Monstrous, but not strange ......

Condemn Vietnam’s Despicable Crimes!

Throughout the ‘sixties and early ‘seventies, support for the Southeast Asian peoples’ national liberation struggles was considered a touchstone for revolutionaries and progressive people in all lands. By carrying on protracted armed struggles to defeat armed-to-the-teeth U.S. imperialism, the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, and Kampuchea (Cambodia) set an heroic example of revolutionary struggles that was universally admired.

Since liberation in 1975, the people of Democratic Kampuchea have been making great advances in rebuilding their country under the leadership of their Communist Party. In their international relations, the Kampucheans have followed a policy based on proletarian internationalism, peaceful co-existence, and a genuine desire for the unity of all countries in opposition to the hegemonism and war-mongering of the two superpowers. This, too, has set a very positive example for the countries and people of the world.

In recent months, however, the Vietnamese authorities have been setting quite another kind of example, and it’s not a good one. They’ve been carrying out a war of aggression against the Kampucheans and people of other countries.

In November 3, Vietnam signed a treaty of “friendship and cooperation” with the Soviet social-imperialists, which in reality is nothing more than a military pact which opens the door for increased Soviet military intervention in Southeast Asia. The pact will undoubtedly embolden Vietnam in its aggressive acts as well.

Finally, at the beginning of December, the Vietnamese began openly calling for the overthrow of the government of Democratic Kampuchea. To serve this counter-revolutionary aim, they created a bogus “United Front for National Salvation” which is designed to provide a “Kampucheans” cover for their own annexationist ambitions.

These despicable actions by the Vietnamese authorities cannot be ignored. Having sold themselves body and soul to the New Tsars, they are carrying out a program of regional hegemonism in Southeast Asia which directly serves the global hegemonist aims of the more aggressive Soviet superpower. This can only strengthen the Soviet’s war preparations and hasten the outbreak of a new world war. It is a monstrous betrayal of the Vietnamese revolution and a scurrilous attack on the peoples of Kampuchea, China, and the whole world.

Monstrous as they are, the Vietnamese authorities’ crimes are not strange. Some time ago, the Vietnamese revolutionaries slackened their vigilance against the Right opportunists’ danger of modern revisionism. They took a centrist position on the great polemic in the international communist movement of the ‘sixties, attempting to reconcile Marxism-Leninism with the real world outlook. It makes New York City become the center of the universe and has us dreaming that by

Continued on page 7

Rectify Our Style of Work!

Combat Amateurishness!

Amateurishness is definitely another of the big evils we have to fight and defeat. By amateurishness we mean both the narrowness in scope of our revolutionary work and the lack of training, of ability to carry out the revolutionary work. As with all problems discussed up to now, this is not a problem particularly exclusive to our organization, but one that affects the entire movement. Thus, while focusing on the particular manifestations of the problem within the LPR(ML), as we have done in this report and throughout the rectification campaign, we expect that the necessary connections with the problems and reality of other organizations will be made.

NARROWNESS IN OUR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY

Our revolutionary activity is narrow on many counts. First, it is narrow because almost all of it is concentrated in New York. This super-localism greatly affects our world outlook. It makes New York City become the center of the universe and has us dreaming that by carrying out some local struggles, we are really inflicting deadly blows at the U.S. bourgeoisie.

Definitely it is not a matter of local struggles not being important. In fact, they are crucial. But the problem is that our involvement in these local struggles is disconnected from the movement of other revolutionaries in other local struggles around the country. Further, they are not connected to any national effort to rally the masses of the multinational proletariat and its allies to the revolutionary struggle.

Continued on page 8

M A S S E S  i n  T u p e l o  D e m a n d

LAND, JOBS, EQUALITY and JUSTICE! DEATH to the KLAN!

Tupelo, Mississippi. The flames of revolutionary struggle are raging again in the Afroamerican nation! And the spark hit in Tupelo is spreading like a prairie fire.

Last November 25th several thousand people from all parts of the country poured into this Black Belt South city, to participate in a march sponsored by the United League of Mississippi. LPR(ML) supports the struggle being waged in Tupelo. We participated in the November 25th march along with many other poor people of Democratic Kampuchea.

Fourth on page 5


See Page 5
Rectification Campaign

Continued from front page

struggle against the bourgeois. There are some links between the different struggles and the different revolutionary organizations, and in different ways we comprise the U.S. anti-revisionist communist movement is another manifestation of our revolutionary activity.

The examples in this respect are many. We have historically carried out a lot of work in support of different national liberation struggles but it is not till very recently that real efforts have been made to coordinate that work with revolutionary activities in other areas of the country. We have to do this in all areas of our work. For example, we have fought for affirmative action programs in some campuses and workplaces, but that work has not been connected to any of the many committees, organizations, and coalitions throughout the U.S. who have taken up the struggle for affirmative action. Take also for example the work we carry out in the United Auto Workers local in plant X. Efforts must be made to connect our work with what is going on in the country within the UAW. Up to now, we have carried out this work narrowly and the same holds true for many other organizations who also work within this or that local of this or any other trade union.

Still another example is the work we carry out in our mass campaigns. Maybe our organization can rally 50 people to demonstrate for this or that cause. Another organization can rally 500. And a third one, 120. And so on and so forth. But although all these people are maybe demonstrating for the same reason, there is no connection at all between one demonstration and the other. Therefore, the effectiveness of the demonstrations is immensely weakened, as opposed to a situation in which the same amount of people were to demonstrate in different parts of the country under a common program, slogans, demands, etc.

Another manifestation of narrowness can be seen in the propaganda we put out. Propaganda is our main form of activity, and this is definitely correct. But not so when it’s about our mass campaigns. Maybe our organization can rally 50 people to demonstrate for this or that cause. Another organization can rally 500. And a third one, 120. And so on and so forth. But although all these people are maybe demonstrating for the same reason, there is no connection at all between one demonstration and the other. Therefore, the effectiveness of the demonstrations is immensely weakened, as opposed to a situation in which the same amount of people were to demonstrate in different parts of the country under a common program, slogans, demands, etc.

Another manifestation of narrowness can be seen in the propaganda we put out. Propaganda is our main form of activity, and this is definitely correct. But not so when it’s about our mass campaigns. Maybe our organization can rally 50 people to demonstrate for this or that cause. Another organization can rally 500. And a third one, 120. And so on and so forth. But although all these people are maybe demonstrating for the same reason, there is no connection at all between one demonstration and the other. Therefore, the effectiveness of the demonstrations is immensely weakened, as opposed to a situation in which the same amount of people were to demonstrate in different parts of the country under a common program, slogans, demands, etc.

Not being able to organize the people to take up the struggle under our leadership. We must therefore be more attempt to broaden our revolutionary activity in those cases in which it is reduced to a few propaganda pieces.

To make things worse in this respect, the propaganda we do put out is itself also very narrow. There are many crucial issues facing the U.S. proletariat revolution that we have not addressed at all or addressed very superficially. The present economic crisis, the danger of war, the danger of fascism, the national question in the U.S., etc., are some of the most outstanding cases. Our newspaper itself, which consists only of eight pages, and sometimes even not even come out every month, is not the collective organizer, collective propagandist that we need in order to carry out broad revolutionary work. And we must make it so.

All of these and other manifestations of narrowness create the basis for the development and fostering of a strong narrow circle spirit on our part. We have behaved like the ostrich who keeps protected with its head in the ground. Our concern has been those particular places and issues in which we have done work. Whether or not those places or issues are the most important ones has not been the primary consideration. Instead of trying to reach out to the rest of the movement, and joining efforts in struggles with national perspective, like Black Power in the Wilmington 10, the miner’s strike, etc., we have given priority to work in various local struggles. Throughout all of these processes, as it has not been very little national implications. Thus in no way, comrades, should be assumed to be proper means should only participate in struggles that are “big” and that are being carried out nation wide, but that in fact we have to give priority to such struggles over the completely local issues that we have mainly focused on up to now.

Our lack of training

The narrowness in the scope of our revolutionary activity also results in the narrowness of our revolutionary ability to carry out the practical side of the revolutionary struggle. Many times we have not known how to do it. We have carried out such tasks as organizing a big, stumbling block in front of us. Communists must be independent leaders of our class. We have to be able to fight, to know how to do things, to know how to use contradictions in the camp of the enemy, to solve contradictions among the people, how to com-

National chauvinism and male chauvinism, how to fight for genuine reforms; how to fight for socialism, how to win over advanced workers to communism, how to go about unifying Marxist-Leninists, and a thousand and more things. And the fact of the matter is, comrades, that proper training is not possible based on the narrow scope of our revolutionary activity. Thus, in order to solve our lack of training, we have to eliminate our narrowness.

The dialectics of narrow scope of activity and lack of training

Narrowness in our revolutionary activity and lack of training are definitely dialectically related. The narrower our activity, the more limited our training will be (remember we are using the concept of training in relation to the ability to carry out a particular task) This is so because we cannot train anybody in the abstract. We cannot, for example, teach somebody how to win over middle forces in a particular struggle without participating in that struggle. It is in the process of participation that we can train people. Obviously, after we are properly trained in the course of the struggle we will be able to carry out the work in other circumstances without needing somebody to tell us how to go about things in every particular struggle.

The important point we want to get across to you is that we cannot learn how to do things by merely relying on the study of books or in the teachings of the already trained people. Again, we alert you not to take this to mean that we are to be locked into the narrowness of our revolutionary activity. Thus, in order to solve our lack of training, we must make it so!

The problem of training is, comrades, that proper training is not possible based on the narrow scope of our revolutionary activity. And we can, and will, prepare ourselves, cadres and contacts, to better carry out our communist work everywhere.

But to make this battle a real war against amateurism, we have to, more than ever, concentrate on our central task of party building. If in something like the U.S. anti-revisionist communist movement has won the “Oscar” for amateurism, it is definitely in our party building efforts. All our talk about party building has not, as of yet, provided our movement with direction on how to go about building our party. Developing a plan to do so, and unifying genuine Marxist-Leninists around it, is definitely a big step that we must take if we are to be successful in our fight against all the evils in our way of thinking and style of work.

Down with amateurism and narrow circle spirit! Rectify our way of thinking and our style of work! Place all our work in the context of party building!

To put it briefly and concisely: To the question of how do we go about training? Our answer is, first and foremost let’s broaden the scope of our activity. Consciously and systematically study the science and have the most developed and experienced cadre train the less advanced and inexperienced ones, in the actual course of the struggle.

To combat amateurism is to fight for the party! It is clear that as long as we continue without a genuine Marxist-Leninist party in the U.S., the problem of amateurism will not be completely solved. This means that the efforts that we are to unfold in the fight against amateurism would definitely curb that problem to a great degree in our organization. We definitely can and will broaden the scope of our activity. And we can, and will, prepare ourselves, cadres and contacts, to better carry out our communist work everywhere.

SUBSCRIBE TO RESISTANCE BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY PRESS! POLITICAL ORGAN OF LEAGUE FOR PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION-MARXIST-LENINIST

I would like to become a subscriber

I would like to become a distributor

I would like to become a sustainer

I will contribute $- monthly, bi-weekly

I will contribute $- annually

I will type

I will translate

I will do graphics

I would like to be a workers correspondent

RESISTANCE BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY PRESS!

THE MARXISTS-LENINISTS, UNITE! TO W IN THE ADVANCED TO COMMUNISM!

Name

Address

City State Zip

English Spanish

12 issues - $5.00

New York, N.Y. 10015

PO Box 513 Thirano Station

LPR-ML

Spanish