has compelled honest and sincere Party members to rebuild the Party.

"To 'rectify' the present Political Bureau is no less an illusion than to 'rectify' the leading organ of the Belgian Socialist Party.

"The revisionist leaders are undermining unity both on the international and national planes.

"The leaders of certain Parties, including those of our Party, are all smiles to the representatives of capitalism. They collaborate with imperialism. They sing the praises of the Yugoslav revisionists.

"Yet they are full of hatred towards the Marxist-Leninists. They viciously attack socialist China and socialist Albania.

"The Marxist-Leninists are the most powerful in the ranks of the international communist movement. The Communist Party of China, the Albanian Party of Labour, the Viet Nam Workers' Party, the Korean Workers' Party, the United Party of Socialist Revolution of Cuba, the Communist Party of Brazil, the Communist Party of Japan, the Communist Party of Indonesia, the Communist Party of New Zealand, and large numbers of Communists of other countries have held firmly to their Marxist-Leninist positions despite the manoeuvres of the splitter-revisionists.

"Our action is also a contribution to the restoration of the unity of the international communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and of the revolutionary principles of the 1957 Declaration and 1960 Statement of the Communist and Workers' Parties."