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The newspaper "*Nuova Unita*", central organ of the CP of Italy (M-L), reports that on January 23, a grand internationalist rally of the CP of Italy (M-L) took place in the "Eliseo" theatre, Rome.

Attending the rally which was held in an atmosphere of a great revolutionary enthusiasm, were thousands of workers and militants of the party, as well as the representatives of the CP of Argentina (M-L), the Communist Party of Brazil, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile, the CP of Germany (M-L) and its Eastern Section, the Greek Communist Party (M-L) and the Communist Party of Spain (M-L). This rally is a manifestation of the resolute struggle for the strengthening of the internationalist solidarity, and the struggle of the proletariat and the peoples against imperialism, social-imperialism and reaction.

The participants warmly applauded the greetings of the representatives of the sister parties. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the message from the CC of the PLA to the participants in the manifestation.

CP of Italy (M-L)

FROM THE SPEECH OF COMRADE FOSCO DINUCCI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CP OF ITALY (M-L)

This mass meeting at the centre of Rome, said Comrade Dinucci, is of great importance for proletarian internationalism. Comrades, workers, many young workers and students, all inspired by a revolutionary impulse have gathered here. We have invited several sister parties which are fighting in situations, which are even more difficult, in illegality and in special conditions of struggle. They will take the floor in this rally, giving us the opportunity to feel at first hand their enthusiasm, their spirit of sacrifice, all their strength with which they are waging their anti-fascist battle, the battle for freedom, the battle for the great ideals of socialism and communism.

Comrades, I want to express here your profound internationalist spirit, the internationalist spirit of the Italian workers, by conveying from this tribune the most fraternal internationalist greetings to all the Marxist-Leninist parties. We assure them, we assure the world proletariat, that in waging the class struggle in Italy, we will perform our duty to the end, ready even to lay down our lives for the proletarian internationalism, for the liberation of the peoples and the cause of the world revolution. We have gathered here to express our great determination to fight against the policy of domination and war of the two superpowers, against the presence of the bases and naval fleets of the USA and the USSR in the Mediterranean, against imperialism and social- imperialism, against capitalism and revisionism, against all reactionaries. Our aim is to strengthen the internal and international united front, to fight for full national independence and the cause of the revolution. In the epoch of imperialism and the proletarian revolution, as Lenin stressed, the struggle for national independence, closely linked with the revolutionary perspective, towards socialism, towards communism, is of special importance.

After speaking about the internationalist spirit of the Italian proletariat and genuine communists before and after the second world war, he said:

When the Khrushchevite Togliattist leaders betrayed the proletarian internationalism, it was we, the Marxist-Leninists, who continued this struggle with the greatest loyalty.

We ranked ourselves alongside the Party of Labour of Albania, which was the first, together with the Communist Party of China, to denounce the Khrushchovite betrayal which manifested itself in an organized way as modern revisionism at the 20th congress of the CPSU. Let us recall our determined struggle, our contribution at the beginning of the '60s, our activity.

After stressing that in this complicated situation, Comrade Enver Hoxha, in the name of the Party of Labour of Albania, with great political courage unmasked Khrushchev and the other revisionist leaders at the meeting of the 81 parties, Comrade Dinucci said:

At that time, the battle was not clear as it appears today. The Party of Labour of Albania has the great historic merit that it was the first to denounce Khrushchev's betrayal right in the faces of the revisionist chieftains themselves. This act will remain among the most important and decisive acts in the history of the international communist and worker movements.

Today, pointed out comrade Dinucci in face of the crisis which has gripped our country and the capitalist and revisionist world, the Italian working class is responding with ever greater determination to the measures of the bosses and their revisionist and social-democrat servants, taking part evermore actively in the attack against fascistasion and the danger of fascism.

We must create a united front, anti-capitalist front for national independence. For this, a constant mobilisation of the working class and the masses of the people is necessary, we must fight to drive the U.S. and NATO bases from our country, so that Italy leaves NATO, to stop social-imperialist penetration. Today, more than ever, one of the slogans of the working class, and the masses of the people must be: "The U.S. and Soviet navies out of the Mediterranean! Let us fight for complete independence of all the Mediterranean peoples! The two superpowers are the worst enemies of mankind!

The masses of our people will oppose any imperialist enemy who may occupy our country, with their revolutionary struggle for national independence.

We will resolutely carry the revolutionary struggle through to the end, just as we did with the partisan struggle, we will wage it to the end for national independence and the cause of the revolution.

We must extend more and more the international united front against the two superpowers, based on the alliance between the proletatiat and oppressed peoples the world over. The main bastions of this broad front are China and socialist Albania.

Comrade Dinucci continued further on;

In his speech of May 20, 1970, Chairman Mao pointed out that "The danger of a new world war remains and the peoples of the world must be prepared, but today the main trend in the world is the revolution. The war can be prevented if the peoples enhance their vigilance, if they strengthen their unity and persist in the struggle. If the imperialists launch the war, there is no doubt that they will create revolutions on a world-wide scale, thus accelerating their end."

There are sham Marxist-Leninists, deceivers and intriguers in Italy and abroad, stressed Comrade Dinucci, who think they can fight against the two superpowers, or better, only against one of the two superpowers for example, against social-imperialism, by lining up with the reactionary forces, with the fascists. And to fight the one superpower, they intend to rely on the other.

This is the worst form of opportunism. They forget that the struggle against foreign imperialist reaction is valuable only when it is linked with the struggle against internal reaction, while they consider the reactionary bourgeoisie as a defender of independence, of national interests.

Comrade Dinucci continued further on:

Albania stands resolute and solid as a bastion of socialism on the front against the two superpowers. Our delegation to the 7th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania was able to see that profound internationalist spirit which inspires all the political activity of the sister party of Albania. The 7th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania was of fundamental importance not only for the construction of socialism within the country, but also for proletarian internationalism. The report of comrade Enver Hoxha, with its tactical and strategic orientations, is a great contribution to the international Marxist-Leninist communist movement, a real touchstone to prove all the Marxist-Leninist parties. The new constitution of the People?s Socialist Republic of Albania shows us the splendid road of the development of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the brilliant road of the complete construction of socialism to go on to communism. Albania towers like a beacon for the proletariat and the Marxist-Leninist parties, more than ever it is keeping alive in the world confidence in the perspective of the proletarian revolution, in the dictatorship of the proletariat, in the ideals of socialism and communism.

Today it is more imperative than ever to defend and raise aloft the ideals of the proletarian revolution, of the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism. There are opportunists of all hues, frequently even sham Marxist-Leninists, who proceeding from the complicated character of the problems of the revolution and the construction of socialism, of various aspects of the class struggle, seek to undermine confidence in the revolutionary ideals. In face of these manoeuvres, in face of efforts to introduce an opportunist line into the Marxist-Leninist movement, we must stress that being faced with the degeneration of the capitalist and revisionist world, these ideals represent the only future for the proletariat and the masses of the whole world, so that, a new society of freedom and equality can be built on the ruins of the old society.

After mentioning the heroic struggle of the Marxist-Leninist communist parties and paying homage to the revolutionaries fallen in struggle for socialist revolution in their countries, Comrade Dinucci said: We rank them beside Gramsci, who was murdered in fascist jails along side our partisans who fell in the fighting, or died under the torture of the nazi-fascists.

Comrades, for these ideals, we, the members of the Communist Party of Italy (M-L) and the Youth Union, while continuing the struggle at home, will at the same time, fulfill our internationalist duties to the end, will work ceaselessly to strengthen the ties among the sister parties, for the unity of theproletariat of the whole world, for the unity of all the revolutionary forces. We welcome the joint statement of the recent times of the Marxist-Leninist parties of Latin America, every step forward towards proletarian internationalism. We want a militant internationalism, an active internationalism, an ever closer unity among the Marxist-Leninist parties. Our battle cry is and always will be: "Workers of all countries, unite!"