



Is there any connection between imperialism and that monstrously disgusting victory which opportunism (in the form of social-chauvinism) has gained over the labour movement in Europe? This is the fundamental question of modern socialism.

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Introduction

In the United States and throughout the world, there exists a great ideological crisis in the Marxist-Leninist movement. We are in a critical period in which the Marxist-Leninist movement in the United States and internationally cannot advance without and unless a ruthless, merciless struggle against opportunism of all hues is waged; unless firm and definite lines of demarcation are made with the various opportunist trends.

The Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks holds that the international Marxist-Leninist movement is dominated by opportunism and revisionism, expressed either overtly or covertly. Opportunism and modern revisionism, as in the case of Krushchevite revisionism, Eurocommunism, Titoism, and Maoism (including its offspring, the chauvinist theory of "Three Worlds") has openly, overtly sided with one or another of the imperialist blocs today. These various forms of opportunism are the foremost representatives of the open social-chauvinist trends.

Side by side with the open social-chauvinists is the international trend of camouflaged opportunism, of covert social-chauvinism—the trend of centrism. Centrism, which hides under the covers of "anti-revisionism", "anti-Maoism" "anti-three worlds", and preaches its sophistry, its opportunist program under the pretext of internationalism, must be unmasked and stripped naked.

The dead chauvinism of the Second International (both social-chauvinism and centrism) has been given respite. This "dawn of the dead," however, will be put back into its grave with living socialism. However, to do so, it is the task of all genuine Marxist-Leninists, class-conscious workers, and revolutionaries to expose the program of the social-chauvinist and centrist trends, to split with opportunism, and re-establish the Marxist-Leninist trend internationally, i.e., to place Bolshevism at the head of the movement.

We are indeed in a similar position to the one that Lenin, the Bolsheviks and genuine Lefts were in during the period of the first Imperialist World War and collapse of the opportunist Second International. Thus, the task of Marxism-Leninism internationally, and for Bolsheviks in the U.S. is similar to that which Lenin defined in 1914:

"In my opinion, the most important thing at present is a persistent and organized struggle against chauvinism which has taken hold of all the bourgeoisie and a majority of the opportunist socialists (and those who make peace with opportunism—such as Mr. Kautsky). To carry this out, one must fight in the first place against the chauvinism

of one's own land. . .”

(Letter to A. G. Shlyapnikov, Oct. 17, 1914,—taken from: Lenin: Vol. XVIII, *The Imperialist War*, International Publishers, N.Y., 1930, p.73.)

In our struggle against social-chauvinism and centrism, we are of the view that we must particularly strike our main blow at the camouflaged opportunists, the centrists, for it is they, as Stalin states: “whose whole policy consisted in embellishing the opportunism of the Rights with Left phrases and subordinating the Lefts to the Rights”. (Stalin, *Industrialization and the Right Deviation in the CPSU(B)*, Works, Vol. 11, p. 293)

On our policy towards centrism we again go back to the position that Lenin put forth in regard to the centrist Kautsky, “who is now more harmful than all of them”. [i.e. the social-chauvinists-ed.] (Letter..op.cit. p. 73)

Lenin states:

“The German centre with Kautsky at its head, a hidden evil embellished for diplomatic purposes and dulling the eyes, the intelligence, and the consciousness of the workers, is more dangerous than anything else. Our task at present is a determined and open struggle against international opportunism and those who shield it (Kautsky).”

(op cit. p. 74)

We hold that Marxism-Leninism internationally is and has been subordinated to right opportunism by the centrists. That opportunism presently reigns over the movement. Therefore, the task of Marxism-Leninism is the drawing of sharp lines of demarcation with the social-chauvinist and centrist trends, upholding orthodox Marxism-Leninism, and waging the fiercest polemic against the upholders of the “freedom to criticize” Marxism-Leninism. Ours is the task of splitting with the opportunist international trends and re-establishing the Bolshevik trend, for as Stalin states, the “consistent and thoroughly revolutionary internationalism of the Bolsheviks is a model of proletarian internationalism for the workers of all countries”. (Stalin, “Questions Concerning the History of Bolshevism”, *Works*, Vol. 13, p. 96) and that: “the Bolsheviks are the only revolutionary organization in the world which has completely smashed the opportunists and centrists and driven them out of the Party.” (Ibid, p.100)

The Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks has been formed precisely for the purpose of accomplishing the Marxist-Leninist task of building an organization of professional revolutionaries for the purpose of rallying all class conscious proletarians.

In the U.S., the now split and so-called “anti-revisionist communist movement” has been dominated by opportunism and centrism. Despite all the claims of the various petty-bourgeois opportunist Parties, the vanguard Party of the proletariat does not exist. The principal task of Marxist-Leninists and class-conscious proletarians is to construct the Leninist Party of a new type.

In this critical period where ideological confusion reigns, where Mao Zedong Thought has been imbedded deeply in this so-called “anti-revisionist movement”, we see it of prime necessity to weld and establish a *leading center* that will develop and implement the plan for constructing the Leninist Party.

The Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks sees as its immediate task the establishment of a leading center that will then take on the following tasks of this period in the fight for socialism. The task of:

—upholding the orthodoxy of Marxism-Leninism, applying the science of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of the U.S., thus taking on our theoretical tasks which will be expressed in a theoretical journal. It is from these analyses that we will be able to formulate and establish a Marxist-Leninist Programme.

—drawing firm and definite lines of demarcation with all forms of opportunism, conducting open polemics with opportunism in full view of all communists and advanced workers.

—winning the vanguard of the proletariat to the side of communism, through our propaganda, the chief form of activity in this first period of constructing the Party.

—establishing an *Iskra* type newspaper which will be the collective propagandist, agitator, and collective organizer of the Bolshevik trend, thus establishing a corresponding network of agents that will lay the foundations, the skeleton of the organization of professional revolutionaries, of the Leninist Party of a new type.

These we see as the tasks to accomplish in order to construct a Bolshevik Party.

Hence, in short “to establish the Party means to establish unity among all genuine U.S. Marxist-Leninists. Such unity cannot be decreed, it cannot be brought about by a decision of a conference of representatives passing resolutions to bury differences. Definite work must be done to bring it about. In the first place, it is necessary to bring about solid ideological unity which will remove the differences of opinion and confusion that—we will be frank—reign among U.S. Marxist-Leninists at the present time. This ideological unity, this unity of ideas, must be fortified by a unified Party programme. Before we can unite, and in order that we may unite, we must first of all draw firm and definite lines of demarcation. In order to accomplish this, we must conduct open and principled polemics in full view of all Marxist-Leninist and advanced workers. The unity we call for is the unity of all Marxist-Leninists and *not* the unity of Marxist-Leninists with opportunists. Only on the basis of the Leninist norms of criticism and self-criticism can there be education and training through learning from one's own mistakes. Only in this way can genuine cadres and genuine leaders of the Party be trained.” (taken from: *A Joint Counter Proposal to the Multi-lateral Conference Proposal on Party Building*, by Demarcation and U.S. Leninist Core, March, 1979-slightly revised edition, p. 12)

It is with the purpose of taking on the above tasks that we in the Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks present this book, *Imperialism, Superprofits and the Bribery of the U.S. “Anti-Revisionist Communist Movement.”*

We present to you comrades, Marxist-Leninists, class-conscious proletarians and revolutionary minded people the following articles written by the Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks.

The article *How the "Friends of the People" Keep the Working Class in Bondage*, addresses and traces the economism of the "anti-revisionist movement" up to the present day practice, i.e. economism of the various cliques in the presently existing split up opportunist movement in the U.S. It shows how in their practice, all the social-chauvinists and centrists have a common platform: an economist platform. It particularly exposes the ambitions of the petty-bourgeois opportunists in maintaining their privileges and striving to subvert the path of proletarian revolution by seizing hegemony over the working class movement. This they do by "implanting" their petty-bourgeois cadres in the working class to keep scientific socialism away from the proletariat, promote reformism, and strengthen the position of the labour aristocracy. It exposes their task of ensuring the dominance of bourgeois ideology in the working class.

The article *Many Parties of the Old Type*, is an analysis of the development of the so-called "anti-revisionist communist movement", and an examination of the social-chauvinist and centrist trends, exposing its main representatives in the U.S. Combined with this is an analysis of the role and activity of agent provocateurs as shown in their wrecking activity in the so-called "Revolutionary Wing" of the U.S. "anti-revisionist communist movement" and how they utilize opportunism to conduct their activities.

We also have published a speech given by the Committee of U.S. Bolsheviks on May 5th, 1979 in commemoration of May Day, the International Working Class Day and of the birth of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism.

The article *The Advanced Workers Will Build The Party To Completion*, is a polemic against both the social-chauvinists and centrists on the question of the stratum of advanced workers. It exposes the opportunist denial of the existence of a stratum of advanced workers in the U.S., and shows why it is that the Party must be based on the proletariat. That is, it shows the importance of the task in this period of winning the vanguard of the proletariat to the side of communism.

Accompanying this article are four reprints of articles on advanced workers: *August Bebel, Leader of the German Workers*, by J.V. Stalin, *August Bebel*, by V.I. Lenin, *Comrade G. Telia, In Memoriam*, by J. V. Stalin, *Ivan Babushkin*, by C. Bobrovskaya.

Following the reprints, we have included as an Appendix, the Chapter on "The Party", from *Foundations of Leninism*, by J.V. Stalin, and also a 1932 article from the Comintern, "The Struggle Against the Provocateur".

Comrades, we call on all who have the interests of the proletariat at heart, who aspire to uphold Proletarian Internationalism in *deeds*, who recognize the necessity of constructing a Leninist Party of a new type, to read and study these articles. We await your response, your comments and criticisms.

Let us bury the dead chauvinism by actively proceeding along Leninist norms and developing a truly Bolshevik trend demarcated from all the opportunist trends. ★

Down With Social-Chauvinism!

Down With Centrism!

Construct The Leninist Party of a New Type!

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The Bolsheviks have to lead the Party. To do so they must know their course, they must stop hesitating, they must stop wasting time on persuading waverers, and fighting dissentients in their own ranks.

V. I. Lenin, (LCW, Vol. 15, p. 458)