

2nd Congress Drives CPML to Frenzy

We seem to have lanced a boil on the CP(ML)'s posterior with our April-May edition of *REVOLUTION*—particularly with the report on the victorious Second Party Congress and the first installment of our important series “Mao Tsetung’s Immortal Contributions.”

In its article “Future is gloomy for RCP’s gang of China-haters,” (*THE CALL*, May 22) the CP(ML) displays once again its total inability to understand or believe that class struggle exists in the real world, that it takes place sharply within all genuine communist parties, and that this is a good thing, not a bad thing. Indeed, the absence (or suppression) of any real two-line struggle within the CP(ML)—and the ~~OL~~ before it—is, as we have said before, a clear indication that Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung Thought has never made any serious inroads into that organization.

Their May 22 article is a graphic example of the CP(ML)'s consistent refusal and, indeed, inability to deal with substantive questions, and their necessity instead to resort to worn-out lies and opportunist slander, which has been their hallmark from their inception. They have repeated such lies so often that apparently they have come to believe them. (See, for example, their fictitious account of our article on the Moro kidnapping for a characteristic example of the high level of CP(ML) criticism.)

The whole tone of this most recent attack on the RCP is one of hysterical dismay. They say “Avakian Holds 2nd Congress.” And they repeatedly use quotation marks when referring to the Second Congress and to the fact that, having thoroughly repudiated and defeated the Jarvis-Bergman Menshevik clique, the Second Central Committee unanimously re-elected Comrade Avakian

Chairman: Obviously the “CP(ML)” has been seriously shaken up by the fact that none of its many “predictions” of our “demise” has come true, and that our Party has indeed become stronger in the course of struggle for the correct line. The “CP(ML)” thinks that the only way to build a “Marxist-Leninist” “party” is to throw principle out the window and “unite all who can be united” by promoting careerism, parcelling out “shares” and pandering to every backward tendency; they just don’t believe that a revolutionary Party can be built on the basis of principle and principled struggle, and they can’t understand that our Party is built exactly on this basis. Their May 22 article is reminiscent of the pimp who is shocked to find that all women are not whores.

The frenzied state to which the CP(ML) has been reduced by its irritation over the April-May *REVOLUTION* can be seen from its hysterical language in describing the RCP: “movement dregs,” “misfits, goons and careerists,” etc. This unprecedented display of invective and vituperation reminds one of the way Engels once characterized the words of an equally worthy group of polemicists: “Each word is like a chamber-pot, and not an empty one at that.”

Come now, lofty critics. It was only yesterday that you were calling out to all “honest” revolutionaries within our ranks to join in your “unity” efforts. Now we are “misfits” and “goons”?

Pull yourselves together. Don’t lose your cool. Try to maintain a certain measure of decorum and self-control. Otherwise, people might think you have fallen off the deep end. Get serious. The very future of your opportunism is at stake!