Glaring Social-Chauvinism of the Social-Democrats

Social-democracy is inherently chauvinist. The social-democrats do not have a revolutionary outlook, but go along with the dominant ideology of the country, that is, with the ideology of the monopoly capitalist ruling class. Thus it should not surprise anyone that the social-democrats of the MLOC/"CPUSA(M-L)" take glaring social-chauvinist stands that display their ultra-nationalistic attitudes.

Consider the July 1 issue of Unite!, organ of the MLOC /"CPUSA (M-L)" social-democrats. On the pretext of commenting on the U.S. imperialist national holiday, the fourth of July, this paper carries, both on its front page and on page 5, graphics of a somewhat abstract arrangement of the stars and stripes. We reproduce this graphic, as otherwise we are afraid that our reader may not believe our description of this graphic. Naturally the reader would think it unbelievable that an allegedly "Marxist-Leninist" paper could carry such jingo rot on its front page. As is well known, on the fourth of July it is considered the patriotic thing to do to fly the American flag, "old glory", the stars and stripes. Naturally, when a "Marxist" paper also carries such an emblem for July 4th, it is showing graphically its social-patriotic nature - i.e. socialism in words, but superpower patriotism in deeds.

This social-chauvinism of the MLOC/"CPUSA (M-L)" also shows the sham nature of this social-democratic sect's alleged "opposition" to "three worlds-ism". Elsewhere we have documented its history of "three worlds-ism" and its constant

opposition to the struggle against the Klonskyite Pentagon-socialists. Why the very thought of pointing a finger at a notorious social-chauvinist class traitor, such as Klonsky, seems uncouth to them. Now with this article we show how the "CPUSA(M-L)" social-democrats take up the graphic symbolism of the Pentagon-socialists. For it was the Klonskyite Pentagon-socialists who tried to reintroduce the red, white and blue into the Marxist-Leninist movement. In 1976 the OL began printing its publications in the American imperialist national colors - red, white and blue - in particular the May 1 issue of The Call and the Spring-Summer issue of Class Struggle. This included showing woodcuts of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao in red, white and blue. Thus the OL "three worlders" flew the colors of rabid U.S. imperialism. The revolutionary Marxist-Leninists fiercely denounced OL for this. And even the open "three worlders" of the OL/"CP(M-L)" have had to drop this color combination, for fear of total exposure.





Glaring social-chauvinist graphics of the social-democrats of the "CPUSA(M-L)".

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Even the woodcuts have noticeably changed their colors — dropping red (of course) to leave blue and white.

But the social-democrats are picking up the discredited and smelly droppings of the "three worlders". Three years later, in 1979, the "CPUSA (M-L)" picks up the stars and stripes. Of course, the social-democrats may pontificate, "we criticize U.S. imperialism in our July 4th article, at least in the latter half of it." But, as the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. With this symbol of U.S. imperialism as a graphic, any intelligent capitalist is being told that, beneath all the socialist verbiage, Unite! shares with the bourgeoisie the same basic patriotic feelings. As to the criticisms of U.S. imperialism, the OL "three worlders" could make a similar excuse for their red, white and blue publications, which also contain some revolutionary phrasemongering. But the excuse didn't hold water for the "three worlders", and it doesn't for the social-democrats either.

As a matter of fact, the social-democrats do not wait till July 4th to exhibit their patriotism. The masthead symbol of <u>Unite!</u>, which is also reproduced here so that the reader should not feel that we are making things up or that this is simply a satire, also carries a graphic of the outline of the U.S. over the hammer and sickle.

It has carried this graphic ever since the MLOC changed into the "CPUSA(M-L)". And the "CPUSA(M-L)'s" Party emblem carries this same outline of the U.S., of course with the words "Workers of all countries, unite!" underneath it. However, Marx and Engels addressed their great slogan to the idea of unity in the great cause of the proletarian revolution, not to unity under the U.S. imperialist world hegemony. The social-democrats distort geography a bit in their outline map, in order to be sure to get Hawaii and Alaska in the graphic. But one must give credit where credit is due: they do leave out Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone, Micronesia and various other U.S. imperialist "possessions".

Among the American masses, it is common to mock at the symbols of U.S. patriotism, to mock at the flag, the 50 states from sea to shining sea, etc. Americans with any revolutionary sentiment are positively revolted by U.S. jingoism. They definitely would not rally behind any party whose emblem was the map of the 50 states. But there are two basic ideologies, two basic attitudes here. The social-democrats cry "ultra-left" and "uncouth" at things like "red salutes", while the map of the U.S. is the most natural thing in the world for them. The revolutionaries and progressive masses believe that the symbols of U.S. patriotism are disgusting and uncouth, while they are quite at home with "red salutes". The Marxist-

Leninist revolutionaries don't teach the masses the outline of the 50 states. On the contrary, they teach the masses to have a burning indignation and hatred for U.S. imperialist aggression and for the bloodstained history of genocide, annexation and aggressive war behind the present U.S. boundaries. They teach the masses that it is not in their interests to "defend" the borders of the U.S. for the monopoly capitalist dictators. Rather, the task is to overthrow the monopoly capitalist dictators.

Here again, it turns out that a picture is worth a thousand words. The social-democrats display the U.S. flag because they wish to defend the U.S. capitalist state. They are assuring the capitalists that despite all the "bold" revolutionary phrasemongering, the social-democrats are completely tame and loyal. And please remember, it is not just any state borders that the social-

democrats are exhibiting on their masthead. No, it is the borders of the U.S. superpower, which is a bloodstained aggressor striving for world domination.

The glaring social-chauvinism of the social-democrats exposes them as lovers of the "three worlders" and servants of the U.S. big bourgeoisie. Together the "three worlders" and the social-democrats find their greatest enemy in revolutionary Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The proletariat will wage its irreconcilable struggle against the bourgeoisie only through building its Marxist-Leninist Party without the social-chauvinists and against the social-chauvinists.



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