

Apropos the 21st Congress of the CP Netherlands

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D. Dissident Belgian Criticism of Congress Discussion Theses

Following is a translation of an unsigned article entitled, "Apropos the 21st Congress of the Netherlands CP," in a French-language pamphlet entitled, "Documents of the International Communist Movement," published in Liege as a supplement to the French-language, dissident, pro-Chinese weekly "periodical of the Communists of Belgium," La Voix du Peuple, No. 13, 27 March 1964; pages 2-3.

The 21st Congress of the Netherlands Communist Party will take place next weekend. The "basic document" drawn up by the "leadership" in preparation for this Congress appeared in Waarheid (Truth) on 7 February [see Translations on International Communist Developments, No. 565, JPRS: 23,412.]

This was a text inspired by the most blatant reformism marking a complete revisionist degeneration.

A False And Incoherent Analysis Of The International Situation

Can we even call them analyses when they are just some slap-dash phrases by which the document lists a proclamation of the successes of the struggle for "peaceful coexistence" and the detente, an enumeration of dark menaces to world peace!

The reader can rightly ask himself what he should deduce from this and what should be his line of conduct.

Let us judge the sleight of hand being used by saying that the term "American imperialism" is not used once in the document, nor is it ever denounced as the principal force of aggression and war in the world.

The only allusion made to the U.S.A. is in this phrase: "In the United States, after the assassination of Kennedy, the fomentors of war are developing their actions in a reinforced manner; they are attempting to arouse crises in Cuba, Berlin, and other hot spots."

It is an anti-marxist judgment which places the "good" or the "evil," the "reasonable" and the "unreasonable" on the level of "great men" according to Khrushchev's criteria. Now that Kennedy, archangel of peace, has disappeared, the "wicked" rear their heads once more.

A curious way to write history.

The "Bay of Pigs" and the Cuban blockade took place un-

do not know about them!

But according to the present technique of the revisionists, the principal enemy is not American imperialism, but the West German revengers and the French Gaullists.

Let us be serious.

Who decked the West Germans out once more? Who armed them? Who is responsible for their arrogance?

Precisely without this alliance and the support of American imperialism, they could not have become a serious threat.

When it comes to the attacks of the revisionists against de Gaulle, the trickery is really gross. When de Gaulle exploded his first atomic bomb in the Sahara, Khrushchev, traveling through France at that time, did not delay in complimenting and fawning to the General.

But what bothers the revisionists today is that de Gaulle, certainly the representative of French financial capitalism, is opposed in a certain measure to the enterprises for world domination of American imperialism.

What else can we say of a congressional document which quite simply ignores the C.E.C.A. (European Coal and Steel Community), the C.E.E. (Common Market) -- Europe of the trusts-- the A.E.L.E. (European Association for Free Trade), which silently passes over the American policy of economic, political and military seizure in Europe and in the Netherlands?

Fake Analysis, Inconsistent Objectives

The document reveals that the Netherlands Communist Party has no objective of its own in the international field and particularly in what regards the defense of world peace. And this according to an affirmation of principle in this revisionist text according to which:

"its action (as a Party) should be in agreement with the development and the level of the progressive movement in the Netherlands. For this action, revendications must be advanced which are directly realizable with the greatest possible cooperation with other people, organizations or parties."

The document clearly demonstrates how this declaration must be interpreted. It is an alignment of the Party positions with those of the P.V.d.A. (social-democrat Labor Party) or acceptable to them.

Effectively speaking, we do not find "objectives" in this field except for the project of a common program of the Netherlands Communist Party and of the "Labor Party:"

- improvement of East-West relations;
- cessation of all nuclear tests;
- opposition to participation in a multi-lateral atomic force,
- the struggle against the Bonn-Paris axis.

--the denial (afwijzing) of fascist regimes such as those of Spain and Portugal and racial discrimination.

Spaak also could make such declarations, hand on his heart.

A little farther on, we find this last allusion to international questions:

"The primary issue before which humanity is placed is the prevention of atomic world war.

"It is therefore important that there be an agreement on the subject of theoretic judgement on this question between socialists and communists and on the subject of the realization of Netherlands participation in coexistence and world peace. Once this agreement is attained, the principal obstacle to the reunification of the communists and socialists will be overcome."

A good program truly, consisting of "discussing the theoretical judgments on the question." And we know what this really means! Participation in the campaign of nuclear blackmail by American imperialism which constitutes one of the pillars of the "theoretical" conceptions of modern revisionism.

Not another word on the struggle for the banning and total, complete and resolved destruction of atomic weapons.

No question of imperialism's foreign bases.

No question of reduction of military expenditures.

No question of leaving NATO.

No question of active support of movements for national liberation.

But in reality, the revisionist authors of the "discussion base" are in a hurry to finish up as quickly as possible with the international problems which do not visibly concern them. One should sacrifice to the whims of Khrushchev's so-called pacifism.

A National Communist Party?

"The new orientation signifies, first of all, that the party is intensively dedicated to its national task," says the document.

Proletarian internationalism is banned from revisionist conceptions.

"The party is allied with the international communist movement in the struggle for peaceful coexistence and for the development of the marxist-leninist theory."

Here is what the ties, which should be for solidarity and action for the realization of the strategic goal of the international communist movement, amount to: victory of the socialist revolution on a world scale: be the auxiliary of the policy of Khrushchev's revisionist group for his so-called "peaceful coexistence" (which has nothing to do with the struggle for peaceful coexistence between countries of different social systems,) and the development of the marxist-leninist theory (as De Man went beyond Marxism.)

What Are The Revisionists Waiting For To Integrate Into The "Labor Party" (Social-Reformist)?

This is the question one is led to ask oneself upon examination of the first chapter "Reunification of the Netherland Workers Movement, Great Historic Task."

The revisionists are rewriting history. And they are lamenting the fact that the first schism of the labor party took place at the Congress of Zwolle seventy years ago, and later became deeper by the schism between the social-democrats and the communists.

But why did these schisms take place? What were the deep reasons for it? The revisionists don't breathe a word on it.

For them it is a rather regrettable event which it is up to them to overcome, not by accentuating and strengthening the denunciation of reformism in order to isolate it and beat it politically -- as they agreed on the contrary to align with their positions.

The fawning of the revisionists goes as far as saying that their primary task is to

"defeat the prejudices which the reaction has spread about against our party during the course of the years, due in part to our own faults in the past."

Apology Of The Bourgeois Democracy And Parliamentary Cretinism

"Common parliamentary opposition and union unity: points of departure of the common force of the entire workers movement.

"The conquest of parliamentary majority, for a government of the workers movement, in order to realize the principal points of the program of the Netherlands Communist Party, of the "Labor Party" and of the PSP (Pacifist Socialist Party).

"In relation to this, the questions of the peaceful road to socialism, the role of parliamentary democracy in this goal and the utilization of the possibilities offered by the constitution for more democracy and for the nationalization of the monopolies come up."

The integration of revisionists to the heart of social-democratic parties, the "reunification" on the basis of reformist policies, constitute at present one of the orientations of directions obeying the whip of Khrushchev's group.

The Dutch monarchic constitution of the Netherlands is the ideal of the revisionists in order to realize the "peaceful transition" to socialism, by the nationalizations -- that is to say by the reinforcement of the monopolistic capitalism of the State -- and bourgeois parliamentarism!
An Immediate "Program" Worthy of the "Unions" Of Class Collaboration

So then, what of these famous national tasks? The mountain -- or more exactly, neo-reformism -- is delivered of a mouse....:

better salaries -- suppression of the communal classification, advantageous prices for peasants -- construction of housing and... a second T.V. network (for the propaganda of the bourgeois State)!

When it comes to the salaries and the construction of housing, the very details accentuate once more the reformist character, indeed reactionary character, of the program.

Let us note, for instance, that when it comes to the salaries, the program underlines that the struggle should be led by enterprise and by industry. That is to say, and by omission, the revisionists choose, of course, the road of fractioning and crumbling the labor struggle, opposed to the inter-professional action uniting the whole of the working class in widespread actions.

Another example: when it comes to construction of housing, it is suggested that they be financed, either by the State, the Province, the Commune, eventually the union organizations, or by private capital with the participation (!) of public powers, or by long term loans to the "free" sector. In brief, a reactionary concept of the housing problem.

When it comes to education, it is only seen from the angle of increasing the salary of the teaching personnel, the construction of schools, subsidies for school meals, without even approaching the objective of the allocation and study salaries.

The demand for the second T.V. network is accompanied by the "demand" of parliamentary control over the publicity: a fine example of the "exaltant" prospects of the "parliamentary road" of neo-reformism.

Let us recall chapter three in passing where the echoes of the difficulties and the deliquescence of the Party with a revisionist direction are indicated: stagnation in the distribution of Maarheid, failure of spreading it about (gratuitous sale of the journal), insufficient number of members, unsatisfying organization life, opposition among the "proven cadres" (!) and others.

For Unity of International Action Of The Revisionists Against Marxism-Leninism

It is not surprising that the Dutch revisionists who proclaim that they want to dissolve the ties of proletarian internationalism and combat based on Marxism-Leninism among the communist parties, also declare that they want to re-establish relations of comradeship with the League of Yugoslav Communists.

At the same time, the document of the "directorate of the Party" rejects the general line of the Chinese Communist Party, which it had already previously attacked, as it also attacked the Labor Party of Albania.

Here is another example of how the revisionists conceive of the "cessation" of public attacks.

The Marxist-Leninists should allow themselves to be attacked and slandered without answering.

Since the Dutch revisionists are publicly developing their campaign of liquidating the Netherlands Communist Party, since discussion within the Party is stifled, since the brother Marxist-Leninist parties are publicly attacked, let the direction of the N.C.P. be denounced publicly. The Working Class Of The Netherlands Needs A Real Marxist-Leninist Party, An Avant-Garde Party!

This is what the revisionists have made of a party which in the past knew how to wage valiant and courageous struggles against capital, against imperialism, against colonialism.

Let us remember the revolt of the sailors of the "Zeven Provinciën," the struggles for the national liberation of Indonesia, the great political strike of February 1941 against Nazi occupation, to cite just a few examples.

The communists of the Netherlands will not allow these glorious revolutionary traditions to be spoiled; they will remain faithful to them! They will not allow the flag of Marxism-Leninism to fall; they will on the contrary raise it very high!

