

From the

Ethiopian

Revolutionary Committee

GREETINGS TO THE CONGRESS

Dear Comrades of the Congress,

This is a momentous event not only for the U.S.N.A. but also for the entire world. We would like to start out by saying: WE HOPE THAT THIS BREAK-THROUGH CONGRESS WILL BE A CONGRESS OF UNITY AND A CONGRESS OF VICTORY AND THAT AFTER ITS CONCLUSION, WE FURTHER HOPE THAT STILL MORE AND GREATER PROLETARIAN VICTORIES WILL BE WON THROUGHOUT THE U.S.N.A. If developments proceeded according to our above hopes, we certainly can boldly make a Marxist prophecy that the creation of this multi-national Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the U.S.N.A. will bear the greatest socio-historical significance in the second half of our twentieth century.

Comrades,

We are overjoyed because a Marxist-Leninist Party is created in the U.S.N.A. Still more, we are overjoyed because it is the comrades whom we know, the comrades whom we have worked with, the comrades from whom we have learnt a great deal, the comrades with whom we have exchanged jokes and teases, the comrades with whom we have dined often times and above all the comrades whose hearts we know for their proletarian love, zeal, hard work, sincerity, integrity, firmness, and discipline; it is these comrades who have fought so bravely, who have braved the fascist storm, who have gone against the petty bourgeois tide in order to translate the dreams of the U.S.N.A. proletariat into an actuality.

Comrades,

Permit us to bore you with a small parable-like talk. The human blood, among its other constituents has the red-blood cells and the white-blood cells. The red blood cells have the primary function of distributing the necessary wants of life and development of each and every cell in our multi-billion-celled body. The white cells are soldiers that safe-guard the body against invasion and ensure the body's dialectical growth and development. If and when a virus invades the body, the white soldier cells (an unfortunate name - should have been the red soldier cells !!) move quickly and consciously to wipe out the invading enemy. Only upon the destruction of the virus can the body continue its proper development and only by strongly built white soldier cells can the body have the ability to thoroughly destroy any invading virus.

Towards the beginning of the 20th century, the world proletariat movement was still suffering from a virus that curtailed its dialectical growth and development. It was the

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task of the great Bolshevik Party with its great leaders, V.I. Lenin and J.V. Stalin to serve as the white soldier cells of the body and to destroy and wipe out the huge virus which as you all know was the 2nd International with all its revisionism and chauvinism.

The world proletariat today is suffering from the virus of revisionism headed by the revisionist Party of the Soviet Union. This is the general. In particular, for the case of the USNA, the proletariat movement there, suffers from the same ailment, the same rotten and revisionist virus headed by the CPUSA. Unless and until this virus is wiped out and destroyed, the proletarian movement of the USNA cannot tread along the revolutionary path set by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung, and other great communist revolutionaries and their parties.

That is why, it has been one of the chief tasks of the USNA communists (M-L) to first serve the USNA proletariat as its white soldier cells in the struggle against and in the destruction of the revisionism which is led by the CPUSA. This battle was a well fought battle and this has been attested to by the first stage of victory. This first stage of victory is represented by your present and first break-through Congress.

We believe that it is not coincidental for your party Congress and the overthrow of the shameful dog Nixon to have happened about the same time. The failure of Nixon bears in it the successful internal struggle waged against U.S. imperialism by the revolutionary sector of the USNA proletariat. It is true that Nixon is only one man, one mad man in the service of international imperialism in general and US imperialism in particular. But his failure does not represent the failure of just one madman, the failure of one fascist. It is a failure that has exposed the rotten nature of imperialism's core. In fact, the very fact that it took a long time to throw him out of office had a positive side when viewing the hood-winked masses of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania. In these continents, the Watergate scandal has offered a great political education on imperialism.

Comrades,

The situation in Ethiopia is one of revolutionary unrest. This is a good thing. Around February, revolutionary storm broke through the deceptive calm that had prevailed for a long time. From all across the entire gamut of the oppressed society, from the working class to the peasantry, politico-economic demands were made. The high level of awareness and the revolutionary militancy of the Ethiopian people was seen. But at present there obtains a leadership vacuum.

We realize that a revolution requires above all corres-

ponding material pre-requisites, objective conditions, maturity of economic, social and political contradictions. But we also realize that apart from these objective conditions, the success of a revolution depends also on a subjective factor, namely, on the ability of the revolutionary class or classes to solve the existing contradictions. This ability depends on the level of organization and consciousness of the advanced class (the working class, especially its detachment), on its revolutionary spirit and capacity to guide the broad masses. Our principal struggle now is to create such a detachment.

So, the main struggle facing us today is that of party building. The ground is fertile but the local fascists and the international imperialists (especially US imperialism) are now, more than ever, active. Be that as it may, our struggle, we are convinced, shall bear fruit in the near future. We would like to share with you some points of interest in our struggle.

First. On the current role of US imperialism in Ethiopia. At a time when the Ethiopian people have risen up-in-arms to destroy and bury feudalism, bureaucrat capitalism and imperialism, the US imperialists through their C.I.A. agents are brazenly infiltrating both the military and the civilian population with their paper money, their arms and their filthy ideology. Already, large shipments of arms have been sent from the United States and soon it is expected that agents will follow. The situation reminds us of Vietnam in the late 50's, when the U.S. imperialists, by violating the Geneva accords, armed and put fascist Diem in power. At present, and here in Ethiopia, they are working very hard to buy out the local military and create in Ethiopia a fascist dictatorship. Our struggle to expose this is intense. You can help us in this respect.

Second. Like you had and still have revisionism as a fascist obstacle in your way, that is led by the CPUSA, we also have revisionism as a fascist obstacle in our way of party building. In Africa, revisionism, utopian socialism and social democracy exist all embedded in the theories and practices of "African Socialism" and "Arab Socialism". These -isms of bourgeois liberalism and social fascism have to be wiped out, destroyed and victory scored over them before genuine M-L parties can be created. This struggle is one of our main struggles today and we are deep in it already.

Third. The question of the great Marxist-Leninist revolutionary thinker and leader namely Comrade J.V. Stalin, is, we believe, a most serious question of Marxism-Leninism on which there can be no compromise, no negotiation or no accommodation. We must fully realize that the people who attack Comrade Stalin are the imperialists, the revisionists, and the Trotskyites. These fascist triplets in form

but who are one in content do not just attack him but attack him wildly and paint him as utterly black and consider him without a single virtue. This enemy attack is a good thing and as if to deal on this very question, Mao Tse Tung said:

"I hold that it is bad as far as we are concerned if a person, a political party, an army or a school is not attacked by the enemy, for in that case it would definitely mean that we have sunk to the level of the enemy. It is good if we are attacked by the enemy, since it proves that we have drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves. It is still better if the enemy attacks us wildly and paints us as utterly black and without a single virtue; it demonstrates that we have not only drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves but achieved a great deal in our work."

We believe that Comrade Stalin was the wise and great leader of communism during its first thirty years of offensive after the October revolution in general and after the death of the great Lenin in particular. Comrade Stalin throughout his life consistently drew a clear line of demarcation between the people and the enemy, between the proletariat and imperialism. He had achieved a great deal of work. On the other hand, his attackers especially the revisionists and the Trotskyites by attacking him give daily proof that they have not only sunk to the level of the enemy but have long become one with and indistinguishable from the enemy, from imperialism.

Comrades,

In ending let us repeat what Mao said once in his, "The Role of the Chinese Communist Party in the National War".

"No political party can possibly lead a great revolutionary movement to victory unless it possesses revolutionary theory and a knowledge of history and has a profound grasp of the practical movement."

And accordingly, while wishing you once more proletarian success at your Congress, and confident of the fact that you have got what it takes, we would like to say:

Learn from the history of the CPSU(B)

Learn from the history of the PLA

Learn from the history of the CPC

Learn from the history of N.

Vietnam

Learn from the history of N.

Korea

Your struggles are ours and ours yours!!

Long live the victory of your break-through congress!!

Victory to the Ethiopian Revolution!!

Workers of all countries, UNITE!!

Comradely,
Ethiopian Revolutionary Committee