

Communiqué of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist Leninist)

ANNOUNCING THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PARTY'S TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY , JULY 4th 1982.

Recently the Special Consultative Conference of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) was convened to discuss the Report of the Central Committee, which had been adopted by the historic Plenums of March and May 1982. The Conference militantly approved the conclusions of the Central Committee Report , which are summarised as follows :-

1) THE FOUNDING AND BUILDING OF CPI(M-L) A HISTORIC REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENT

The Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), founded on July 4th 1970, was formed to provide the revolutionary proletariat of Ireland with its essential genuine Marxist-Leninist headquarters, its revolutionary communist Party. Without such a party it is impossible for the working class to organise itself politically for the revolution to achieve socialism and communism, to end the domination of the oppressed nations by imperialism and the very exploitation of man by man itself.

The conditions for the creation of the CPI(M-L) had been prepared by the heroic pathfinding work of the Internationalists, the Marxist-Leninist Youth and Student Movement, which had originated in Canada from 1963 and spread to a number of other countries, including Ireland from 1965, taking up the great struggle against imperialism and revisionism -- which the revisionists had criminally thrown down since the Khrushchevite betrayal. From the historic decision of the Necessity for Change Conference of 1967 in London, the Internationalists had worked towards the refounding of genuine Marxist-Leninist parties in their respective countries.

The founding of CPI(M-L) in 1970 was a tremendous achievement for the young Irish Marxist-Leninists, marking, for the Irish working class, a decisive break with the domination of revisionism and social-democracy. The revisionists had subverted and liquidated the old Communist Party of Ireland during the 1940s, and turned it into a headquarters of Khrushchevite revisionism during the 1950s by following Khrushchev's line of the "peaceful, parliamentary road to socialism in the capitalist countries", supporting the transformation of the Soviet Union into an aggressive social imperialist power, supporting its policies of contention against U.S. imperialism towards world war and its policies of collusion with U.S. imperialism for the suppression of the revolutions for national liberation and socialism.

In the years after the formation of the CPI(M-L), the young comrades fought hard to build the party, disseminate the Marxist-Leninist line, politically organise and mobilise the working class and the patriotic Irish people for revolution. By dint of hard work and self-sacrifice including arrests and imprisonment, resolutely standing up for Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, for national liberation for the Irish people and for proletarian socialist revolution, the comrades gradually strengthened and matured the Party step by step, instilling profound communist convictions in the Party and making headway to popularise CPI(M-L) as the genuine Marxist-Leninist revolutionary party of the working class and to expose the revisionist "Communist" Party of Ireland as a sham and a traitor to the workers and to the Irish people. The work of those years since the foundation of the Party was a great achievement, made in the teeth of complex and adverse conditions -- attacks by British imperialism and the Irish bourgeoisie and their state powers, as well as from the social-democrats and the revisionists, not least from Chinese revisionism. It was this achievement which stood the Party in great stead and ensured that CPI(M-L) has been able to overcome both the adverse effects of Maoism and the concerted attempts by revisionist cliques amongst the former leaders of the CPI(M-L) to subvert and liquidate our Party over the last three years or so, and turn CPI(M-L) into yet another revisionist Party, to wipe out once again the essential Marxist-Leninist headquarters of the Irish working class.

2) REPUDIATION OF "MAO ZEDONG THOUGHT"

Under the deception that Mao Zedong Thought and the Communist Party of China were Marxist-Leninists, and were fighting both U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism and social-imperialism, at the time of its founding our Party adopted the theory of "Mao Zedong Thought" alongside Marxism-Leninism as part of the ideological basis of CPI(M-L). Viewed in the historical context of that period, when this was a deception common to many other new Marxist-Leninist parties being founded around the world, this was an understandable mistake, but nonetheless a serious mistake. The main thing was that it was essential, with the exposure of the anti-Marxist-Leninist character of "Mao Zedong Thought" in the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, heroic-

ally led by the Party of Labour of Albania headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha, for our Party to learn the lessons most seriously, as was the case for all the genuine Marxist-Leninist parties.

In fact, the CPI(M-L) proved its genuine Marxist-Leninist character, forged in the years of class struggle since its foundation, when it step by step took up the struggle to repudiate modern Chinese revisionism alongside the other genuine Marxist-Leninist parties. Our Party militantly hailed the historic Report of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania of Comrade Enver Hoxha to the Seventh Congress of the PLA, in November 1976, and repudiated the bogus anti-Leninist "Three Worlds Theory" and the anti-Bolshevik theory of the "two line struggle in the party". Our Party militantly denounced the Chinese revisionists as a new aggressive social-imperialist power, when China launched its perfidious and hostile attack on the People's Socialist Republic of Albania and the PLA, by cutting off all internationalist aid and all trade with socialist Albania in July 1978. Our Party denounced the origin of Chinese revisionism in the anti-Marxist theory of "Mao Zedong Thought" in September 1979.

The Special Consultative Conference of the CPI(M-L) restated and further elaborated the Party's denunciation of "Mao Zedong Thought" and repudiated its adverse effects on the life, building, activity and work of our Party. Despite the fact that Maoism was adopted by our Party alongside Marxism-Leninism at its foundation, CPI(M-L) has vindicated the basic integrity of the Marxist-Leninist spine implanted and strengthened in the Party since its foundation. The overthrow of Maoism and its adverse effects has been a great achievement which has ensured that the Party could advance and play its revolutionary role all the more effectively in the future.

3) CONDEMNATION OF THE REVISIONISTS WHO ATTEMPTED TO USE THE QUESTION OF THE REPUDIATION OF "MAO ZEDONG THOUGHT" AS A TROJAN HORSE TO DESTROY CPI(M-L).

But, despite the strong Marxist-Leninist sentiment of the comrades of the CPI(M-L) to repudiate "Mao Zedong Thought", to thoroughly eliminate the adverse effects of Maoism on our Party and advance the revolutionary work of CPI(M-L), in the period since late 1977, certain former leading cadres of our Party -- namely Carole Evans (formerly Reakes), Alan Evans and David Vipond formed revisionist factions which both colluded and contended with one another, and which attempted to use the opportunity of the repudiation of "Mao Zedong Thought" as a Trojan horse to smuggle revisionism into the heart of the Party, so as to eliminate everything revolutionary and Marxist-Leninist which had been established in CPI(M-L) since its foundation, on the hoax that this, indeed, was "carrying through the repudiation of Maoism and its effects on CPI(M-L)".

The Special Consultative Conference discussed and approved the detailed Report of the Central Committee, which provided a comprehensive account and analysis of the principled struggle which has been waged by the Central Committee to overcome this, the most serious internal revisionist attack on the very existence of CPI(M-L) as the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Irish proletariat. In this struggle, the Central Committee has had the particular, important assistance of our fraternal parties, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), as well as the profound inspiration of the growing strength and unity of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement and the heroic example of the struggle of the Party of Labour of Albania, headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha, against revisionism -- against the Titoites, Khrushchevites, Maoists, Eurocommunists etc. which were brilliantly summed up in Comrade Enver Hoxha's Books -- "Imperialism and the Revolution", "Reflections on China", "The Khrushchevites" etc.

Through this complex and long drawn-out struggle over the last two years or so, the Central Committee step by step got to grips with the problems posed by the revisionist lines and activities of these former leading cadres, and has brought the Party to the point where it has militantly exposed and repudiated these revisionists, and the erroneous lines and revisionist positions which they temporarily managed to impose on our Party for a period. This has been a great victory for the science of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, for Irish Marxist-Leninists and the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, ensuring the revolutionary advance of CPI(M-L) in the future.

In particular, the Central Committee repudiated :-

a) ANTI-INTERNATIONALIST LINES

The hostile and anti-internationalist lines and provocations of these revisionists against our fraternal parties in the International Communist Movement, especially against other parties which had emerged from the pathfinding work of the Internationalists such as the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist). Asserting that they were "fighting against the Chinese revisionist line of interference in fraternal parties", these revisionists, former leaders of CPI(M-L), attacked our fraternal comrades and tried to lay the blame for the mistakes which our own Party had made, including the adoption of "Mao Zedong Thought", on the close relations which we had had with such parties and our common origins in the Internationalists. But the so-called "independence" of CPI(M-L) which these revisionists asserted had nothing in common with the line of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Move-

ment of parties genuinely standing on their own feet on Marxist-Leninist positions and strengthening the unity of the parties in the International communist Movement. This so-called "independence" was nothing but independence from Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism themselves, and a treacherous attempt by these revisionists to avoid taking up a serious, self-critical attitude on the part of our Party and its leadership in the crucial struggle against Maoist revisionism and its adverse effects on CPI(M-L), as well as carrying through the struggle against the other currents of modern revisionism, social-democracy and opportunism of all kinds.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

b) ANTI-NATIONAL LINES.

The hostile, anti-patriotic and counter-revolutionary lines which these revisionists tried to impose on our Party, in particular the articles published in the Party's central organ "Red Patriot" during 1979, which took up the revisionist line of the so-called "Communist" (Kruschevite) Party of Ireland of attacking the patriotic Irish freedom fighters as "petty bourgeois terrorists" and their just struggle as "terrorist."

Having already taken this treacherous step into revisionist positions, during 1979 these revisionists plunged the Central Committee into a disastrous, reactionary so-called "internal debate", on the hoax that "CPI(M-L)'s former line of active support for the patriotic struggle had been dictated by the "influence of Mao's bourgeois nationalism". They advanced a whole plethora of different "theories" which were designed to completely wipe out the revolutionary line of CPI(M-L) for the revolutionary overthrow of British imperialism, under the hoax that "CPI(M-L)'s former line had been leftist and had not dealt with the objective problems of the Irish revolution, such as the division of the country into two states, the "successful" - as they alleged - division of the working class against each other by British imperialism, the creation of a "monolithic" mass opposition amongst the protestant workers against national reunification and independence". These revisionists in turn advanced a number of different theories" which actually boiled down to a repetition of the various stock revisionist positions (summarised as follows) , but tried to hide their revisionist character by the claim that these were "not to change CPI(M-L)'s line," but merely to "create more detailed tactics to deal with the realities which had not been formerly dealt with" - so they alleged. Thus it was in a most deceptive fashion that these revisionists presented their so-called "new ideas", but - in the end - through the struggle of the Central Committee it became clear that their lines were totally revisionist and boiled down to the following

positions :

*** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the pro-British imperialist theory of the anti-communist "British and Irish Communist Organisation" that Ireland contains "two nations".
 *** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the similar pro-British imperialist theory of the anti-communist and Soviet revisionist "Socialist Party of Ireland" (not merged into the anti-national Democratic Socialist Party of Kemmy) that the "Irish revolution" - as they called it - was a "socialist revolution in the two states, with national unity not a priority".
 *** that CPI(M-L) should adopt the common Trotskyite theory that "the protestant workers are fascist" and that the Irish working class is irrevocably divided on sectarian lines with the workers of protestant background being indissolubly "united with the Unionist bourgeoisie in a Unionist monolith supporting British imperialism".

During 1980, the Central Committee resisted and prevented the Party adopting these positions which the revisionists demanded, the only publication coming in a local pamphlet on the H-Block struggle which was illegally issued in violation of the line of the Central Committee and which was immediately withdrawn.

But all these positions amounted to an all out attack on the just democratic struggle of the Irish people and the revolutionary patriotic line which the CPI(M-L) had always formerly upheld with credit. It was an attempt to liquidate the healthy and essential revolutionary activity of CPI(M-L), bring the Party to a complete halt through this reactionary "debate", and through liquidationism create the internal conditions most favourable for the revisionists to lead the CPI(M-L) down the path of the revisionists of the so-called "communist Party of Ireland and the "British and Irish Communist Organisation" towards the betrayal of the working class and the Irish people and the Irish revolution itself -- revisionist lines which CPI(M-L) had always resolutely fought since its foundation.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

c) REVISIONIST LINES OF BOURGEOIS TRADE UNIONISM AND REFORMISM.

The promotion of revisionist lines to conciliate and collaborate with the revisionists, social-democrats and opportunists, and, in general, with the labour aristocracy controlling the trade unions, under the hoax that this was "repudiating the main error of CPI(M-L)'s past under the Maoist influence, "left sectarianism", which became a trend in articles on the workers' struggles in "Red Patriot" during 1979, in particular for a short time support for the slogan of the labour aristocracy in the campaign against the burden of P.A.Y.E. income tax, "Tax the Greedy, not the Needy" which had been developed by the revisionist so-called "Sinn Fein the Workers' Party". Such positions also appeared in the replace-

ment newspaper which the revisionists imposed on the Party after the closure of "Red Patriot" during 1980.

This so-called "repudiation of left-sectarianism" and their so-called "new line" of "integrating with the mass struggles" was an attempt by these revisionists to wipe out the revolutionary position of the Marxist-Leninist Party in the working class and set CPI(M-L) on the same course as the revisionist "C"PI i.e. to transform CPI(M-L) into another reformist trade unionist party of the labour aristocracy.

d) BETRAYAL OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST REVOLUTION ABROAD

The Central Committee repudiated :

The revisionist line of attacking the revolutionary democratic struggles of national liberation abroad, which these revisionists tried to impose on CPI(M-L) as part and parcel of its anti-national and anti-revolutionary line on the patriotic Irish struggle, in particular manifested in certain articles in "Red Patriot" in 1979 which attacked the heroic anti-imperialist struggle of the Iranian people as simply the replacement of the reactionary regime of the fascist Shah by a reactionary religious despotism -- a line borrowed from the Trotskyites.

The Central Committee repudiated :-

e) REVISIONIST FACTIONAL, LIQUIDATIONIST AND SPLITTIST ATTACK ON THE BOLSHEVIK UNITY AND MILITANT ACTIVITY OF CPI(M-L)

The hoax of these revisionists that, in promoting factionalism, splittism and liquidationism in the Party, this was to so-called "repudiate Maoist two line struggle in the Party". This meant nothing less than the attempt to overthrow the healthy tradition of struggle in CPI(M-L) for Bolshevik, steeled unity of the Party and unity of theory and practice in the Party around the Party's single Marxist-Leninist line, which had been a hallmark of CPI(M-L) since its foundation, despite the adverse effects of Mao's theory of "two line struggle".

This line of these revisionists led the Party close to actual liquidation through the closure of the Party's central organ "Red Patriot" and the Party's bookshop and headquarters, into a period of liquidationist inactivity and passivity as a Party lasting through 1980 until the central committee's March Plenum of 1982 and the subsequent re-introduction of "Red Patriot" this May Day. The full extent of the liquidationist aims of these revisionist cliques can be seen from the so-called serious - actually treacherous - "proposal" for the formal dissolution of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) on the hoax that "possibly CPI(M-L) had played more of a role of reaction than of progress in the Irish revolution under Maoism, and therefore the Party itself constituted an obstacle to the building of the genuine Marxist-Leninist party" !?! Their sinister revisionist liquidationist aim was fully born out when these revisionist cliques eventually split from the Marxist-Leninist Party in order to set up their own revisionist sects to continue their attacks and attempts to destroy the CPI(M-L).

EXPULSION OF THE REVISIONISTS FROM CPI(M-L)

The Special Consultative Conference of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) militantly approved the struggle of the Central Committee and the important assistance of the fraternal parties in this struggle, which was elaborated in the Central Committee Report, and applauded the decision of the Central Committee to formally expel these revisionists - Carole Evans, Alan Evans and David Vipond -- from the Central Committee and from the Marxist-Leninist Party for their criminal splittism and hostility to the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) and the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement.

Whatever the subsequent changes of political line by these revisionists and their cliques (and these have been varied, arbitrary and opportunist), events and the facts have shown conclusively that the guiding intention and political motivation behind all their activities from the period at the end of 1977 - behind the anti-internationalist line of "asserting the independence of CPI(M-L)", the reactionary "debate about CPI(M-L)'S line on the relation of the national question to the class struggle for socialism", closure of the Party's bookshop and "changing the name of "Red Patriot" - actually liquidating the essential central organ of the Party :- all these things were with the sole aim of liquidating the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) as the revolutionary party of the Irish proletariat, based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. And this was to be finally proven by the desertion of the Party by Carole Evans and Alan Evans in November 1981, and the desertion of David Vipond in May 1982, in order to set up their anti-party sects, when their criminal and revisionist lines had become fully exposed in the Central Committee and they had refused to make self-criticism and unite around the correct Marxist-Leninist line and unite with the Marxist-Leninist party. For such unity in the single communist party of the proletariat is the duty of all Marxist-Leninists. The splittism and hostility of these revisionists towards the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist), which is the genuine and the only revolutionary party of the Irish working class, proves that these individuals no longer have the Bolshevik character of genuine Marxist-Leninists and have degenerated into revisionists; and the CPI(M-L) earnestly warns the working class and all progressive, democratic and patriotic people to be vigilant against their disruptionist and counter-revolutionary activities against the proletariat and its Party, against the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and against the unity of the people in the Irish revolution and the unity of the international proletariat in the proletarian socialist revolution.

The expulsion and public denunciation of these revisionists marks a decisive break with the liquidationism and revisionist lines of recent years, which they tried to impose on CPI(M-L) in order to turn our Party into a revisionist Party. The successful repulse of this, the most serious internal revisionist attack on the very existence of CPI(M-L), launched by some of the

-- formerly -- most respected leading cadres of the Party, is a great victory for the Central Committee and for the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist). This struggle, made with the valuable assistance of our fraternal Marxist-Leninist parties, has enabled the Central Committee and the Special Consultative Conference to militantly repudiate the various revisionist deviations imposed temporarily by these revisionists, which has been essential to the full re-establishment of the revolutionary internationalist Bolshevik character of CPI(M-L) and its re-launching into the class struggle along the Party's historically correct and revolutionary Marxist-Leninist political line.

4) BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMME OF CPI(M-L).

The Special Consultative Conference thoroughly discussed and militantly approved the detailed re-statement and further elaboration of the Marxist-Leninist positions of the CPI(M-L) in the Central Committee Report, now that these revisionist lines have been fully purged. In summary these positions are as follows :-

a) CPI(M-L) is based on Marxism-Leninism, the universal principles of the proletarian science and ideology developed by the great leaders and teachers of the world's proletariat - Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. It is the task and responsibility of CPI(M-L) to integrate these universal principles in revolutionary practice in the concrete conditions of the revolution in Ireland. The organisational line of CPI(M-L) is Bolshevik democratic centralism.

b) CPI(M-L) upholds proletarian internationalism and the unity of the international working class on the line of Marxism Leninism and embodied in the unity of the fraternal parties of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement.

c) CPI(M-L) upholds the struggle of the proletariat to achieve world proletarian socialist revolution, embodied in the great achievement of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, led by the Party of Labour of Albania, headed by Comrade Enver Hoxha. Socialist Albania is the only genuine and successful socialist country in the world and is the bastion of socialism in the world today, and is defended by CPI(M-L) as by all the genuine communists and working class of the world.

d) CPI(M-L) denounces and fights the Soviet revisionists, led by the Khrushchev/Brezhnev clique, who overthrew the genuine socialist system of Lenin and Stalin in the Soviet Union and in the country's of people's democracy in Eastern Europe (except where it was successfully resisted in Albania); who split the world communist movement and turned most of the old communist parties (such as the "Communist" Party of Ireland) into revisionist parties with their anti-Leninist line of "the peaceful parliamentary road to socialism", "the Chilean experiment of Allende" etc.; and who transformed the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact into an aggressive social-imperialist superpower, attacking and suppressing the democratic rights of the peoples and working class of Czechoslovakia, Poland etc. and launching wars of colonial aggression against the people of Afghanistan, and neo-col-

onial wars by proxy, through the use of Cuban and other puppet troops in various African countries etc.

e) CPI(M-L) denounces and fights the Chinese revisionists and their whole anti-Marxist-Leninist theory of "Mao-Zedong Thought", and their policy to advance China as another social-imperialist contender for super-power status and for world hegemony, presently basing their advance on their alliance with U.S. imperialism while they hypocritically try to camouflage their pretensions and actual aggression (for instance against the Vietnamese people) with demagogic "Marxist-Leninist" verbiage, sometimes declaring their so-called "opposition to the two superpowers" etc.

Likewise CPI(M-L) fights all other trends of revisionism, such as Titoite revisionism, Eurocommunism etc., social democracy, Trotskyism and opportunism of all hues -- whilst CPI(M-L) considers, along with the other Marxist-Leninist parties, that right revisionism, in particular Khrushchevite revisionism, constitutes the main danger to the communist movement today.

f) CPI(M-L) opposes and fights against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism as the two superpowers who head the coalition of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, and in one way or another have divided all the countries of the world - with the exception of Socialist Albania - into two contending blocs in preparation for another world war for total hegemony, and who are behind the constant local wars to suppress the people's and the workers' struggles and incitement of nations to attack one another throughout the world.

g) CPI(M-L) actively supports the struggle of the working class of all countries and the peoples and nations who are militantly fighting against imperialism and the two superpowers for national and social liberation, and fighting to stay the hand of the imperialist warmongers from launching another world war.

CPI(M-L) recognises the disturbed, complicated and tense situation in the world today, where the revolutionary forces throughout the world are confronting the reactionary forces ever more vigorously and resolutely, where there can be no room for pessimism, while on the other hand there can be no euphoria, for the dangers of war, fascism and reaction are very grave indeed. The views of CPI(M-L) are in accord with the assessment of the international situation outlined in the Report of the 8th Congress of the PLA of November 1981 of Comrade Enver Hoxha, where he says:

"Everything indicates that the present situation in the world could give rise to general and local wars, just as it may give rise to liberation wars and revolution." The development of events will show whether imperialism will be able to lead the world to a new catastrophe or whether the peoples will prevent the war and save mankind. "

Specifically, CPI(M-L) makes its own contribution to the world proletarian socialist revolution and the overthrow of imperialism, without which imperialist exploitation and the threat of local or world war cannot be ended, through its work to politically organise the working class and the people of Ireland for the revolution to overthrow British imperialism and establish the socialist system in a genuinely free, independent and united Irish nation state.

h) CPI(M-L) as the party of the Irish proletariat stands for revolution, as opposed to the revisionist illusions of reformism, as the only means to achieve both national and social emancipation and works at all times in a revolutionary way to prepare the conditions for the revolution, exploiting all methods and forms of struggle, both legal and illegal, such as parliamentary struggle where the tactics are appropriate, but basing the party on its illegal work as a part of revolutionary action.

The goal of the working class is to achieve socialism through the establishment of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and CPI(M-L) organises the working class around this revolutionary line and with the perspective of this goal in all the day to day struggles of the workers against exploitation and oppression, including the revolutionary patriotic struggle.

CPI(M-L) recognises the central importance of the revolutionary, democratic, patriotic struggle for national liberation against British imperialism in the Irish revolution. The Party works to unite the Irish people around the most revolutionary class, the working class, building its Marxist-Leninist party, in the course of the struggle to overthrow British imperialism and its evil colonial rule in the north, to overthrow partition and re-unite the whole Irish nation and the country in genuine independence. In this struggle against the age-old national oppressor of the Irish people, British imperialism, CPI(M-L) opposes the collaborationist Irish monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie, who assist the British imperialists in their stock tactic of "divide and rule" to divide the Irish people and set them at loggerheads with each other on the sectarian lines which British imperialism has incited by indoctrination and fascist terror, and who assist the British imperialists in suppressing the patriotic struggle, north and south, as well as the struggle of the working class to achieve socialism.

The revolutionary patriotic struggle is the central democratic struggle and is central to preparing the conditions for the proletarian socialist revolution in Ireland, while the establishment of socialism under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat is itself, in the final analysis the only sure guarantee for the consolidation of national independence for the Irish people, as this is the only means to cut off the roots of native sell-out and foreign imperialist enslavement and exploitation, through the elimination of the capitalist system and the exploiting bourgeoisie in Ireland.

The Marxist-Leninist line of CPI(M-L) is to provide leadership and actively fight in both the democratic national struggle and the class struggle of the proletariat for socialism, ensuring that in these two struggles -- the questions of national liberation and socialism are neither, on the one hand, eclectically fused together, nor, on the other hand, are they separated by a Chinese wall.

In addition, CPI(M-L) is active in all the mass democratic struggles, works in the various mass organisations and also to create revolutionary mass organisations, against imperialist war and the monopoly bourgeoisie's incitement of world war; against the policy of the imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie to impose the burden of their crisis on the backs of the working people through unemployment, higher taxation

and exploitation etc.; for the rights of women against discrimination, exploitation and oppression and for the emancipation of women; for the rights of the youth against their criminalisation, degeneration and the attempts of the bourgeoisie and the imperialists to mobilise them for imperialist war and for reaction; for the democratic rights of the working class and the people of Ireland and all other countries against the daily development of fascism by the monopoly bourgeoisie, the denial of their democratic and trade union rights, against the incitement of racism, national chauvinism and sectarianism and other forms of reaction and fascism to divide and suppress the people etc.

The Special Consultative Conference also discussed and approved the basic tasks of the Party elaborated by the Central Committee, for the coming period, including the decision to hold CPI(M-L)'s First Congress in the course of the next two years.

The Special Consultative Conference warmly welcomed a delegation from the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) which took part in the proceedings of the conference. A speech by a representative of the central committee of the British party was enthusiastically received by the conference.

Finally, on behalf of the Party, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) gives a red salute to the Party of Labour of Albania, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and to all the other fraternal parties of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, on the occasion of CPI(M-L)'s 12th Anniversary!

The CPI(M-L) gives a red salute to the struggles of the working class and the peoples and nations for revolution, for both national and social liberation, in Ireland and throughout the world; It pledges that our Party will work militantly to make our contribution to the revolution in Ireland and throughout the world, working for the unity of the proletariat and the revolutionary peoples and nations through strengthening the unity of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and through waging the patriotic and class struggles in Ireland!

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h) CPI(M-L) as the party of the Irish proletariat stands for revolution, as opposed to the revisionist illusions of reformism, as the only means to achieve both national and social emancipation and works at all times in a revolutionary way to prepare the conditions for the revolution, exploiting all methods and forms of struggle, both legal and illegal, such as parliamentary struggle where the tactics are appropriate, but basing the party on its illegal work as a part of revolutionary action.

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CPI(M-L) recognises the central importance of the revolutionary, democratic, patriotic struggle for national liberation against British imperialism in the Irish revolution. The Party works to unite the Irish people around the most revolutionary class, the working class, building its Marxist-Leninist party, in the course of the struggle to overthrow British imperialism and its evil colonial rule in the north, to overthrow partition and re-unite the whole Irish nation and the country in genuine independence. In this struggle against the age-old national oppressor of the Irish people, British imperialism, CPI(M-L) opposes the collaborationist Irish monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie, who assist the British imperialists in their stock tactic of "divide and rule" to divide the Irish people and set them at loggerheads with each other on the sectarian lines which British imperialism has incited by indoctrination and fascist terror, and who assist the British imperialists in suppressing the patriotic struggle, north and south, as well as the struggle of the working class to achieve socialism.

The revolutionary patriotic struggle is the central democratic struggle and is central to preparing the conditions for the proletarian socialist revolution in Ireland, while the establishment of socialism under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat is itself, in the final analysis the only sure guarantee for the consolidation of national independence for the Irish people, as this is the only means to cut off the roots of native sell-out and foreign imperialist enslavement and exploitation, through the elimination of the capitalist system and the exploiting bourgeoisie in Ireland.

The Marxist-Leninist line of CPI(M-L) is to provide leadership and actively fight in both the democratic national struggle and the class struggle of the proletariat for socialism, ensuring that in these two struggles -- the questions of national liberation and socialism are neither, on the one hand, eclectically fused together, nor, on the other hand, are they separated by a Chinese wall.

In addition, CPI(M-L) is active in all the mass democratic struggles, works in the various mass organisations and also to create revolutionary mass organisations, against imperialist war and the monopoly bourgeoisie's incitement of world war; against the policy of the imperialists and the Irish bourgeoisie to impose the burden of their crisis on the backs of the working people through unemployment, higher taxation

and exploitation etc.; for the rights of women against discrimination, exploitation and oppression and for the emancipation of women; for the rights of the youth against their criminalisation, degeneration and the attempts of the bourgeoisie and the imperialists to mobilise them for imperialist war and for reaction; for the democratic rights of the working class and the people of Ireland and all other countries against the daily development of fascism by the monopoly bourgeoisie, the denial of their democratic and trade union rights, against the incitement of racism, national chauvinism and sectarianism and other forms of reaction and fascism to divide and suppress the people etc.

The Special Consultative Conference also discussed and approved the basic tasks of the Party elaborated by the Central Committee, for the coming period, including the decision to hold CPI(M-L)'s First Congress in the course of the next two years.

The Special Consultative Conference warmly welcomed a delegation from the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) which took part in the proceedings of the conference. A speech by a representative of the central committee of the British party was enthusiastically received by the conference.

Finally, on behalf of the Party, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ireland (Marxist-Leninist) gives a red salute to the Party of Labour of Albania, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and to all the other fraternal parties of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, on the occasion of CPI(M-L)'s 12th Anniversary!

The CPI(M-L) gives a red salute to the struggles of the working class and the peoples and nations for revolution, for both national and social liberation, in Ireland and throughout the world; It pledges that our Party will work militantly to make our contribution to the revolution in Ireland and throughout the world, working for the unity of the proletariat and the revolutionary peoples and nations through strengthening the unity of the International Marxist-Leninist Communist Movement, and through waging the patriotic and class struggles in Ireland!

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