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Dear Comrades,

Attached is an advance copy of the lead article in the next (March-April 1981) issue of Line of March.

We consider this article, "A Communist Proposal for a United Front Against War and Racism," important on two counts: as a major formulation of a key element of the communist movement's general line for the period ahead and also as a practical proposal to a broad array of forces on the Left for united action in the face of a rising fascist danger.

For the moment, we want to underscore three major points advanced in the article:

1) That the concept of United Front Against Fascism is a correct formulation of the key political task before the working class movement in the U.S. today; and that this concept is actually a strategic (as opposed to tactical) question of the U.S. revolution.

2) That the United Front Against Fascism must be particularized so that it targets the central political questions which capture the principal content of the fascist danger. In our view, for the reasons given in the article, the bedrock of U.S. fascism consists in a policy of militarism and active counter-revolution in defense of imperialism internationally and the reinforcement of racism as the means for implementing a racially constructed program of social austerity against the U.S. working class. On this basis, we believe that a United Front Against War and Racism is the accurate and concrete application of the united front against fascism strategy to the U.S. in this historical period.

3) That the United Front Against War and Racism is concretely a unity in action around mutually defined political questions by definite political forces. We believe the key political elements in this united front, at the outset, should be the Marxist-Leninists (as represented by our trend), the revisionist trend as represented by the Communist Party USA, "left" forces in the Social Democratic trend (DSCO, NAM, etc.) and a number of anti-capitalist political forces operating exclusively within the Black and other minority communities.



While our own trend is undoubtedly the smallest of these groupings in numerical terms, it has a vital contribution to make to such a united front. In fact, it is doubtful that any other force has the capacity to develop this concept politically and theoretically or to see it through in a consistent manner precisely because of the prevailing political and ideological limitations on these other forces.

Naturally, we hope to unite our trend around this strategic conception. We believe that it is possible to do so despite many sharp differences around party-building questions and certain concrete political questions which have emerged in our trend.

We are planning to hold a series of political meetings with a number of trend forces to discuss this article. We would like to get your thoughts on this proposal either in writing or at a meeting. If you are interested in holding such a meeting, we suggest that it be arranged the next time members of your editorial board are in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

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