AGAINST TERRORISM FOR PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

"The richest source of power to wage war lies in the masses of people." (Mao Tse Tung, On Protracted War)

The Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization condemned the burning of a Wall Street tavern in NYC by the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (EPL) in January 24, 1975. Furthermore, we vigorously reject terrorism, the system of individual political acts of violence, as a strategy of struggle which does not hasten the destruction of U.S. imperialism, but instead, hinders it.

Communists in the U.S. fights for the establishment of socialism in the U.S. and for the liberation of all colonies. We recognize that here in the U.S. we cannot achieve socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat, without the armed, violent overthrow of bourgeois state—just as the Communists in Vietnam Nam, Angola, cannot be free except through the revolutionary armed struggle against their oppressors.

In order to accomplish our goals in the U.S. and to most effectively render direct and determined support to the national liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism, we must fuse the communist movement with the spontaneous movements of the masses, most especially the spontaneous movement of the working class. This means that the communist movement armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought must interconnect itself and lead the spontaneous movements, giving them a planned and conscious political character, educating the colliding masses as to their class interests and how to fight for them, tying up all forms of repression and linking them up with the final goal—the armed overthrow of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As stated in Palante, vol. 1, #1:

"In order to accomplish the historic mission, there are 3 strategic tasks that communists must complete. They are: the building of a Bolshevik Party armed with the ideology of the proletariat; the building of a United Front Against Imperialism, which will enable the party of the proletariat to unite with its allies which constitute the majority of the people, and to isolate, then eliminate, the minority, the opportunistic bourgeois class and its leaders. It will lead the armed struggle of the masses to smash by force the bourgeois class into an oppressed class—oppressed by the majority of the broad masses, in order to insure the victory of the social revolution. These tasks of communists must be completed simultaneously and in direct relationship to each other.

When there is no party of the proletariat to wield the weapons of the United Front and the armed struggle, the critical task of the 3 strategic tasks becomes the building of such a party and the movement to engage in the struggle against falsehood of all shades from within and without and to mobilize the most thorough-going and resolute fighters of the proletariat and able to lead the proletariat and its allies through the complex twists and turns of the revolution and to the final aim, the dictatorship of the proletariat."

How does terrorism relate to these tasks?

Terrorism tries to replace the revolutionary struggle of the masses with the acts of individuals; it negates the need for a Party and a United Front. It focuses on individual activities and diverts the attention of the working class from the struggle against the bourgeois class as a whole.

However, oppressed people were not fooled. Revolutionary China has been a constant inspiration for those struggling against exploitation and oppression of all forms. We have seen and learned from the unity of theory and practice in the Chinese revolution: from the revolutionary people's war which established the dictatorship of the proletariat in China; from the cultural revolution to consolidate and defend the socialist state and expose China's hidden capitalist-roadsiders; from the uncompromising battle against the modern revisionists; and from the upholding and practicing of true proletarian internationalism—giving consistent, no-strings-attached aid to the national liberation movements and developing countries.

The CPC itself explained that it was a proletarian foreign policy as a tool to reduce the power of the US and USSR and increase the power of the rest of the world's countries, to encourage small and medium-sized countries to take positive positions in their own interests, independent of the two superpowers, recognizing others as voices in support of the exploited peoples, and taking independent positions to struggle against the two superpowers. (See "Documents of the Tenth National Congress of the CPC")

THE END OF THE THIRD WORLD

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of old colonial empires; the decline of U.S. imperialism; the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and the social-imperialism of the USSR; and the creation of new alliances of relations among countries are reflected in the intense and victorious struggles being waged at the U.N.

THE UN SINCE WORLD WAR II

When the UN was formed in 1945, there were 51 members, with a built-in, pro-American majority. In the past, although the Third World countries constituted a majority of the world's population, most of these countries were deprived of their rights because they were controlled to varying degrees by imperialism. Some couldn't join the U.N., because they had not yet won their independence. Others who joined were deprived of their legitimate rights by the big imperialist powers, like the superpowers.

However, developments in the world since World War II have also been reflected in the U.N. Originally, the USSR, under Stalin's revolutionary leadership, fought for and won membership in the U.N. and a seat on the Security Council, with the veto power necessary to check the imperialists' tactics. Further it demanded and won a seat for each of the non-aligned countries. This was important because as its founding, the majority of the UN was composed of the imperialists. However, with the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union, the veto power and votes Stalin fought for so hard in defense of the exploited peoples, are today being used by the revisionists to obstruct the Third World's progress.

In the past few years, more and more Third World countries have gained independence; today the UN has 139 members, the majority of which are former colonies. In 1971, the General Assembly led by Albania, voted to admit the People's Republic of China as the only representative of the Chinese people. After 20 years of U.S. opposition,
The FRPMD holds that the main danger in the communist movement today is right opportunism. However, as Stalin points out:

"It should not be forgotten that Rightist "leftist" or "leftist" are actually twins, that Consequently both take an opportunist stand, the difference between them being that whereas the Rights do not always conceal their opportunism, the Lefts invariably camouflage their opposition to "revolutionary" phrases." (Stalin, "The Fight Against Right and Left Deviations", Vol. 8, Collected Works.)

With this in mind, we also refer to criticism of the Communist League and the so-called "Party" they have established (the CCW Party) in which a party which has been pulled together based on theory, theory, theory--in abstract which has no relationship to the mass struggles and composed of out-and-out opportunists!

KEY LINK TO PARTY BUILDING

We also spoke of what we feel in the key link to party building. We explained that the weaknesses of the communist movement stem from their theoretical basis in the worshipping of the spontaneous movements and forming the dialectic between objective and subjective factors, which has material basis in the isolation of the communist from the proletariat. If we are not based in the working class, we cannot build the Bolsheviki party of the working class, the advanced, organized detachment of the class.

The key link to party building is the building of factory nuclei. The factory nucleus is that basic unit which creates, in the real world, that inseparable link between the party and the proletariat. It is the nut of any communist organization. The factory nucleus is an illegal apparatus of the party, composed of communists in a particular workplace. Conduction of all phases of political and organizational work there, it is the factory nucleus which gives leadership to the struggles there. As an organizational unit of communists, it is the link between the communist movement and the workers' movement in the workplace.

The factory nucleus, while closed to the bourgeoisie, must always make itself known to the masses, bringing scientific socialist classes, conducting agitation and propaganda, and building class consciousness in the plant. One of its tasks (not the only task) is to work within rank and file workers' committees or to form such committees where this is necessary. It is primarily through this unit that we recruit workers into the party.

Historically, this work has been very weak in the advanced capitalist countries. The Comintern (Communist International) criticized the "CCW" and other groups very heavily for not developing the factory nuclei of style of work—which is reality means worker ties with the working class. As Stalin says, the party has to be tied to the class with all the fibers in its being. We hold that in order to build a genuine party that will truly represent the working class and oppressed masses, we must have a firm grasp of the importance of linking our roots deep into the class and the importance of the factory nuclei in accomplishing this goal.

After our presentation, the BVU tried to catch the point of building the factory nuclei. What they were talking about was having a factory nucleus in a workplace. But this is not the essence of the question—the revisionists and Trotskyites have cadre in workplaces, but they don't fulfill Marxist-Leninist responsibilities. Nuclei since their work is not just placing cadres in industry.

An Marxist-Leninists, we must first look at the line that is being put across and on what basis is one organizing. If you are not interjecting scientific socialism into that workplace, uniting and developing the class, building study groups and other organizational forms, and dealing not only with economic struggles, but also putting out a clear political analysis and line regarding our final goal—you are not doing the factory nuclei style of work.

CONCLUSION

We are sure that there are many other differences and questions that other organizations and individuals have regarding the presentations made at the forum and the questions and answers there followed. We are open to exchange our opinions and struggle to further draw lines of demarcation and unite with the mass and genuine Marxist-Leninists. At the same time, we commit ourselves, and urge all genuine communists to deepen our base within the working class; so that, in this way, our struggles and struggles will be one of both theoretical and practical experiences—coming from the application of Marxist-Leninist work in the real world, among the working class.

SMASH OPPORTUNISM TO BUILD A GENUINE BOLSHEVIK COMMUNIST PARTY.

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The policy of individual terrorism is based on the erroneous theory that active "heroes," individuals make history, while the working class and the masses as a whole are incapable of conscious action and can only be "excited" into action. Lacking faith in the mass of the people and the gains of history, terrorists reject the immediate task of training the masses in revolutionary activity by preventing the working class from taking the leading role in the revolution. They thereby, hold back the development of the revolutionary initiative and activity of the working class and its allies.

Terrorism holds that isolated attacks can terrify, disrupt and disorganize the bourgeoisie's state apparatus. But as a strategy of struggle, it is unable to succeed because it does not rely on the true bastion of iron—the masses, the real iron bastion which is in absolute opposition to any force on earth to smash. The terrorists quote Mao Tse Tung and say that "The cannon of the people grows out of the barrel of a gun," but they leave out those other lessons that are drawn in Mao's works, "Problems of War and Strategy".

"Experience in the class struggle in the era of imperialism teaches us that it is only by the power of the gun that the working class and the laboring masses can defeat the armed bourgeoisie and landlords; in this sense we may say that only with guns can the whole world be transformed." (Problems of War and Strategy)

Communists work to put fear into the hearts of the bourgeoisie—to weaken and finally destroy their evil dictatorship of the bourgeoisie—permanently; to seize state power and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. But for this, we don't need terrorism. Proletarian revolution is a war of the working class and its allies; it can only be won by mobilizing the revolutionary masses and relying on them.

"A well-disciplined party armed with the theory of Marxism-Leninism, using the method of self-criticism, and linked with the masses of the people; an army under the leadership of such a party; is united front of all revolutionary classes and all revolutionary groups under the leadership of such a Party—such a Party is the three main weapons with which we have defeated the enemy." ("On the Unity of the Democratic Dictatorship")

BUILD THE PARTY, UNITED FRONT, AND ARMED STRUGGLE!

LONG LIVE THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT!