

Down with the Blood-Soaked Capitalist Regime in China!

— Statement by the Committee of the RIM

Just over one decade since their treacherous coup in 1976 the new Chinese bourgeoisie headed by revisionist kingpin Deng Xiaoping and butcher Li Peng has finally been totally unmasked. From behind the deceitful pretence of “socialism” and “people’s democracy”, the true reactionary face of the capitalists running China has thrust itself out plainly and grotesquely. They savagely unleashed a virtual war against more than a million students, youth, workers and other residents of Peking who demanded political rights and dared to expose and rebel against the stifling climate of corruption and economic crisis resulting from the last 13 years of capitalist rule and bourgeois dictatorship. They displayed an unprecedented ferocity and barbarism unknown to the Chinese people and the peoples of the world for the almost three decades of communist rule and people’s power under Mao Tsetung and the revolutionaries between 1949 and 1976.

Learning from their imperialist patrons, especially the United States and Japan, the revisionist rulers of China shamelessly pulled out all their imported “modern” technology and known-how of suppression and manipulation to crush the rebellious masses. With heavy weapons like tanks, armoured lorries, and machine guns, they fired their deadly Western-bought bullets directly into the crowds of people, gunning down large numbers at point-blank range and rolling their tanks over tents filled with demonstrators. In the midst of this massacre, many students and workers who supported them heroically stood their ground and tried to persuade the “people’s army” not to attack the people.

After the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, our class lost power in China. The revolutionary proletariat led by heroic leaders like Comrades Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao lost the last great battle against the revisionists and capitalist roaders who opposed Mao’s road, and people’s rule was defeated in China. With it disappeared the international proletariat’s last fortress of socialism. The revisionists and capitalist roaders within the communist party, headed by the renegade Deng Xiaoping, twice toppled by Mao himself, and the likes of Hua Kuo-feng, Hu Yao-bang and Zhao Ziyang, usurped state power in China. They set about destroying the socialist economy and socialist relations of production and establishing a system of private ownership with profit in command. Their motto was “To get rich is glorious”;

their highest goal was the pursuit of self-interest. They carried out a rapid, all-round restoration of capitalism and subjugation of the economy to imperialist finance capital and its market system, especially to the Western imperialists led by the U.S.

Thus, contrary to the pious and deceiving editorials of the Western propaganda mills which delight in muddling state capitalism and "communism" while trying to distance themselves from the "excesses" of the past weeks, the current rulers of China have done everything to destroy the socialist system as they ape anything and everything Western and capitalist. Up until their recent, ugly military performance, they earned, and received, the richly deserved praise of imperialist leaders East and West, including Deng's personal friend George Bush.

All of the social injustices the masses are protesting against — the dramatic rise in unemployment, sharp price increases, lack of housing, and the massive corruption of Deng's government — are the inevitable outcome of the restoration of capitalism in China. And the criminal butchery by the ruling class there is just an extension of the horrors, violence, and suffering that the imperialist system brings down upon the majority of the people all over the globe. The abrupt interruption in arms shipments and crocodile tears of outrage shed by the Eastern and Western rulers suddenly detaching themselves from Deng Xiaoping, who only yesterday they hailed as the "great reformer", are merely to cover over this fact.

The loss of people's rule also inevitably meant that the masses of workers, peasants and revolutionary intellectuals would be deprived of real democracy and that democracy would become the property of the handful of exploiters now at the head of the party who would exercise dictatorship over the people. And even some of the middle class forces who were deceived into supporting the restoration of capitalism by Deng & Co under the allure of moving into the "modern" era and who stood to benefit from the new promotion of the upper strata of society are now also rebelling against the rotten fruits of capitalism, including some of the students being groomed to take over the country's top posts. Getting to the essence of the question, one worker in Tiananmen Square who was wearing a Mao badge told the reporters, "The problem is that the masses are *no longer* the masters of society in China."

For three decades the Chinese masses exercised the right to participate in ruling society — the right to interfere in matters of state and to set the direction society would take, as Mao put it. *This* is the democracy that was withheld from bigshots like Deng and his ilk who sought power for themselves. They did not have the "democratic" right — so dear to the capitalist world — to exploit the workers and peasants. The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution was aimed at strengthening the hands of the proletariat and masses of peasants, enabling *them* to wage the political struggle necessary to defeat the designs of the capitalist roaders and to successfully move China ahead along the socialist road towards a world without classes or exploiters.

Despite the extreme force being deployed today by the crisis-ridden revisionist rulers, the prospects of reestablishing "order" are dim; this is the true nightmare that plagues the Western imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists. The pro-Soviet regimes of Cuba, the German Democratic Republic and Vietnam have all applauded the massacre, while Gorbachev remains conspicuously silent.

Mao's prediction in a letter back in 1966 to his comrade-in-arms and wife, Chiang Ching, has indeed come true: "If the Rightists stage

an anti-Communist coup d'état in China, I am sure they will no peace either and their rule will most probably be short-lived because it will not be tolerated by the revolutionaries, who represent the interests of the people making up more than 90 percent of the population."

Whatever the immediate outcome of the present upsurge by the millions of Chinese people, new openings have appeared for making another socialist revolution by overthrowing the present regime and reestablishing the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is going to be a difficult and tortuous road, yet the Chinese masses have a rich legacy of decades of people's war under Mao's leadership against the Kuomintang reactionaries and the U.S. and Japanese imperialists as well as struggle against Soviet revisionism, but most importantly in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. It is only Mao's road that will lead to genuine liberation for the Chinese masses, an act that would represent an unprecedented leap toward emancipation for all of humanity.

Yet if China is to be liberated, another Maoist party must be built which can lead the people forward and draw a clear line of demarcation from the illusory paths which rely on a faction of top party officials. Such a responsibility will fall on the shoulders of a core of revolutionaries armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and this is something the reactionaries in China and all imperialist powers are extremely keen to prevent. The present party ruling China is a bourgeois party which, despite its name, no longer has anything to do with communism. The People's Liberation Army is no longer an army of the people, and has not been since it was used to suppress Mao's followers in 1976. Neither top party officials at odds with Deng nor dissident army commanders can lead the people to reestablish their rule. It is nonetheless significant and admirable that a great many soldiers have refused to fire on the masses, and to the degree they continue to oppose the political masters commanding the reactionary military machinery that is a welcome event.

The genuine Chinese communists and masses of workers, peasants, and revolutionary students who set out to follow this tortuous path are not alone. Mao also instructed the genuine communists of the world what to do if the "right seizes power in China". He said, "If the leadership in China is usurped by the revisionists in the future, the Marxist-Leninists of all countries should relentlessly expose them and fight against them and help the Chinese masses in their battle against the revisionists."

Since the coup in 1976, the genuine Marxist-Leninists of the world have been doing just that. The regrouping of the Maoists on an international scale in the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement who are either waging revolutionary war, as in Peru today, or preparing for it in different countries, are forging ahead on the path charted by Mao Tsetung. We are confident that the genuine revolutionaries in China will make great strides in their struggle to overthrow capitalist rule and put China once again on Mao's road. We pledge to do everything in our power to assist them. May the world proletarian revolution speak in Chinese once again!

**Proletarian Revolution Will Avenge the Blood That Has Been Spilt
in Tiananmen Square!**

Expose Deng's Imperialist Accomplices East and West!

Free Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao!

Mao Tsetung Did Not Fail! Revolution Will Prevail!

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