Within the communist movement in the United States today, a number of organizations, individuals and publications have shown a failure to keep abreast with the changing situation in the international arena. Forshadowed by the past inabilitys of these groupings and persons to recognize the complete restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R. and the transformation of that once proud socialist country into one of the two great imperialist powers threatening all the world's peoples with its might and oppression, the current failings on the part of some, marks a serious regression in their progress toward grasping the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought. This retrogression is a significant set-back on the road to revival of a powerful and vibrant Marxist-Leninist movement in this country and the construction of a new genuine vanguard party.

Among these groupings, individuals and publications, is the outspoken GUARDIAN newspaper published in New York City. The GUARDIAN viewpoint is not an isolated opinion within our movement. Sadly to say, its general thrust is shared by a number of aspiring communists in the U.S. today. Further, confusion, or lack of correct resolve, on such questions as the international situation, the nature of Soviet society, and the global role of the Soviet Union, characterize the positions of many Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations (non-revisionist) throughout the world, including parties with glorious traditions of fighting imperialism, leading successful revolutions and holding state-power.

BACU, along with numerous Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations around the world, and with many governments and peoples across the globe, agree with the government and Communist Party of China, that today the Soviet Union, a social-imperialist
power, is a more dangerous threat to the world's peoples than is the other super-power, our government and ruling class. This is so, because the Soviet Union can hide behind its previously red flag and its past traditions when it was socialist and when it aided people's struggles everywhere. This cover, in conjunction with the widespread exposure of the fake democratic facade of U.S. Imperialism before the world's peoples, has allowed the Social-Imperialists to become more and more aggressive in pressing its contention with the U.S. imperialists for control of the world. This battle of titans, taking place on the backs of the world's peoples, causes the spilling of the peoples blood and the wrecking of nations everywhere it goes. It is this battle which is the chief cause of the world's problems today. More and more it is becoming essential to correctly understand the reactionary role of the Soviet Union. This is important even for people in the U.S. whose main enemy remains the ruling class of the United States.

This does not mean, however, that every country, party, organization, publication, or whatever, that has not come to understand this truth is reactionary. Quite often, particularly in today's turbulent times, one's thinking is not free enough to keep up with the changes in the world around us. The Bay Area Communist Union is not today going to proclaim all the various governments, parties, and organizations, who either disagree or don't understand us, to be reactionaries. We will continue to struggle with them, to the extent that we are able, to convince them that they are wrong. By and large, we believe that the traditions of struggle in defense of the world's peoples, that have characterized them, will in time overcome their present false visions.

In particular, BACU objects to the exclusion of the GUARDIAN, or anyone else who wishes to help celebrate China's national day, from the preparatory work of the Joint Committee to Celebrate October 1st. Any group or individual who agrees to support an event based on the principles of unity of the Joint Committee should be allowed to join in the work of the committee.
We do not accept the reasoning of those in the Joint Committee who wish to exclude the GUARDIAN and others. Whether or not one interprets China's policies correctly should not be a criterion for allowing them to participate in preparatory work to celebrate the national day of China. The criterion should be whether one is willing to support an event that is based upon the three principles of unity of the Joint Committee, and an event that will not distort China's policies. Such a criterion is the only basis upon which we might succeed in making this event the truly mass event that it should be, and that the exclusionists claim they would like, their criterion is bound to unnecessarily restrict and narrow down the potential participation in this activity, not just by the GUARDIAN, but by those who are confused by it. Further, such an approach, particularly if accompanied by a letter against the GUARDIAN, which the exclusionists would have sent out to all groups invited to join in the preparatory work, is guaranteed to cause resentment among many honest groups and will in effect act to sabotage the potential mass character of the activities.

Aside from this, we think it poor tactics on the part of the Marxist-Leninist groups who go along with this kind of exclusion. The position of the GUARDIAN has been, that it's differences with China's foreign policy are comradely differences, that aside from these differences they consider China to be a progressive and socialist country. On the other hand, those of us in the U.S. who agree with China's foreign policy are opportunists and "class collaborationists". Such a dichotomy is ridiculous and hard for the GUARDIAN to stick to in a consistent way. There is little that would serve the continued evasiveness of this contradiction in their line, then to allow them to avoid confronting it, as will be the case if we exclude them. Excluding them will give them the opportunity to say, "see how sectarian the "pro-china" groups are, they won't even let us celebrate China's national day." Peoples attention will be diverted to this subject. If on the other hand, we invite them to join us in the preparatory work, it places them in a delicate position. Here, they will have to truly decide if their support for China is genuine, or
whether their attacks on other U.S. Marxist-Leninists is not, in actuality a veiled attack on People's China. Whatever the case, the burden is placed on them to deal with the contradictions in their line, to go further backward or correct their mistakes. If they were to turn in turn refuse to accept the invitation, it would be difficult for them to justify their invented dichotomy. They must be asked to follow their words with deeds, and actually help in the celebration of China's national day. From their vantage point they will have to decide if their friendship with and support for People's China is strong enough for them to work with "class collaborationists" to celebrate October 1st. Let's let them deal with this dilemma.

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