The First Congress

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A communiqué dated June 4, 1983 says that the 1st Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L) has successfully ended its proceedings.

According to the communiqué, the Congress discussed the current situation in Britain, the deep and all-round crisis of capitalism which has affected the whole life of the country and weighs heavy on the shoulders of the broad people's masses, the policy of the bourgeoisie for the fascistisation of the life of the country, the militarization of the economy and the preparation of imperialist war.

The Congress reaffirmed once more the unshaken confidence of the Party that the future belongs to the working class and scientific socialism. It emphasized that only the working class can save society from the all-round crisis of the capitalist system, avert the threat of war and fascism, liberate all those oppressed and exploited by monopoly capital, defend freedom and independence.

The Congress reaffirmed that the main strategic task of the proletariat and its Party is the preparation of the subjective conditions for the revolution to overthrow the rule of the bourgeoisie, to seize political power and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat, to carry out the revolutionary transformation of capitalist society into a socialist society. The Congress pointed out that the revolution is not only an objective inevitability, but also a necessity of our time to avert the threat of a new destructive imperialist war and the increasing menace of fascism.

The Congress stressed that in the present stage the main task is to raise the consciousness of the working class and all the oppressed and exploited by capital, to organize and mobilize them in one revolutionary current against imperialism, the bourgeoisie and reaction.

The Congress set tasks for the strengthening of the links of the Party with the workers and the broad masses of the people, for the further enhancement of the vanguard role of the Party, the strengthening of the revolutionary organizations of the masses of workers, youth and women.

On the ideological plane, the Congress analysed the different trends of modern revisionism and opportunism, both those operating in Britain and in the world, stressing the need for the deepening and extension of the struggle against them as a component part of the struggle against imperialism. It reaffirmed that modern revisionism and opportunism are the political reserve of the bourgeoisie, its agents to deceive the working class and split its movement and to prevent the proletariat and its allies from the realization of their strategic aims.

The Congress also discussed the turbulent and tense international situation in which both the factors of a new catastrophic war and the possibilities of the revolution are becoming ever more evident. It reaffirmed that the two superpowers, American imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, are the most dangerous enemies of the proletariat and peoples of the world and pose the main threat of an imperialist war, and pointed out that the Party also condemns all the other imperialist and social-imperialist powers and resolutely supports the workers and the broad people's masses of all countries that fight for their rights, for national and social emancipation. The
Congress resolutely condemned the colonial, reactionary and aggressive imperialist policy of the British bourgeoisie and, in particular, reaffirmed the determined support of the Party for the heroic struggle of the Irish people for independence and the re-unification of their country, as well as for putting an end to British colonial rule in Northern Ireland; it also voiced support for the right of the people of Argentina to put an end to the British colonial occupation of the Malvinas. The Congress condemned the betrayal by the British bourgeoisie of the national rights of the British people to American imperialism.

The Congress expressed the resolute support of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L) for Albania, the only true socialist country in the world, and for the PLA, with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head. In the Greeting of the Congress to the Central Committee of the PLA and Comrade Enver Hoxha, it is said, among other things, that the 1st Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L) highly values the courageous struggle the PLA has carried out in defence of the cause of the proletariat and the revolution in Albania and in the world. The PLA, with Comrade Enver Hoxha at the head, is said in the Greeting, has continued with heroism and carried forward the revolution in Albania, coping with the attacks, savage blockade and intrigues of the imperialists and revisionists. It has waged a courageous struggle in defence of Marxism-Leninism, against all trends of modern revisionism. The Congress made a high assessment of the Works of Comrade Enver Hoxha, especially of «Imperialism and the Revolution», «With Stalin», «The Khrushchevites», «The Titonites», «Reflections on China», «Eurocommunism Is Anti-Communism», etc., which are a major contribution to the international Marxist-Leninist communist movement and a further enrichment of Marxism-Leninism.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L) expressed its solidarity with and support for all the Marxist-Leninist parties in the world that fight for the liberation of their peoples. The Congress expressed itself for the further strengthening of relations of friendship with all the fraternal Marxist-Leninist parties and of the unity of the communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Delegations of Marxist-Leninist parties from different countries attended the proceedings of the Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L), at which messages and telegrams of greetings from a number of Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations of other countries were read.

The Greeting of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania, which was read at the Congress, expressed the solidarity of the communists and people of Socialist Albania with the struggle of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L) in defence of the vital interests and aspirations of the working class and the broad working masses of Britain against capitalist oppression and exploitation, for democratic rights and freedoms, for the triumph of the cause of the proletarian revolution and socialism in Britain, as well as with the correct stands of the British Marxist-Leninists in their struggle against imperialism, social-imperialism and modern revisionism.

On the occasion of the conclusion of the proceedings of the 1st Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (M-L), and the centenary of the death of Karl Marx, on June 4, 1983 an internationalist meeting was organized from which a message of greeting was sent to Comrade Enver Hoxha.