

Indonesian Communist Party leaders veer towards China

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Radio Peking said October 5 that Dipa Nusantara Aidit, chairman of the Indonesian Communist party, has called on both Chinese and Soviet leaders to meet in order to restore unity.

Aidit made his appeal in Jakarta at a party conference after returning from visits to both Moscow and Peking.

Previously, it was thought that Aidit was one of the few in the leadership of the Indonesian Communist party who favored Khrushchev over Mao. On October 5, however, the Peking news agency Hsinhua said that while Aidit was in Canton in September, he had indicated that his party would support the Chinese side.

Aidit was reported as declaring that the Indonesian party would "always remain on the side of Marxism-Leninism and of the struggle against revisionism."

With 2,000,000 members, the Indonesian organization is considered to be one of the strongest Communist parties in the world. Its policies, however, have been class-collaborationist and Aidit has consistently supported Sukarno, the head of the Indonesian government.