

Second Anniversary – the Communist Party of Belgium Reconstituted itself on the basis of Marxism-Leninism

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During years of ever tougher struggle, militants within the party have tenaciously defended the positions of Marxist-Leninism against revisionism.

On all questions of the class struggle, at the international level as well, two irreconcilable positions, two antagonistic lines have confronted each other: revolution and counterrevolution; the consequent struggle of the working class, the working masses, and class collaboration; proletarian internationalism and collaboration with American imperialism; Marxism-Leninism and revisionism.

The Khrushchevist revisionists who took over direction of the Party by means of a gradual sapping and with the support of the Khrushchevists of the Soviet Union had almost reached their goal in the process of treason. At the beginning of 1963, these revisionist leaders also brought about the schism which they had provoked.

They themselves furnished the proof that the process of their treason was irreversible. They wanted reformist-party "statutes." They used all means, the most delaying sort of tactics, duplicity and calumny, blackmail and total violation of the statutes in force, to have a "party" completely to themselves, completely and definitively reformist.

Then in June 1963, the Communists of Brussels held an extraordinary federal congress: the Brussels federation was reconstituted on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

On 22 December 1963, the delegates of the federations of Brussels, Charleroi, and Liège, already reconstituted on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, and some Communists from several other regions of the country, met.

The December 1963 National Conference of Communists of Belgium was, in the up-to-date relevance of its deeds, a great historic congress. It adopted the essential elements of our policy line which, since then, has victoriously come through the test of action. It elected the Central Committee of the Party. It solved an important problem posed to the Party for a long time by setting up the Walloon Communist Party, the Flemish Communist Party which, with the Brussels Federation, constituted the Communist Party of Belgium from then on.

The working class, the working masses of Belgium, again saw their party as revolutionary and avant-garde, as it necessary for them in the daily struggle against capitalism -- the Communist Party indispensable to them for the decisive combats of the socialist revolution for which from now on they must prepare.

Today we can measure the road proudly traveled.

We know we are taking on a difficult task. We have done so with enthusiasm and the reasoned confidence of consistent revolutionaries.

The Party had to surmount great difficulties.

Despite the fact that it had few experienced cadres at the beginning in 1963, the Party valiantly fulfilled its duty, and it continues to grow stronger numerically and qualitatively, to forge itself day after day in the struggle as a revolutionary party.

The Party has also strengthened itself through purification.

The enemy hasn't ambushed and attacked us: we are waiting for this. But we can observe today that we have already delivered him some heavy blows.

La Voix du Peuple, Strijd, La Verite, (Truth), numerous tracts and specialized newspapers, posters and baiting, testify to the immense agitation and propaganda effort accomplished.

The Party has tenaciously carried on the struggle on all fronts: theoretical, political, demands, and organization. There has been progress in all areas.

The Party has always taken care to truly be the avant-garde of the working class, of the working masses, to be a functioning political unity according to the concept of Lenin.

The Party has inspired such action, large and small, for the demands of labor, for the defense of democratic liberties, against the Spaak-Lefevre government yesterday, Spaak-Byssens today, against the policy of national treason, against NATO, against the foreign bases in Belgium, against American imperialism, in favor of solidarity with the Vietnamese people, with the Congolese people, and with all the peoples struggling against our common No. 1

enemy, American imperialism, its allies and its lackeys, for the self-determination of the Walloon people, the Flemish people, and the Brussels community through the winning of federalism and national independence.

The profound crisis which is shaking all the bourgeois parties — and principally the P&B Parti Socialiste Belge; Belgian Socialist Party, that political agency of American imperialism, and the party of the Khrushchevists, that collaborator party of American imperialism — is a reflection of the deepening of the general crisis of capitalism and one of the consequences of our Party's action.

The Party has carried out an ever improved, ever more complete elaboration of its policy line, by forcing itself to apply better every day the universal truth of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of our country, by constantly testing this policy line in the light of the facts and the results of action, by drawing lessons from practice.

It has broadly propagated the concepts and the program of the United Popular Front. And the Walloon Popular Front, which is provoking rage and fear in all those who are betraying the working people of Wallonia, is already organized.

The Party has outlined the prospect of the struggle for the objectives of the winning of federalism and national independence which, to be carried to completion, has to pose the question of power, its nature, the question of the necessity for breaking the machine of the unitarist bourgeois state, the necessity for installing a power of popular democracy, dictatorship of the proletariat.

Our Party has adopted the motto "Marxists-Leninists, let us unite!", establishing relations of warm and indissoluble fraternity in combat with the Marxist-Leninist Communist workers' parties, with the Marxist-Leninist organizations of other countries.

Our Party is responding to the hopes placed in it by the avant-garde workers.

The cries of fury of the enemies of the working people, the tumult of calumny hurled against the Party, are for us the best sign that we are on the right path. We know that capitalism and its leader, American imperialism, won't stand for any opposition and won't hesitate to move on to the most criminal escalation.

Our Party must be ready for all eventualities. It knows it is responsible before the working class, the working masses of our country, before the international communist movement.

It resolutely sets out on the new phase of its activity: to multiply, to weld its bounds with the masses.

Our Party has raised the banner of the objectives of the United Popular Front.

It has raised the banner of proletarian internationalism,

It has raised the banner of the socialist revolution,

It has raised the banner of Marxism-Leninism. It will hold them high, and victoriously!

