

To: Tucson Marxist-Leninist Collective  
From: Committee for Scientific Socialism (M-L)

Comrades;

The principal task of all communists and advanced elements at this time is the founding of the independent political party of the proletariat. That is, party-building is the principal contradiction in the development of the revolutionary movement at this time, and it is only by firmly grasping the nature of this contradiction that we can scientifically pursue work in relation to the other, secondary contradictions. We strongly encourage and firmly support communists, advanced workers and the advanced peoples putting forward their views on the practical problems and tasks confronting the revolutionary movement. As communists it is our duty to provide and develop proletarian consciousness, leadership and organization, and thus to take up, respond to and carry forward the most immediate as well as long range demands of the people in relationship to our scientific understanding of the development of American society. Our criticism of the class political Program of the Tucson Marxist-Leninist Collective is that although in words comrades put forward the task of party-building as the central task, in deeds they carry this forward as a partial demand.

We believe that the lively, timely and current examples presented in your Program demonstrate that TMLC is struggling to apply the theory of Marxism-Leninism-Mao tse tung thought to the concrete conditions of class struggle in the United States. We unify on this aspect of your work and desire to understand in more concrete terms your revolutionary practice. Likewise, we unify with your struggle to raise theory to its proper level as is evident in your constant and consistent bringing forward the nature of the capitalist system. These are indeed strong points of unity and should be looked at thoroughly by comrades in order to further develop and deepen your understanding of the development of revolution in the U.S. in its particularity while raising class political consciousness within the spontaneously arising revolutionary movement.

From this unity we must outline our struggle. Comrades, what are the contradictions in U.S. society and what are their aspects? What is the principal contradiction and what is the principal aspect of the principal contradiction? These are indeed important questions which must be addressed by all serious revolutionary forces. However, the TMLC only alludes to the objective truth that the principal task of all communists and advanced elements is constituting and founding the genuine, independent political party of the proletariat. Our tasks must be pursued scientifically, in relationship to our understanding of objective reality, to the contradictions arising and developing independent of our will.

In the Program of the TMLC comrades juxtapose Socialism to capitalism, never revealing clearly the character of the capitalist system, that is, classes, class contradictions and class struggle. For example, the question which is raised on page 3,

"How is it possible that a country with such a rich potential is being run to the detriment of the workers who are the producers of all wealth which they are unable to enjoy? This arrangement (!) is not accidental; it is inherent in the capitalist mode of production."

is very appropriate and leads to a discussion of the essence of imperialism and the means necessary to move society forward. However, comrades only indirectly answer this question by discussing Socialist society.

The essence of imperialism is that it is monopoly capitalism, decadent capitalism, and moribund capitalism. This means that private property relations have developed to their furthest extent, that U.S. society is class society whose superstructure serves only the interest of the ruling class, and that the dictatorship of the minority must be replaced by the dictatorship of the majority. This means that the U.S. proletariat is the most revolutionary class in society, that the bourgeoisie forcefully suppresses all other classes and that the power of

capital can only be overthrown by the violent revolution of the oppressed classes against the oppressor class, that this is a one stage revolution, and that our objective is the dictatorship of the proletariat. This revolutionary movement must be led by the party of the proletariat. As Stalin stated in the History of the CPSU(B), although revolution is inevitable, without the party of the proletariat there can be no revolution.

Comrades state that the revolution in the United States does not have the leadership of its proletarian vanguard party, yet do not bring forward what means are necessary to move society forward, namely, raising spontaneous consciousness to class political consciousness, uniting all revolutionary and progressive people to smash the bourgeois state by means of armed struggle, and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat. Absolutely essential to this is the independent political party of the proletariat.

In your "Deportation leaflet," you raise the demand for building a revolutionary party, yet in your propaganda you fail to mention the character of the party. That is, our party is the party of and for a class. It is an independent political party whose ultimate aim is the abolition of exploitation of human by human. It must extend the recognition of class society to the recognition of the necessity for the dictatorship of the proletariat. Thus, the character of the party is that it must combat all forms of non-proletarian ideology, that is, it is an anti-revisionist party.

Comrades, there are two contradictions which we must address in our practical work. These are the contradiction within the communist movement and the contradiction between the communist movement and the spontaneous movement. Which is primary? The CSS answers the contradiction within the communist movement, concretely manifested in the development of the party and the consolidation of communists. Secondary to this is winning the advanced to communism and the fusion of the communist movement with the spontaneous movement.

The responsibility of any serious communist organization is to develop fully their program on the central task, that of party-building, particularly their views on the struggle against revisionism and their line (political) on founding and consolidating (constituting) the party. Without struggling against the incorrect ideological and political lines for revolution in the U.S. no organization can seriously consider developing the correct line. Quite frankly, how can we determine whether TLC is a genuine force or in the communist movement at all? Clearly we can't unless TLC enters the struggle with a line on the central task, reflecting both their theory and their practice. There are many Trotskyist and utopian socialists in our area who would embrace your Program to the fullest extent (and have accepted similar lines), yet have consistently been exposed and isolated on such "mundane practicalities" as their lines on revisionism and the central task, and their program for uniting communists and winning the advanced to communism. Our direct experience in struggle has shown that opportunism inevitably rears its ugly head precisely on the question of carefully and consistently carrying forward their line on the central task into the practice of advancing revolution (changing the world). This is our struggle.

Specific questions which we have regarding your practice is who was your "Deportation leaflet" aimed at (advanced, middle, backward) and with respect to what specific spontaneous struggle? What was the consciousness of these elements and what was the content and extent of your agitation around this leaflet and the particular struggle in which you were involved? Did you unite and struggle with other communist organizations? What organized force was the direction of the main blow and how have you exposed these lines? These are all important questions regarding concrete practice. We have never heard of the TLC and thus would like to know more about your history, struggle and practice.

Comradely,  
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