

LETTERS

Dear Bolshevik,

The entire history of the "Revolutionary Communist" Party (formerly the Revolutionary Union) has been one of betrayal of the interests of the working class and Marxism-Leninism. This unbounded truth has been consistently pointed out, proved and polemicized for in the pages of Bolshevik, on the basis of the Marxist-Leninist doctrine and its application to the concrete conditions of the U.S. proletarian revolution.

It is from this correct starting point that we must analyze the recent "RC" P demagogy and unprincipled activity, the "Mao Tse-tung Memorial", held in New York and in Berkeley.

The physical setting of the "Memorial" was as much a testimonial to "RC" P's petty-bourgeois social basis as were the words uttered by Avakian in his speech. Outside the auditorium, the red T-shirts of the flown-in "RC" P cadre met with oohs and ahhs from the hippies and petty-bourgeois and bourgeois students of U.C. Berkeley who showed up a couple of hundred strong to pay \$3.50 to be searched by hand and metal detector (including the soles of your shoes), given assigned seats and relieved of all books, magazines and newspapers, save those of the "RC" P, because they might "cause injury" to those putting on the "ceremony" (indeed, all Marxist-Leninist literature is a threat to these anti-communists, who have spent years trying to keep Marxism-Leninism away from the working class, and had their tables inside stacked exclusively with "RC" P papers, "RC" P books--at \$5.95 a crack--and "RC" P pamphlets).

Before entering this circus, the people who came had to pass through a zig-zag, roped-off line, surrounded by at least 40 thugs--clearly a tactic of intimidation used by these yel-

low-bellied cowards, who, by all means, try to avoid polemics and struggle against the revisionist line. After passing through the "guards" in red T-shirts and black berets (yellow T-shirts and green berets would have been more appropriate) and making it to the ticket window, the \$3.50 ticket sold (no exceptions, I'm sorry) warned the purchaser that if the "bearer of this ticket" engages in too much "disturbance" or "noise", or causes "injury to persons or property", he or she would be thrown out of the auditorium! By all means protect the private property of the bourgeoisie!

These revisionists are truly running scared, and like all their fellow social-chauvinists, do their utmost to ensure that there will be no polemics. Opening the "program" of this big event, you find:

"Question Period. (Questions written on enclosed sheet of paper will be collected twice during the speech by the ushers.)

And Presto! Just like the magician who has his plants sitting in the audience to be "chosen" for the next trick, Avakian is able to "choose" from the "questions" of "RC" P cadre! No doubt on the orders of Avakian's psychiatrist--the "strain" of polemics would indeed be too much for this bloated, self-important, phillistine coward--he might have another nervous breakdown!

This "memorial" was nothing less than a thinly veiled attack on Marxism-Leninism and Comrade Mao Tse-tung, and a defense of the revisionist, social-chauvinist theory of the "three worlds", which "RC" P thinks is "correct from China's standpoint". To the casual observer, and those wholly unfamiliar with Marxism-Leninism, or

too blind and deaf to see and hear "RC" P's revisionism, it would appear that they are now waging "polemics" against the traitorous Hua Kuo-feng leadership of the Communist Party of China. Nothing could be further from the truth. The new "RC" P "polemics" represent revisionism "criticizing" revisionism, an ugly attempt to pimp off the fight of the Marxist-Leninist movement internationally against the theory of "three worlds", which, as has been pointed out by the Party of Labor of Albania and Comrade Enver Hoxha's Report to the 7th Congress, covers up U.S. imperialism, and its plunder and domination of countries and peoples throughout the world.

A year and a half ago, the renegade Hua Kuo-feng group recognized the thoroughly social-chauvinist "C" P "ML" as the "Party of the U.S. working class", beating out the "RC" P in the fight for "recognition" from the revisionist CPC leadership, on the basis of the needs of the U.S. imperialists and its lackeys for a "three worlds" mouthpiece in the U.S. Since that time, Avakian and Co. have been miffed over their being dropped by Peking Review as the principal mouthpiece of the theory of "three worlds" in this country. Their longstanding defense of and praise for the long-time counter-revolutionary Teng Hsiao-ping has now "turned" to "scorn" and "polemics". The thorough-going and correct battle against the "RC" P revisionists waged by the U.S. Leninist Core fully exposing their anti-Marxist-Leninist program and their social-chauvinism so discredited them that even Hua Kuo-feng and Co. had to switch to the "C" P "ML", a switch based on the needs of U.S. imperialism and not on principle.

And so, Avakian and the "RC" P, far from becoming defenders of Marxism-Leninism, decided to wage "polemics" against Hua & Co. in a last ditch attempt to save themselves from complete antiquity. Let none, save the simple-minded and the phillistine see in the

"RC" P "polemics" anything else but further degenerate, unprincipled attacks on Marxism-Leninism, further defense of the theory of "three worlds", further covering-up of U.S. imperialism, further social-chauvinism. Not one word uttered by Avakian in his speech about "revolutionaries are revolutionaries and must be supported, revisionists are revisionists and must not be supported" (our emphasis-ed.) represents anything more than demagogy of the worst kind. It is precisely this slogan of the "RC" P that, far from lifting them out of the quagmire of treason to Marxism-Leninism, weighs them down even further in the muck and mire.

"Revolutionaries are revolutionaries and must be supported, revisionists are revisionists and must not be supported" perfectly describes the petty-bourgeois mentality of the "RC" P phillistines. Aside from its obvious simple-minded schoolboy tone, the slogan is anti-communist, and must not be "supported". Firstly, Marxist-Leninists do not merely "support other revolutionaries", but are guided by the principles of proletarian internationalism. This presupposes not merely "support", but the struggle to "do the utmost in one country (one's own) for the development, support and awakening of the revolution in all countries" (Lenin). Marxism-Leninism is the living science of world-wide proletarian revolution, and as such, guides all its adherents in the pursuit of the revolutionary emancipation of the working class from wage slavery and the establishment of socialism. "RC" P does not agree with this well-known truth and must "invent" a schoolboy slogan about "support" based on no principles whatsoever, purposely vague and deceptive, in order to distort and revise the relationship between Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations internationally. In this way, "RC" P comes against the tested and true principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

This is the reality of modern

revisionism, of opportunism of all stripes, which, as Comrade V. I. Lenin said, is devoid of all political principle. As the reader will recall, "RC" P had no trouble "supporting" Teng Hsiao-ping & Co. at innumerable "toasts" and banquets in Peking before the Chinese renegade leadership decided to "drop" the "RC" P and "recognize" the "C" P "ML". Now, when their feelings are hurt, they bombastically call for no "support". Demagogy is the worst enemy of the proletariat, also taught Lenin.

The second half of the "RC" P slogan is a continuation of the thorough renunciation and attack on Marxism-Leninism. "Revisionists are revisionists and must not be supported." ! The struggle waged by Marxist-Leninists against revisionism is a fierce struggle, a life and death fight between the upholders and supporters of the capitalist-imperialist order, the international bourgeoisie and all reaction on the one hand, and the Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations that uphold and fight for the interests of the proletariat, on the other. There is no room in this struggle for a question of "no support". Only thorough-going phillistines can think in this way; is it not clear that "RC" P is reducing the struggle between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism to a question of "support" or "no support"?

The history of modern revisionism is a history of betrayal of the interests of the working class and socialism. Modern revisionism is responsible for the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union, in China, and other formerly socialist countries--the undermining of the socialist camp (let no one infer that the socialist camp no longer exists, for the Peoples Socialist Republic of Albania is its guiding beacon); the slaughter of countless numbers of workers and peasants in the Hungarian counter-revolution of 1956 (organized by Tito's gang from Yugoslavia); the Czechoslovakian invasion by

Soviet social-imperialism in 1968; the events of the fascist coup in Chile in 1973; and numerous other examples; modern revisionism is responsible for the prolongation of the daily suffering, misery, torture and starvation of the hundreds of millions of proletarians and oppressed masses worldwide.

It is modern revisionism that is responsible for turning the once-glorious Party of Lenin and Stalin into a putrid, cowardly party of the new Soviet bourgeoisie, for trampling the memory of the great life and work of Comrade J.V. Stalin, for unleashing throughout the world a tide of anti-Marxist "theories" and "ideologies", from Trotskyism to "peaceful transition", from reformism to capitulation to imperialism. It is modern revisionism that has degenerated the socialist homeland of the international proletariat, the Soviet Union, into a vicious, war-mongering imperialist superpower. Modern revisionism is responsible for turning the leadership of the CPC into a renegade, bourgeois leadership. Modern revisionism is a form of bourgeois ideology and as such must be combatted with every nerve if the proletariat is to emancipate itself from the chains of wage slavery.

This is, obviously, but a trifling of the crimes of modern revisionism, which is actuality is the main danger to the workers and communist movements throughout the world. What kind of cowardice, what kind of revisionists, would reduce the struggle against this criminal modern revisionism to a question of "support or "no support"?

"RC" P has launched a new offensive against Marxism-Leninism, the proletariat and socialism with this "slogan". Apparently, "RC" P thinks it can erase the ABC's of Marxism with one stroke of the pen--a folly pursued by their colleagues--Bernstein, Kautsky, Trotsky, Krushchev, Tito, Foster and Klonsky (to name but a few) for many years. We are

undaunted by these attempts to subjugate Marxism to revisionism and cut away its revolutionary heart. This latest "RC" attempt will go the way of all those before it--it will indeed be remembered only by the struggle waged against it, and in the great tribune of the proletarian revolution it will be recalled with particular venom.

With Revolutionary Greetings--

Long Live Invincible Marxism-Leninism!

Dear Comrades,

The "C"P "ML" is a recent leaflet entitled "Inland Steelworkers Win Shorter Hours" begins by saying:

"This September, the United Steel Workers will hold its international convention in the midst of the worst economic crisis to hit the industry in decades."

What does "hit the industry" mean? It means lumping workers and owners, exploiters and exploited, together. It means straight up class collaboration.

"C"P "ML" goes on to say,

"As momentum builds towards the September USW convention, a program of class struggle is being developed by militant workers."

A genuine class struggle program cannot be developed by militant workers, because they are not class conscious. "Militant workers" or "militant" trade unionists can only develop programs for reform--programs for better wages and working conditions, which is exactly what "C"P "ML"'s "class struggle" program in steel (or anywhere else) is-- a program for economic reforms, which maintains the status quo, maintains the capitalist system.

As Comrade Lenin says,

"The economic struggle is the collective struggle of the workers against their employers for better terms in the sale of their labour power, for the better conditions of life and labour. This struggle is necessarily an industrial struggle, because conditions of labour differ very much in different trades, and, consequently, the fight to improve these conditions can only be conducted in respect to each trade (trade unions in the Western countries, temporary trade associations and leaflets in Russia, etc). Lending 'the economic struggle itself a political character' means, therefore, striving to secure satisfaction of these trade demands, the improvement of conditions of labour in each separate trade by means of 'legislative and administrative measures'..." (Lenin, What Is To Be Done?)

"C"P "ML", we will allow your own words to convict you as the economists you are. The "C"P "ML" says forced overtime is a life and death question for steelworkers. Later on in the leaflet they say,

"The fight against forced overtime in (30H) really got going after workers began circulating a petition demanding a five-day work week."

First, they reduce the question of forced overtime, which is part and parcel of the capitalist system, to a "life and death struggle" for the workers of one trade, in one city, in one plant, in one department! Then, as Comrade Lenin says, "striving to secure satisfaction of these trade demands, the improvement of working conditions in each separate trade by means of 'legislative and administrative measures'" is lending "the economic struggle itself a political character".

Thoroughly degrading Marxism-