

CARRY ON THE FIGHT AGAINST REVISIONISM, GUARD AGAINST LEFT-SECTARIAN DEVIATION

Before closing the present document dealing with modern revisionism as the main danger in the international Communist movement at the present juncture, our Party cannot be oblivious of the fact that there also exist certain dogmatic and left-sectarian trends in some Parties on certain issues connected with the revolutionary movement of the proletariat. While fighting against modern revisionism as the main danger facing the world Communist movement as well as our Party, it cannot but seriously warn itself against slipping into left opportunism and sectarian errors.

What does it mean when we say that revisionism and right opportunism constitute the main danger in our Party?

Though our Party has decisively broken with the revisionists, it cannot be said that we have shed everything of revisionism. The legacies of the past decade or more of our Party activity which was dominated by revisionism both in theory and practice still persist in our Party too. It is true that we discarded revisionism in our strategy and tactics in the Programme we adopted at the Seventh Party Congress and the line we chalked out in the "New Situation and Party's Tasks", "The Tasks on the Kisan Front" and "The Tasks on the Trade Union Front". But in practice as we go on implementing these documents, we find ourselves repeatedly coming across revisionist tendencies that come in the way of class orientation, outlook, and class struggles and reformist illusions in elections and alien methods in Party organisational activity. This has to be seriously taken note of and the present effort of ours to settle accounts with modern revisionism on other ideological issues should be availed of for a complete working-class orientation in the matter of our day-to-day thinking and activity.

While tracing and liquidating the hated legacies of reformism and revisionism in all its manifestations, a fight still far from complete in our Party and without carrying which it becomes doubly difficult to fight against the rising left-dogmatic trends, and while not minimising the possible recurrence of reformist mistakes in our united front tactics and in running of the coalition ministries in some states, we cannot ignore or treat lightly certain sectarian, dogmatic and adventurist tendencies manifesting in some Party circles. They express in the form of challenging the Party Programme, in opposing the political-tactical line of the Party, in advancing infantile and adventurist forms of struggle and, finally, in the open defiance of Party norms and forms, its discipline and democratic centralism. Some of the advocates of the sectarian line have even embraced upon slandering the Party's ideological-political line as a line of neo-revisionism, as another substitution for the "old revisionism" of the Dangeite school, and have hoisted the banner of revolt against our Party in league with

several shady characters and agents-provocateurs. Merciless exposure and ruthless fight against these tendencies and in defence of the Party's Programme, political line and organisation are the elementary duty of every conscious Communist and the entire Party.

In fighting against the evils of right opportunism or left dogmatism, and in defending Marxism-Leninism one has to be clearly aware of the truth that right reformism and left dogmatism are not antipodes but are twins, and often go hand in hand with each other. As Lenin sharply puts it, "anarchism was not infrequently a sort of punishment for the opportunist sins of the working class movement; the two monsters complemented each other".

While analysing the basic sources of revisionism, whether of the right category or the left variety, Marxist-Leninists maintain that "bourgeois influence is the inner source of revisionism, and capitulation under imperialist pressure is its external source." Not content with this generalisation, we should also address ourselves to the concrete examination of the phenomenon in our own country and our Party. Ours is a country with a predominant petty-bourgeois class composition. Petty-bourgeois ideas, conceptions and illusions, in no small way, invade and influence the working class of our country, since ever-growing new entrants into the ranks of the working class would carry these prejudices along with them, besides the insufficient political consciousness of the organised working class. Lastly the class composition of our Party, and particularly of its leadership at different levels, is still predominantly of petty-bourgeois origin, and its schooling and tempering in Marxist-Leninist theory and ideology are deplorably inadequate. For these reasons our Party remains under the constant threat of being easily swayed into extremes either right-reformist or left-adventurist errors. This should never be lost sight of, and the entire experience of our past history completely confirms this truth. Not only our experience, but the experience of several other fraternal Parties also proves that left errors are liable to crop up in the course of liquidating right mistakes, and right errors are liable to crop up while correcting left mistakes. Our Party will have to be doubly vigilant and guard against these dangers.