

To Build the Party

Strengthen Its Proletarian Internationalist Spirit and Activity

Proletarian internationalism [is], on the one hand, an ideology, a system of views which reflect the unity of interests and aims of the proletariat of various countries, and, on the other hand, a revolutionary policy of the communist parties which stems from this ideology and which aims to achieve the union of the proletarians of all countries in the struggle for the triumph of the revolution, socialism, and communism. — Party of Labor of Albania

Imperialism is a world system. International capital has linked the economies of all countries, creating conditions for the global exploitation, as well as the unification and organization, of the international proletariat. It has bound together — as links in a single chain — the peoples of the colonial and neo-colonial countries oppressed by imperialism with those fighting in the heartlands of world imperialism.

Since the time of Marx and Engels, the principal slogan of the communist parties has been, "Workers of all countries, Unite!" Josef Stalin considered the development and preparation of the revolution in one country to be conditional upon the struggle to unite the worldwide proletariat on the basis of proletarian internationalism. He stated, "The strategy and tactics of the communist party of each country can be correct only when they are not confined to the sphere of interests of their 'own' country, of their 'own' homeland, of their 'own' proletariat — but on the contrary, taking into account the conditions and situation of their country, and placing the interests of the international proletariat above everything."

The paramount importance of proletarian internationalism has guided the struggle to found the CPUSA/ML and is today a key principle upon which it operates. Recent decisions of the Central Committee have called for a strengthening of the Party's proletarian internationalist spirit and activity. The Party stands on the belief that U.S. imperialism has been, and remains, the main oppressor of the 20th century. It fights from the viewpoint expressed by Marx and Engels that, "No nation can be free if it oppresses other

nations."

The practical work of the Party on this front has been broad and varied. It includes the struggle against U.S. intervention in El Salvador, Turkey, and the Middle East. It includes material support to the national liberation movements in Africa. It includes propaganda and actions in defense of the oppressed nations and colonies within the borders of the U.S. state. It includes resolute and continuous solidarity with socialist Albania and the Party of Labor of Albania.

The Party places great importance on principled relations with the international Marxist-Leninist parties. It fights to steadily increase their level of unity and cooperation, participates in international meetings towards this end, and promotes these parties within the U.S. Today the CPUSA/ML is working to fulfill its role in the battle to unite the proletariat of the U.S. and the world on the basis of a Marxist-Leninist analysis of the present motion and direction of world imperialism, and U.S. imperialism in particular.

All these efforts are aimed at propagating the ideology of proletarian internationalism in the U.S., combatting the Great Nation chauvinism of U.S. imperialism, and strengthening the ties between the American proletariat and the working and progressive people of the world. The CPUSA/ML fights with the view that its principal proletarian internationalist duty is to see to it that the U.S. working class is prepared to carry out the struggle to defeat U.S. imperialism. This struggle includes a fight against revisionism and opportunism which prevents the proletariat from achieving the necessary level of consciousness and organization required for victory.

Our work here is not a matter of general slogans, but of concrete strategy and tactics around which the Party is mobilized to intervene in the mass movement, carrying out propaganda and actions which will actually alter the present balance of class forces. We fight with recognition of the fact, pointed out by Stalin in 1929, that the "American Communist Party is one of those few communist parties in the world upon which history has laid tasks of a decisive character from the point of view of the world revolutionary movement."