

Notes to Our Readers

In this issue we are reprinting the complete text of the important document "The Origin and Development of the Differences Between the Leadership of the CPSU and Ourselves" by the Communist Party of China's editorial departments of Remin Ribao (People's Daily) and Hongqi (Red Flag). The article was first published in September 1963.

"Origins" is one of a series of magnificent polemical articles in defense of Marxism-Leninism by the Communist Party of China. The articles raised the revolutionary consciousness of Marxist-Leninists throughout the world by exposing the deepseated revisionism that had developed in the world communist movement and especially, in the CPSU.

We are reprinting "Origins" at this time because when it and related articles were first issued, the leadership of the CPUSA suppressed them and tried to prevent their mass circulation. The M-L forces in the U.S. were quite weak then, and while Progressive Labor reprinted some of these documents, we didn't have the mass base to reach thousands of workers and students as we do today.

The fundamental truths and principles of Marxism-Leninism defended in these documents have been fully confirmed by the history of the past decade, as indeed the entire history of the international working class movement has confirmed them.

Modern revisionism has become the main prop of world imperialism. The treacherous road of the Soviet revisionists and their counterparts throughout the world has been fully borne out by such events as: the betrayal of the Vietnamese people's revolution with the convening of the Paris "Munich" negotiations, the complete sellout, last spring, of the great French worker-student rebellion by the revisionist party of France, the Soviet invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia, and the recent Soviet aggressive attacks on China's border regions.

The two lines that developed in the world movement following the 20th Congress of the

CPSU has led to two opposite developments: in the Soviet Union capitalism has been fully restored and is allied with the world's number one enemy—U.S. imperialism. The revisionists are in complete disarray and the forthcoming gathering on June 5 of the long-delayed conference of revisionist parties will not halt their rapid disintegration. In China, the CPC has just concluded its 9th Congress which marked the triumph of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the thought of Chairman Mao Tse-tung. The Chinese Khrushchevites have been routed—the dictatorship of the proletariat has been consolidated and China has become the main base for world revolution.

"Origins" and the other polemical documents warrant the careful study of all revolutionaries. Among the basic lessons we can obtain are:

1. The conflict between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism is irreconcilable. Sham "unity" and the coverup of differences of principle can never last—an open split is inevitable. Revolutionary communist proletarian ideology cannot co-exist with counter-revolutionary bourgeois revisionist ideology.

2. The only test of the correctness of a Marxist-Leninist line is revolutionary practice. Is it the works of Khrushchev or Mao that revolutionaries study to guide their struggles? To ask the question is to answer it. The writings of Chairman Mao and the "Little Red Book of Quotations" are widespread throughout the entire globe.

3. Open polemics by Marxist-Leninists against revisionists and opportunists, no matter how prestigious their position, is essential in developing the revolutionary class consciousness of the international proletariat and advancing the world revolution.

4. As pointed out in the "Origins": "The seizure of political power by the working class is the beginning of the revolution and not its end," and "it will take a fairly long time to solve the question of who will win—capitalism or socialism."

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