Support the Rebels in Poland
Forward with the World Revolution

The following is the text of a leaflet by the RCP, USA distributed in the wake of the declaration of martial law in Poland.

Martial law has been declared by the revisionist rulers of Poland, with the full backing and support of the Soviet Union. This self-proclaimed "natural ally of the oppressed" has once again sponsored an attempt to brutally suppress them. As in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, Kampuchea — these Soviet exploiters of just rebellion against U.S.-style imperialism have again openly backed their imperialist nature. And now the U.S.—that sponsor of mass murder and oppression from Chile to Vietnam to El Salvador—is itself donning the costume of "natural ally" of the oppressed Polish workers. In combination, this double imperialist spectacle is disgusting. In Paris, is a gigantic demonstration of support for the Polish people, a sizeable section of the crowd chanted "From Chile to Warsaw—Sister Struggle.

In Poland itself, in the face of the arrests of thousands of Solidarity leaders and the threat of jail terms—even death—for striking, the workers have already mounted significant resistance and more is stirring. These are crucial days in Poland, and events there are connected by a thousand threads to the profoundly important and rapidly developing processes throughout the whole world. The ever-sharpening drive toward world war between the blocs of imperialism—in the West, led by the U.S.; in the East, by the Soviet Union—has provided the stage on which events in Poland are set.

Revisionism

The true features of the brand of communism now in power in the Soviet Union and throughout the states allied with it, notably in Eastern Europe and in particular Poland, have been mercilessly revealed: this is revisionism, cosmopolitanism with a socialist signboard, which enslave the workers and oppressed people. It is social-imperialism—socialism in words, imperialism in deeds—and, like its Western counterpart, it faces today an immense economic and political crisis throughout its bloc and around the world.

Poland is a key link in the Warsaw Pact. It possesses the biggest army outside of Russia and is a developed capitalist country in its own right with an economy completely intertwined with the Eastern bloc. Poland's technical base has been consciously geared up for war by the revisionists. It is these imperialist relations which lie behind the Soviets' "fraternal socialist relations" with Poland, relations set increasingly on a war footing.

U.S. Rulers — No Right to Speak

On every level, the West also has its clutches deep into Poland. For some time, the U.S. in particular has consciously required a statement driving wedges into the Soviet and gaining the US. the chance to strike when the time is right to pull even entire states away from the Soviets. As the openly discussed and brazenly defended, especially in the context of world war.

Poland has accumulated a massive debt to the West, exceeding $28 billion. The red bourgeoisie of the Eastern bloc have invited the red, white and blue bourgeoisie to share their heart. Coupled with the economic crisis in Western Europe, Poland has played an important part in Poland's particular economic problems. Politically, the West has been every effort to plant the flag of "freedom"—that is, of Western-style imperialist democracy instead of Soviet-style revolution.

The concern voiced by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig that the "political experiment in Poland must continue" is indeed touching. It is also thoroughly transparent. After all, there was another "political experiment" a few years ago in Chile. In that situation, the U.S. didn't shed tears, but blood.

At the same time, the U.S. posture has been double edged in recent days. It has commenced an important element of approval of the martial law. This double edged nature of U.S. policy is due to complex imperialist interests. On one hand, the U.S. does want to prevent the workers' struggle getting out of hand; on the other, they have openly worried that the Soviets will get away with suppressing it without paying enough of an international political price. In their cause, the U.S. has been aided immensurably by the Catholic Church, with the Pope and the Cardinal of Poland appealing to the people not to "start a civil war," to "avoid bloodshed" and to obey the military.

Chorus of Oinks from Revisionist World Mudhole

The declaration of martial law in Poland has torn still more of the tattered mask off of Soviet-style revisionism. Since it is still the case that this form of imperialism exerts quite an influence on people internationally, on the revolutionary-minded, and even on people who are themselves in the middle of revolutions, it is hoped that the situation in Poland will serve as an awakening to the real role of revisionism in the world today, and one which underlie revisionist policy in different countries and to the true interests of parties and governments which advocate these policies. In a few short days, we have not been able to obtain a complete collection of statements and actions of revisionist states and parties outside the Soviet Union; but, some of this material is available now and in a world where the degree of martial law in Poland has played to overwhelming size reviews among the politicians of new Thronstein.

This was most immediately evident in official statements from the "People's Democracies" of Eastern Europe. It should be noted, incidentally, that rarely is an event as significant as this pursued by the Soviets without discussion among the allies. The East German party, for example, is said to have played a forceful role in the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. These countries form a real war bloc, and though they are far from immune to bourgeois national disputes, on major issues what is apparent is cooperation, not clash.

Via a Prag radio broadcast early in the week, the Czechoslovak leader canvassing for the following ringing endorsement: "Each of our citizens is aware of the far-reaching importance for our security of the alliance with Poland in the framework of the Warsaw Treaty. And there is no doubt that such an alliance is beneficial to the Polish people as we are free from the offensive system of the socialist community which would disrupt the military strategy of Europe and that this could prove conclusive in the present extremely sharp situation... In these circumstances, the report on the proclamation of the state of emergency in Poland, despite the dramatic consequences of this fact itself, has a calming effect. This resolute approach of the Polish leadership is the only possible solution..."

So, according to these revisionist politicians, martial law in Poland is a measure for world peace! What is revealed here is unwavering support for any and all measures taken to tighten the Eastern Bloc. The revisionists call this "fraternal socialist relations," though in Czechoslovakia, especially, is might be a little hard to swallow. The German Democratic Republic harped on a similar theme: "In accordance with the conclusion, the necessary measures have been taken in the People's Republic of Poland, to re-establish and consolidate law and order and to secure socialism. They reflect the determination of the communists and all true patriots of the People's Republic of Poland to defend their socialist fatherland and政党 against internal and external counterrevolution, and lead it out of the crisis..." They want to "consolidate law and order" and "all true, patriots" are determined to... Continued on page 19

Continued on page 18
Support the Rebels in Poland
Forward with the World Revolution

Continued from page 3

Poland (or any other country) can't be isolated from the rest of the world, and revolutionaries have to proceed first by understanding the overall international situation and viewing things on a world plane. This stresses the importance of sharpening international developments. Poland shows how events in one country are bound up with the world situation, with the intensifying contradictions and struggle in the world, especially the increasing rivalry between the two imperialist blocs. This emphasizes the importance of real internationalism, not just as a fine idea but concretely as the line guiding the actions of the masses of the people and the struggle of the proletarians in all countries.

Poland is a concentration point, a potential weak link in the chain of imperialism which a proletarian revolution might break. But the revolutionary forces are lagging behind. This shows the importance for people who are rebelling there—and those who support their rebellion—of grasping the centrality of the question of state power and the need for a Marxist-Leninist line.

As Lenin powerfully expressed it: "There is one, and only one, kind of revolution which a proletarian revolution might break. But the revolutionary forces are lagging behind. This shows the importance for people who are rebelling there—and those who support their rebellion—of grasping the centrality of the question of state power and the need for a Marxist-Leninist line.

As Lenin powerfully expressed it: "There is one, and only one, kind of revolutionary, and that is—working wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in one's own country, and supporting (by propaganda, sympathy, and material aid) this struggle, this, and only this, line, in every country without exception."

The present heroic attempts of the masses of Poland to break out, to find a solution, to organize their resistance must be supported. But, still more, events there show (again, even if not clearly understood) that objectively revolution needs a real Marxist-Leninist leadership and it needs serious preparations on every level. This is a lesson of great importance right now in every country. Even if there is some temporary suppression of the struggle of the Polish masses, the situation cannot long remain stable and calm. Poland is just one concentrated example of the fact of today that nowaadge can things be put back in their previous order and stability restored. In Poland and the world in general, the future will not be calm and orderly; it will be full of upheaval, and the only road forward through all this is proletarian revolution.

Joint Communiqué of 13 Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations.
Autumn 1980. Published in Chinese, Creole, Danish, English, Farsi, French, German, Italian, Malayalam, Sinhalese, Spanish, Tamil and Turkish.

$1.00 plus 50¢ postage
Available from:
RCP Publications, P.O. Box 3486, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654

December 18, 1981—Revolutionary Worker—Page 19