The Cardinal Task of Marxist-Leninists Today

Forge a Genuine Marxist-Leninist Party and Turn the Spontaneous Movement of the Workers into a Conscious Struggle of the Whole Working Class

Marx's theory has shown that the workers' movement has two sides in its development; the conscious and the spontaneous. The movement of the workers is manifested in their resistance to the oppression of the capitalists. It is expressed in strikes, demonstrations, revolts etc., which more often break out without a precise coordinate struggle of the entire working class. These actions are confined to trade union consciousness and, because of this, they cannot help but remain under the bourgeois ideological leadership of bourgeois liberalism.

The conscious movement is the reflection in the minds of the workers of the spontaneous movement. It is the conscious and systematic movement of the workers toward a definite goal. Here we are confronted with planned, systematic struggle of the proletariat as a class for its ultimate objective - the overthrow of capitalism, the establishment of the conscious leadership of the proletariat and the construction of genuine socialism and communism.

The Spontaneous Struggle

The current strike wave, which began with the militant resistance of the copper miners, is still waged in the domain of the spontaneous movement. This struggle along with many others (the strikes at Hormel, USX, Chicago Tribune, the California canneries, etc.) are clear evidence that the workers spontaneous resistance is developing into a higher levels.

These workers are being radicalized. They are becoming convinced of the class conflict and class collaboration imposed upon them by the bourgeoisie. This radicalization is also expressed in the use of militant proletarian forms of action - pickets, mass picketing, illegal actions and barricades - fighting adopted by some strikers. Yet, despite these gains, the current spontaneous movement of the workers to date has not (and could not have) developed into a class struggle against the U.S. capitalist class. We should recall the teachings of Comrade Lenin:

"We are all agreed that our task is that of the organization of the proletariat class struggle. But what is this class struggle? When the workers of a single factory go on strike, then, in the words of a single branch of industry engage in struggle against their employers, is this class struggle? No, this is only a weak embryo of the class struggle. The workers becomes a class struggle only when all the labor oppositions are conscious of themselves as a single working class and launch a struggle that is directed, not against individual employers, but against the entire class of capitalists and the government that supports that class. When the industrial worker realizes that he is a member of the entire working class, only then will he recognize the fact that his petty day-to-day struggle against individual employers and individual sections of the bourgeoisie, which is a struggle against the entire bourgeoisie and the government, forms the class struggle. What is the class struggle? - Is the literature.

"Class interest...impels the proletariat to unite to fight against the capitalists, to think about the prerequisites of their emancipation from capitalism - socialism... is founded on the sum-total of human knowledge, progressive level of scientific development, demands scientific work, etc. Socialism is introduced by the ideologists into the proletariat class struggle, which develop spontaneously on the basis of capitalist relations..." - V.L. Lenin

The workers, the capitalists and the politicians direct the struggle against the entire capitalist class and the government that serves it and when the individual worker recognizes that his fight for improvements against his immediate employer is a fight against government officials (police, judges, etc.) is actually a struggle against the entire capitalist class and the U.S. government. In order for this come about, it must become a struggle led by a workers' political party that defines political and socialist ideals. This party can only be a Marxist-Leninist party, a party of a new type as developed by Lenin. This party is the highest form of the concrete embodiment of the workers'conscious movement.

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