

## STALIN AND THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT\*

Comrades and friends,

Today you will be presented with differing positions on the very complex subject of "The Restoration of Capitalism in the Soviet Union." Although the positions differ in many aspects, the Continuations Committee would like to make it clear that we are unified on one fundamental question---that is the defense of Comrade Stalin.

Our first point of unity on the Continuations Committee is adherence to the science of Marxism-Leninism. We regard Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung as inseparable teachers of this science, as the great teachers of the proletariat. There is no way to attack one without attacking them all; no way to separate one from the others. We do not debate the alleged "errors" of any of the great teachers within the Continuations Committee.

This unity on the question of Stalin distinguishes the Continuations Committee not only from the revisionist CPUSA which joined Khrushchev's slander campaign against Stalin, but also draws a clear line of demarcation between ourselves and the revisionists' offspring---the so-called "anti-revisionist" new left. These conciliators join the attack on Stalin with vague references to his undefined "mistakes," implying somehow that it was Stalin who paved the way for revisionism in the Soviet Union! We know all these attacks on Comrade Stalin are nothing but attacks on Leninism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In our struggle to build a Party of a New Type we must not waver on this question. In a real sense, the fight to build a

Multi-national, Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the USNA is the fight to reassert and reaffirm the historic contributions of Stalin.

We present this forum with feelings of great warmth for Comrade Stalin and in a spirit of great friendship for the Soviet people. This spirit was best expressed by Comrade Mao Tse-tung in his article "The Greatest Friendship" which was written as a tribute to Stalin after his death:

"The reason that the great friendship between the peoples of China and the Soviet Union is unbreakable is precisely because our friendship has been built on the great principles of internationalism of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin. The friendship between the peoples of China and the Soviet Union, and the peoples of the various Peoples Democracies, as well as all peoples who love peace, democracy and justice in every country of the world, is also built upon this great principle of internationalism and is therefore also unbreakable.

Clearly, the strength created by our friendship, which is of this kind, is inexhaustible and truly invincible.

Let all imperialist aggressors and warmongers tremble before our great friendship!

Long live the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin!"

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