

"...There are people who are working frantically to create a split by resorting to many dishonest tricks, spreading rumours, slinging mud and sowing dissension. But the overwhelming majority of people in the world want unity in the international communist movement and are opposed to a split. The activities of certain people in creating a split, attacking the Chinese Communist Party and other fraternal parties, undermining the unity of the socialist camp and of the international communist movement, go against the desires of the overwhelming majority of the people of the world and are extremely unpopular. People can see through their tactics of sham unity and actual splitting. Historically, none of the splitters who betrayed Marxism-Leninism ever came to a pleasant end. We have already advised those who are working to create a split to "rein in at the brink of the precipice", but certain people are unwilling to take our advice. They believe they are not yet at the "brink", and they are not ready to "rein in". Apparently they are greatly interested in continuing their splitting activities. Let them go on creating trouble if they must. The masses, and history, will pass judgment on them.

Something very interesting is happening today on a wide scale in the international communist movement. What is this interesting phenomenon? The dogmatists, warriors who claim to possess the totality of Marxist-Leninist truth are most afraid of the articles written in reply to their attacks by the so-called dogmatists, sectarians, splitters, nationalists and Trotskyites whom they have so vigorously condemned. They dare not publish these articles in their own newspapers and journals. As cowardly as mice, they are frightened to death. They dare not let the peoples of their own countries read our articles, and they have tried to impose a watertight embargo. They are even using powerful stations to jam our broadcasts and prevent their people from listening to them. Dear friends and comrades, who claim to possess the whole truth! Since you are quite definite that our articles are wrong, why don't you publish all these erroneous articles and then refute them point by point, so as to inculcate hatred among your people against the heresies you call dogmatism, sectarianism, and anti-Marxism-Leninism? Why do you lack the courage to do this? Why such a stringent embargo? You fear the truth. The huge spectre you call "dogmatism", i.e. genuine Marxism-Leninism, is haunting the world, and it threatens you. You have no faith in the people and the people have no faith in you. You are divorced from the masses. That is why you fear the truth, and carry your fear to such absurd lengths. Friends, Comrades! If you are men enough, step forward! Let each side in the debate publish all the articles in which it is criticised by the other side, and let the people in our own countries and the whole world think and judge who is right and who is wrong. That is what we are doing and we hope you will follow our example. We are not afraid to publish everything of yours in full. We publish all the masterpieces in which you rail at us. Then in reply we either refute them point by point, or refute their word in answer, leaving the readers to judge for themselves. Isn't that fair and reasonable? You, modern revisionist masters! Do you dare do the same? If you are men enough, you will. But having a guilty conscience and an unjust case, being fierce of visage but faint of heart, outwardly as tough as bulls, but inwardly as timid as mice, you will not dare. We are sure you will not dare. Isn't that so? Please answer!

The Chinese Communist Party believes that there is a way to settle the differences. It is the way pointed out in the Moscow Declaration and the Moscow statement. As we are nearing the end of this article we should like to quote one of the important conclusions of the Moscow Declaration:

"After exchanging views, the participants in the meeting arrived at the conclusions that in present conditions it is expedient, besides bilateral meetings of leading workers and exchange of information, to hold, as the need arises, more representative conferences of Communist and workers' parties to discuss current problems, share experience, study each other's views and attitudes and concert action in the joint struggle for the common goals -- peace, democracy and socialism."

We should also like to quote the paragraphs of the Moscow statement dealing with the principles guiding the relations among fraternal parties:

"At a time when imperialist reaction is joining forces to fight communism it is particularly imperative vigorously to consolidate the world communist movement. Unity and solidarity redouble the strength of our movement and provide a reliable guarantee that the great cause of communism will make victorious progress and all enemy attacks will be effectively repelled.

Communists throughout the world are united by the great doctrine of Marxism-Leninism and by a joint struggle for its realisation. The interests of the Communist movement require solidarity in adherence by every Communist Party to the estimates and conclusions concerning the common tasks in the struggle

against imperialism, for peace, democracy and socialism, jointly reached by the fraternal parties at their meetings.

The interests of the struggle for the working class cause demand ever closer unity of the ranks of each Communist Party and of the great army of communists of all countries; they demand of them the unity of will and action. It is the supreme internationalist duty of every Marxist-Leninist party to work continuously for greater unity in the world communist movement.

A resolute defence of the unity of the world Communist movement on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and the prohibition of any actions which may undermine that unity, are a necessary condition for victory in the struggle for national independence, democracy and peace, the successful accomplishment of the tasks of the socialist revolution and the building of socialism and communism. Violation of these principles would impair the forces of communism.

All the Marxist-Leninist parties are independent and have equal rights; they shape their policies according to the specific conditions in their respective countries and in keeping with Marxist-Leninist principles, and support each other. The success of the working class cause in any country is unthinkable without the internationalist solidarity of all Marxist-Leninist parties. Every party is responsible to the working class, to the working people of its country and to the international working class and communist movement as a whole.

The Communist and workers' parties hold meetings whenever necessary to discuss urgent problems, to exchange experience, acquaint themselves with each other's views and positions, work out common views through consultations, and co-ordinate joint actions in the struggle for common goals.

Whenever a party wants to clear up questions relating to the activities of another fraternal party, its leadership approaches the leadership of the party concerned; if necessary, they hold meetings and consultations.

The experience and results of the meetings of representatives of the Communist Parties held in recent years, particularly the results of the two major meetings -- that of November 1957 and this meeting -- show that in present-day conditions such meetings are an effective form of exchanging views and experience, enriching Marxist-Leninist theory by collective effort and elaborating a common attitude in the struggle for common objectives."

Since the incident over a year ago where one party at its own Congress publicly attacked another fraternal party, we have appealed many times for resolution of the differences between the fraternal parties in accordance with the principles and procedures set forth in the Moscow Declaration and the Moscow statement, as just quoted. We have pointed out many times that public and unilateral attacks on any fraternal party are not helpful in resolving problems, and are not helpful to unity. We have constantly maintained that the fraternal parties having disputes or differences ought to stop the public dispute and return to the course of inter-party consultation, and that in particular the party which first launched the attack ought to take the initiative. Our opinion today remains the same.

In April, 1962, the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party spoke to the fraternal party concerned that we whole-heartedly supported the proposal made by several parties that a meeting of the fraternal parties be convened and that we believed it was appropriate to consider the convening of a meeting of representatives of the Communist and workers' parties of all countries to discuss problems of common concern.

At that time, we said that the convening of a meeting of the fraternal parties and the success of such a meeting would depend on the prior overcoming of many difficulties and obstacles and on the doing of a great deal of preparatory work.

At that time we expressed the hope that the fraternal parties and fraternal countries which had disputes would thenceforth take steps, however small, to help ease relations and restore unity, so as to improve the atmosphere and prepare the conditions for the convening and the success of such a meeting.

At that time, we proposed that the fraternal parties concerned should stop making public attacks. At that time, we maintained that for some of the fraternal parties to conduct such bilateral or multilateral talks as were needed to exchange opinions would also help to make such a meeting successful.

These views which we put before the fraternal party concerned in April 1962 are entirely reasonable and fully conform with the provisions on the settlement of differences between fraternal parties set forth in the Moscow Declaration and the Moscow statement.

We have since explained these views many times, and we now do so again. Recently, the leaders of certain parties have expressed a certain degree of acceptance of our views. If this is sincere and deeds suit the words, that will certainly be very good. It is what we have hoped for. We hold that the ranks of the international Communist movement will unite. They will certainly unite! Let us proclaim: Workers of all countries unite! All oppressed nations and all oppressed peoples, unite! All Marxists, Leninists, unite!