

## ATM CONSOLIDATES RIGHT LINE

# RIGHT OPPORTUNISM IS THE MAIN DANGER!

In August 1976, we pointed out to ATM-ML that

"ATM-ML's line is a right line because it belittles the importance of building the party. Its implementation in practice will mean to make the mass struggle primary, to liquidate the building of a party and build the mass movement. The formulation itself is an economist formulation that sees the party as growing out of the mass movement, belittling in this way the subjective factor, the conscious Marxist-Leninists. If ATM-ML carries out its line fully it will fall into the "build the mass movement" right line on Party building."

In January, 1977, seeing that the process of degeneration developed at an alarming rate, we started an open polemic based on the principle of unity-struggle-unity. At that time, we considered this necessary in order to aid honest Marxist-Leninists within ATM to defeat the rightist, reformist line within their organization. At the outset of that polemic we pointed out:

"ATM objectively liquidates party building as the central task, political line as the key link, theory as primary over practice in this period, 'Marxist-Leninists unite and win the advanced to Communism' as our two principal tactical tasks (MLs unite is primary, LPR), propaganda as chief form of activity, right opportunism as the main danger, and the ideological and political struggle against opportunism."

RESISTANCE, vol 8 #1, p 1

This characterization of the line of ATM is correct. Today, the consolidation of this opportunist line within that organization is a fact.

During the process of degeneration, we considered correct the attempts to stop this process based on the honesty of a majority of its membership. We consistently pointed out: their empiricism, pragmatism, disdain for theory, continuous changes and mutations of line without any kind of serious self-criticism and repudiation, their narrow nationalism, their liquidation of the struggle against opportunism, etc.

The problem was much more than deviations, errors, lack of understanding of theoretical questions, poor cadre training, lack of organizational consolidation after their break with PRRWO-RWL-WVO, over-reac-

tion to their experience with the 'genuine wing'. It was a reformist and opportunist line, which under the cover of a struggle against "leftism", began to gain control within the organization. Thus today we do not speak of an "old" and a new ATM but of a development and consolidation of a right opportunist line in ATM that we have to expose, isolate and defeat.

For a long time, ATM tried to maintain its mask as a honest organization. In their relations with us for example, the leadership of ATM resorted to the bourgeois trick of making self-criticism in private with assurances that public self-criticism would follow. In this manner they repudiated their position of support for forced busing, community control of police, their two stage theory in regards to agitation and propaganda; their failure to polemicize with the opportunists of WVO and MLOC and their conciliation with their lines, the hegemonistic form in which they related to other Marxist-Leninist organizations and collectives, etc.

However, public repudiation of these positions was never done. Worse yet, the cadre and sympathizers of ATM - even members of their Central Committee in the South West, were not aware of these self-criticisms. Thus since October, ATM supposedly did not support community control of police, however, their cadre continued to support it. Since October, they have a "no-position" on busing, but members of their Central Committee continued to defend the same racist, counter-revolutionary position which ATM had taken publicly.

These events point out clearly the opportunism of the high leadership (from the centre) as well as the lack of democratic centralism in this organization. Following in the footsteps of their mentors from PRRWO, ATM's Centre functions similarly to the old secretariat of PRRWO. The lines comes from the "centre" and the cadre become aware of it, when they read it in the newspaper of other organizations.

In a forum held recently in Denver, Colorado, ATM's mask was completely removed. In their presentation as well as during the discussion in this forum, they put forth the following:

- (1) That political line is not the key link to Party building
- (2) That agitation is in the forefront

continues on page 2

... continued from the front page

# ATM...

(3) that practice is primary over theory in this period

(4) that all the tactical tasks which we communist have to perform along with Uniting Marxist-Leninists and winning the advanced to communism are all equally important without any one being primary over the others

(5) that they did not come to New York to speak about the Chicano National Question because no one over here gave a hoot about Chicanos

(6) That they have a "no position" on forced busing but that they consider it's neo-Trotskyite to oppose it

(7) that they still have no position on the question of community control of the police, since, when they repudiated this position they did so under the influence of the 'neo-trotskyites' from LPR

(8) that it is incorrect to view the first period or stage in the struggle for the party in the U.S. as characterized by eclecticism (In the majority of cases ATM stated that they had changed their position, however they did not state what their new positions were)

(9) that LPR is a "neo-Trotskyite organization".

The struggle against ATM's incorrect line will be widened and intensified in this period. We are conscious of the fact that within ATM, as well as among their contacts, there are many honest elements and revolutionaries who have been confused by ATM's demagoguery. Honest Marxist-Leninists in this country have the important task and responsibility of winning these honest forces from the rightist, line of ATM.

Below, we are printing some extracts from our presentation at the Denver, Colorado forum

\*\*\* \*\*

Comrades and friends:

We want to commend the Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (MLM) for their initiative in putting together this forum. Activities like this help to move forward the party building building motion in this country. Marxism-Leninism develops through struggle and principled ideological struggle among the Marxist-Leninists and advanced elements here present can only help build the unity among genuine forces, to clearly demarcate sham Marxism from genuine, to establish clearer and firmer lines of demarcation. Remember that, "Before we can unite, and in order that we may unite, we must first of all draw firm lines of demarcation" (Lenin, What is to be Done?)

However, not all of us agree that polemics among Marxist-Leninists--debates, forums, etc. are important. The comrades of ATM-ML for example disdain the importance of the ideological struggle; they see it as abstract, promoting only paper unity - something that remains in the "realm of ideas" and having no practical application in the real world. This view is incorrect. This view, in fact belittles the role of theory, contradicts Lenin's well known thesis that "without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement". It is Lenin, precisely, who, in his time, had to fight tooth and nail against those that accused him of being abstract, of giving more importance to the task of "revolutionizing" the dogma than to carrying out the work among the masses and who many times emphasized the importance of open polemics.

"Discussions (talks, debates, disputes) about parties and about common tactics are essential, without them the masses are disunited; without them common decisions are impossible and, therefore, unity of action is also impossible. Without them the Marxist organization of those workers 'who can get to the root of things' (advanced workers, ed. LPR) would disintegrate and the influence of the bourgeoisie on the unenlightened would thereby be facilitated." (The Struggle for Marxism, LCW, p. 346)

It is of utmost importance, that we understand the full meaning of these words. Lenin is saying that the discussions, debates, talks and disputes, which are the forms of ideological struggle among Marxist-Leninists, help to unite the working class. Also that it is impossible to have unity of action without having achieved unity on political line, and finally, that the ideological struggle among the different groups is essential to achieve such unity.

Comrades and friends, it is quite clear that to talk about unity of action, unity in practice, without referring to the question of how we are going to determine the character, the content, the direction of such practice, is to liquidate altogether the dialectical relation between theory and practice, to deny that in this period, we repeat, in this period, theory is primary over practice, and in fact it is to

... continued on page 5

continued from page 2

# ATM

deny political line as the key link to party building in the United States in 1977

This is precisely what the party building line of the ATM-ML is all about. By labelling as 'leftist' anything that relates to theory by dispensing all ideological struggle with a simple "this is abstract, it is in the realm of ideas", they have become an anti-theory trend in our movement. An anti-theory trend that carries a line of practice, practice, practice, that unless defeated will take these comrades to the marshes

\*\*\*\*\*

ATM-ML, as PRRWO before them, is liquidating both tactical tasks in practice. We believe that the comrades have consistently failed to try to unite Marxist-Leninists, and continuously justify this failure saying that they are involved in the mass struggle. We also believe that ATM-ML is failing in the task of winning the advanced to communism. With their line of "agitation in the forefront", with a newspaper that reads like a collection of agitational leaflets, with their consistent failure to raise party building, socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat in their mass work- even in their own newspaper, it is impossible to train, consolidate and win the advanced.

ATM-ML is objectively addressing themselves both in theory and in practice to the broad masses. Making this the principal task of the work in this period, is a serious right error.

Why is it that we have to concentrate on the advanced? Certainly not because we disdain the intermediate or the backward workers. It is because the advanced workers determine the character of the workers' movement. This means that the fastest and surest way to reach the backward workers, who in fact constitute the vast majority of the working class, is by winning over the advanced workers. It is these advanced workers that are won over and consolidated mainly by our propaganda work (such as newspapers, leaflets, study circles, meetings, oral one to one propaganda, etc.) and by the communist leadership and training provided in the heat of the class struggle. These advanced workers provide the bridge between the Marxist-Leninists and the broad masses. Comrade Lenin speaks on this question as follows:

Hence those who accuse the Russian Social Democrats of being narrow minded, of trying to ignore the mass of the labouring population for the sake of the factory workers are profoundly mistaken. On the contrary, agitation among the advanced sections of the proletariat is the surest and the only way to rouse (as the movement expands) the entire Russian proletariat. The dissemination of socialism and of the idea of the class struggle among the urban workers will inevitably cause these ideas to flow in the smaller and more scattered channels. This requires that these ideas take deeper root among the better prepared elements and spread throughout the vanguard of the Russian working class movement and of the Russian revolution.

Lenin, Collected Works, Vol 2, pg 331

## THE STRUGGLE FOR REFORMS

Another vital question is that of reforms. The attitude of communists toward the struggle for reforms is another line of demarcation between sham and genuine Marxist-Leninists. We recognize and uphold the importance of communist struggle for reforms despite the fact that they don't destroy the power of the ruling class. They can, however, prepare the way towards the seizure of power in the long run. It is key in this matter that we differentiate between reforms and reformists, because we communists can struggle for reforms but we do not support reformism, or reformers. As comrade Lenin said:

Unlike the anarchists, the Marxists recognize struggle for reforms, i.e. for measures that improve the conditions of the working people without destroying the power of the ruling class. At the same time, however, the Marxists wage a most resolute struggle against the reformists, who directly or indirectly restrict the aims and activities of the working class to the winning of reforms. Reformism is a bourgeois deception of the workers, who, despite individual improvement, will always remain wage slaves as long as there is the domination of capital.

The liberal bourgeoisie grant reforms with one hand and with the other always take them back, reduce them to naught, use them to enslave the workers, to divide them into separate groups and perpetuate wage slavery. For that reason reformism, even when quite sincere in practice becomes a weapon by means of which the bourgeoisie corrupt and weaken the workers. The experience of all countries shows that the workers who put their trust in the reformists are always fooled.

Marxism and Reformism, LCW, Vol 19, p 372

Further, we should add that there are reforms, and there are reforms. We fight for reforms that "improve the conditions of the working class", their capacity to struggle, their unity as a class. We oppose reforms that, rather than facilitate the independence, militancy and unity of the working class, further tie the working class to the bourgeoisie, divide the working class, divert their struggles from a revolutionary path, and have the working class rely on the bourgeois State for the instrumentation of the reform. In other words, we fight for genuine reforms and oppose sham reforms.

## Comrade Lenin put forward in A Letter to the Northern League, (LCW, Vol 6, p 167)

We neither can nor will help in every way to improve the conditions of the workers under the present circumstances. For instance we cannot help in the Zubatov fashion and even if Zubatov corruption is involved we shall not do that. We fight only for such improvement of the workers conditions as will raise their capacity to wage the class struggle, i.e., when the improvement of conditions is not bound up with corruption of political consciousness with police tutelage with being tied down to a given locality with subjugation to a benefactor with a lowering of human dignity etc etc. Precisely in Russia where the autocracy is so much inclined (and is becoming more and more inclined) to buy itself off from revolution with various hand outs and sham reforms it is our duty to draw a clear line of demarcation between ourselves and all sorts of reformers. We also fight for reforms but by no means in every way, we fight for reforms only in Social Democratic fashion only in a revolutionary way.

Coming from the understanding of the existence of genuine and sham reforms it is the task of communists to analyze every reform. In the particular, and, after determining the character of each reform, put forward their line on it. Obviously, we have to oppose all sham reforms and fight for the genuine ones. It goes without saying that as communists there is only one way that we can struggle for reforms, that is in a revolutionary way, in a communist way. LPR-ML supports struggles for bilingual and bicultural education, against forced sterilization of women for free day care, etc. and opposes sham reforms like forced busing, E.R.A. and all community control of the police.

The comrades of ATM-ML in this question start by denying the existence of genuine and sham reforms. For them reforms are reforms. Based on this, the content of a particular reform is not important. Thus, the only important thing is how you struggle for it. If you struggle as a reformist then the reform is no good. If you struggle as a revolutionary, we understand ATM-ML to mean by this if you struggle very militantly, then the reform is good. This is a blatant distortion of Marxism-Leninism on this question. The criteria for determining whether we support a particular reform cannot be how we are going to struggle for it. This is antialectical. It is putting things upside down. How are we going to determine the form and method of struggle that we are going to use in a particular struggle without first determining whether or not we should support or oppose that struggle? This line can only lead and is leading ATM-ML, to tail behind the masses to worship the spontaneity of the mass movement. Let's take a couple of examples of ATM-ML's line and practice in the struggle for reforms. In doing this we again call the comrades' attention to the fact that first you have to determine the character of the reform and then and only then, the more feasible form of revolutionary struggle around that reform.

## FORCED BUSING

ATM-ML puts forward that they support forced busing because according to them it helps the integration of the different nationalities. They also say that they support the busing of whites but don't support the busing of the national minorities.

This position is incorrect in many different ways. To start with, it is clear that when we talk about integration we have to do so from the standpoint of the proletariat and not from the standpoint of the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie sees integration as a violent process something that is forced upon people by the bourgeois state. The proletariat on the contrary sees integration only in a peaceful way. Lenin leaves no room for doubts:

The proletariat however far from undertaking to uphold the national development of every nation on the contrary warns the masses against such illusions stands for the fullest freedom of capitalist intercourse and welcomes every kind of assimilation of nations except that which is founded on force or privilege.

V I Lenin, Critical Remarks on the National Question, page

But ATM-ML tells us that we should support the "integration" that will be achieved thanks to the bayonets of the national guard.

In practice - and Boston is a good example - busing, instead of integrating the Afro-Americans and the white communities, has created more divisions among them, causing more racial tension, more national oppression. As communists we know that the integration of peoples of different nationalities is a good thing but we oppose any attempt to carry this out by means of force.

ATM-ML's position, however, is in this case worse than the positions of other organizations that support forced busing including the October League. ATM-ML put forward forced busing for whites but not for national minorities. This is sheer narrow nationalism. Another version of the ultra-right line of white skin privilege. How is it that if forced busing is something good, only whites should be forced to participate in it?

How can ATM-ML say that they stand for multinational unity and then propose that we should support the right of the bourgeois state to determine what school the sons and daughters of the white workers should attend? In fact, what ATM-ML is saying is that the white workers have the privilege of having better educational facilities and that the way to bring multinational unity is by the white losing this privilege.

Instead of fighting for better education for all children, instead of trying to give communist leadership to the struggle of the masses for real equality in education, struggles that put as demands an end to all budget cuts, rehiring of all laid-off personnel, establishment of bilingual and bicultural programs, tutoring programs, afterschool programs, adult education etc., ATM-ML helps pave the road towards fascism by legitimizing the use of the repressive apparatus of the State to implement forced busing.

We have struggled over this question with the comrades many times. We have let them know that in our view their positions on forced busing besides being based on sheer narrow nationalism is objectively class collaboration. After a lot of struggle over this question on October 9, 1976, ATM-ML put forward in a letter to us:

"We seriously considered your criticism of our position on busing Anglo students. We really couldn't defend our position. Nowhere have we implemented our line in practice. Therefore, we intend to thoroughly investigate the question over the next few months. In the meantime ATM has 'no position on busing'."

It is precisely things like the one we just read to you that led us to believe that as long as we were capable of proving that the comrades of ATM-ML were wrong, they would move to repudiate their incorrect positions. In the particular case of busing the struggle among both organizations on the question stopped and we were preparing for a statement of unity and differences between ATM-ML and LPR-ML that was to be made in November to further clarify the position of both organization on this and many other burning questions. November came and went and the statement was postponed to January upon ATM-ML request. A new postponement occurred in January again upon the request of the comrades. Since the situation was moving from bad to worse, we moved to establish an open polemic with the comrades in January. Now we find out from a representative of ATM-ML that they never changed their position on forced busing. That all along, they have had the same position despite what the letter said. We expect that the comrades of ATM-ML here will be able to explain this conduct as well as defend their line on forced busing.

## COMMUNITY CONTROL

ATM-ML has put forth that it is possible to achieve community control under capitalism. We strongly disagree with that position. Community control is a false issue, a sham reform. The bourgeoisie spreads the illusion that it is possible for a community-elected board to control the schools, or the hospitals, etc. as a way of diverting the revolutionary struggles in those areas into a reformist path.

ATM-ML is not only saying that community control is achievable but the community should try to control even the police under capitalism. This is reformism all along the line. ATM-ML distorts the role of the State as an organ of oppression of one class over another class by putting forth that it is possible that the police, an essential part of the repressive military machine of the State, can be controlled by the community. This conception views the State apparatus, at least its police, as a neutral body in the class struggle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

But ATM-ML goes even further in their reformism. They put forward that the police should live in the working class and national minority communities. According to them the police will think twice before attacking somebody in the community for fear of reprisal. What ATM-ML doesn't speak to is the fact that what they are calling for is objectively class collaboration with this line on the possibility of control of the police, of making it neutral, etc. This line in fact was put forward by organizations like the Black Panthers and the Black Muslims who fought, in a very militant way, for the demand "Black cops in the Black ghetto!".

In Harlem, an Afro-American community in New York, the great majority of the police are Blacks and despite this, there is no other community in the city that has a greater incidence of police brutality than this area. In Puerto Rico, all the police are Puerto Ricans and that has not changed the repressive apparatus. We should remember Lenin asked not for changing the nationality of the police, the army, etc., but asked for the struggle to smash the state apparatus.

# ATM

In their obsession over community control ATM-ML has also called for "community review boards" to deal with the question of police repression. This boils to the same thing: seeing the State as a neutral body.

We also struggled with the comrades on this question back in August. On this question, they also made self-criticism and said that they had changed their line. They told us that in October 1976, but in February 1977 in a conference against police repression held in Pueblo, a cadre from ATM-ML put forth the same demand again, under the guise that ATM-ML has no position on the question and therefore their cadres can put forth whatever line they prefer. Is this what ATM-ML calls communist leadership? Is this the type of democratic centralism in ATM-ML? Is this the understanding of ATM-ML on self-criticism and repudiation, on being open and aboveboard? We expect to get some answers to these questions in the discussion.

### CONCLUSION

We have consistently put forward, that we consider incorrect the proposition that the party in this country will be built on the basis of one particular organization. This is so because there does not exist in the U.S. Communist movement a leading theoretical, political and organizational center around which to build the party nor can any of the existing organizations by itself become this leading center. The road towards the party in the U.S. is the road of principled unity among genuine Marxist-Leninist organizations, collectives and individuals in a joint party effort. The development of this center must take place if we are to move forward on the road to party building. Call it a party building commission, organizing committee, Iskra effort, unity trend or whatever. It is not the name but the content that is important. We do not need petty bourgeois intellectuals like WVO who scream "the party is a settled question", we have the correct line--slaughter your circle and collectives and become part of WVO!?? We do not need party building proposals a la MLOC, which invites all who care to answer its invitation and promises to keep all discussion in the strictest of confidence, to do practical and theoretical work and even write a program. What we most definitely need is a joint effort to develop a party building plan. The question here is not the organization proclaims itself to be the vanguard. But that the developing Marxist-Leninist trend unite on political line and prove its capacity to lead the struggle for the party. As Lenin said:

For not enough to call ourselves the vanguard the advanced detachment we must be one we must act in such a way that all the other detachments will see us and be obliged to admit that we are marching in the vanguard. And we ask the reader to be representatives of the other detachments such fools, to be on guard for it when we say that we are the vanguard.

Lenin, What is to be Done?, Peking, p. 103

The other detachments are not stupid. Just because somebody says that they are the party (as RCP or CLP), or that the first congress is around the corner (as the OL or the Neo-Trotskyite Wing) or that the party is a settled question" (like WVO), these detachments are not going to cross their hands and stop struggling for the cause that these sham forces have double-crossed so many times. As genuine Marxist-Leninists and advanced forces, we share this responsibility. We have to stop waiting for messiahs that will come and build the party for us. The struggle for the party is not based on who has more money, etc., but it is based on who has the correct line, who correctly links revolutionary theory with revolutionary practice. It is time for all of us--small organizations, collectives, and individuals Marxist-Leninists to come forward and fight for the leadership in the U.S. Communist movement. As comrade Chou En-lai said:

'Chairman Mao teaches us that the correctness or incorrectness of the ideological and political line decides everything'. If one's line is incorrect, one's downfall is inevitable, even with the control of the central, local and army leadership. If one's line is correct, even if one has not a single soldier at first, there will be soldiers, and even if there is no political power, political power will be gained.'

Tenth Party Congress of the CPC

In the January Issue of our paper, we put forward that

The Marxist-Leninist trend in the United States is composed of a few organizations, collectives and individual Marxist-Leninists around the country. The trend does not have organic connections among all its

components. Some of the collectives just print internal documents, local leaflets, carry on propaganda and agitation in their areas, conduct study circles, work in the various national movement, etc. In the last 6 months we have come in contact with a great number of such collectives. Those comrades are developing by themselves, connected to the communist movement only through the different newspapers and by the liaison established through travelling around the country. We have to facilitate growing relations among the collectives, we have to help them solve the ideological, political and organizational problems they share with us. We cannot expect this trend to develop spontaneously. We have to consolidate the trend on the basis of unity on political line.

Resistance vol.8 #2

The most fundamental question on which we have to achieve unity on line in order to be able to move forward is precisely on the question of how to build the party.

### AVAILABLE

Complete presentations by LPR (ML), ATM (ML) and others at

FORUM ON PARTY BUILDING  
in Denver Colorado March, 1977

Order from Boxholder \$ 1 50  
P O Box 11084  
Denver, Colorado 80211

A component part of the struggle for the party, for proletarian revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism is the struggle against opportunism. Today we fulfill part of our responsibility by exposing the right opportunist line of ATM-ML.

It is true that birds of a feather flock together. ATM-ML flocks together with PRRWO-RWL and WVO in the sham party building commission that created the "genuine wing". Today, ATM-ML is going back

directly to the same swam of its former bedfellows. Despite the fact that in form ATM and WVO are right opportunists and PRRWO-RWL "left" opportunists, the similarities in their class stand, method and viewpoint are inescapable.

In our struggle against PRRWO-RWL, the favorite argument of the wing was how small we were. They claim that a small organization, a "sect" cannot have the correct line. That the correct line belongs to the "big organizations". We had the opportunity to participate in the funeral of the "wing". Today, they are definitely smaller than we ever were and we are growing strong. Today, ATM-ML is using the same bourgeois logic, trying to determine the correctness of the line based on numbers. They are doomed to failure. We will help them to go straight to the place that corresponds to them.

### As Lenin says

We are marching in a compact group along a precipitous and difficult path, firmly holding each other by the hand. We are surrounded on all sides by enemies and we have to advance under their almost constant fire. We have combined voluntarily precisely for the purpose of fighting the enemy and not to retreat into the adjacent marsh, the inhabitants of which from the very outset have reproached us with having separated ourselves into an exclusive group and with having chosen the path of struggle instead of the path of conciliation. And now several among us begin to cry out: let us go into this marsh! And when we begin to shame them they retort: how conservative you are! Are you not ashamed to deny us the liberty to invite you to take a better road! Oh yes gentlemen! You are free not only to invite us, but to go yourselves wherever you will, even into the marsh. In fact we think that the marsh is your proper place and we are prepared to render you every assistance to get there. Only let go of our hands, don't clutch at us and don't besmirch the grand word "freedom" for we too are "free" to go where we please, free to fight not only against the marsh but also against those who are turning towards the marsh!

Lenin, What is to be done?, p. 10



Message of solidarity with the 5th Regional Congress of E S U N A from L P R (M-L)

# LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLES!

Comrades and friends March 18, 1977 Boston, Mass

On the occasion of the 5th Eastern Regional Congress of the ESUNA, the League for Proletarian Revolution (Marxist-Leninist) warmly salutes this celebration of the fifth anniversary of the birth of the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Party. We consider this a date of great significance for the world's proletariat and for all oppressed peoples, as the EPRP constitutes a further strengthening of the forces favorable to the people and the revolution, and against imperialism. The EPRP is, in fact, dealing telling blows against the CIA armed fascist military Junta of Ethiopia, and against U.S. imperialism. We wholeheartedly support the EPRP's revolutionary struggle waged against the Junta's and its lackeys' plans to smash the revolutionary struggle of the Ethiopian masses and the Ethiopian revolution.

We also warmly salute the third anniversary of the Ethiopian Women's Day and wholeheartedly support the struggles being waged by the revolutionary women of Ethiopia, who have rightfully taken their position, side by side men, as dedicated soldiers of the revolution and servants of the masses, in particular the courageous women of the now-banned Ethiopian Women's Coordinating Committee held in the prisons and torture chambers of the Junta. We hail the new women fighters who have taken up their banners and continued the struggle against imperialism, feudalism, neo-colonialism and hegemonism. Lenin's words are truly wise: "It has been observed in the experience of all liberation movements that the success of a revolution depends on the extent to which women take part in it."

While the Ethiopian peoples are waging revolutionary struggles against U.S. imperialism, the Soviet social imperialism is also attempting to meddle and gain a foothold through its lackeys in the Junta - the revisionist Haile Fida renegade clique, who are sharing power in the Junta with the most reactionary elements in Ethiopia. But the people have seen through the "left" sounding phrases but fascist deeds of these scoundrels and are bravely beating them back. The women of the EWCC heroically repelled their attempts to convert their organization into an appendage of the Junta and provided a noble example for the people.

For Soviet social imperialism, Ethiopia is a juicy morsel to contend for with U.S. imperialism. The increased contention of the two superpowers throughout the world is increasing the danger of war and we must heighten our vigilance and get prepared. The best way to prepare and fight against these war

preparations is to further consolidate our forces and to wage revolution, opposing the two superpowers' drive for hegemony over the world -- and certainly not by preaching "detente" as the revisionists do, in an attempt to put out the flames of revolution in the name of "world peace."

We must repel this dangerous tiger - the Soviet social imperialists - trying to sneak in the back door. Their intervention in Angola backed by Cuban mercenary troops, and their temporary success there, is a self-exposure and will certainly backfire. And the recent visit by Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro to Ethiopia, is an attempt to smooth the way in for the upcoming visit this month of Soviet President Nicolai Podgorny to Ethiopia, which further exposes their imperialist maneuvers and the use of their puppets in the third world in order to meddle in other countries' affairs. These puppets, like the revisionist mouthpieces of Soviet social imperialism all around the world, and like the CPUSA here, are enemies of the people and we must resolutely expose their betrayal of the interests of the proletariat and the revolution. We Marxist-Leninists in the U.S. must build, guided by the science of Marxism-Leninism Mao Tse-tung Thought, the true multinational communist party that is to lead the U.S. proletariat to socialist revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the building of socialism. This is the most concrete form of support that we can give at this moment to the struggles for national liberation and socialist revolution the world over. This is our highest internationalist duty - to which we are committed.

The fascist military Junta will not be successful in its last ditch attempts at mass murders and mass repression to stop the revolutionary storm of the Ethiopian masses. The Ethiopian people will be successful by continuing in the road of the New Democratic Revolution. And the national liberation struggles the world over will continue to surge forward, weakening imperialism, and especially the two superpowers, causing them set back after set back, proving the correctness of the irresistible historical trend: "Countries want independence, nations want liberation, and people want revolution!"

LONG LIVE THE INVINCIBLE WEAPON OF MARXISM-LENINISM MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

LET US BUILD EVER STRONGER AND BROADER, THE WORLD WIDE UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE TWO SUPERPOWERS!