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A QUOTATION FROM CHAIRMAN MAO: THE WORLD IS PROGRESSING, THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT AND NO ONE CAN CHANGE THIS GENERAL TREND OF HISTORY.

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### FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (M-L) HELD IN TORONTO ON JANUARY 1, 1972

(Toronto, PCDN, Jan. 7, 1972) -- The New Year amongst the progressive circles in Canada and Quebec was ushered in with the opening in Toronto of the FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) ON January 1st. Over 200 delegates and observers attended the opening and the first session of the Conference. The Conference began in the spirit of great unity and this spirit prevailed throughout the proceedings. Comrade David Orton, Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) presided over the opening of the Conference. He introduced Comrade Bains, the National Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), who delivered the opening speech. No sooner had Comrade Bains approached the rostrum than all the delegates and observers stood up and gave him a standing ovation. Throughout the proceedings, Comrade Bains was warmly received by all the delegations which eagerly invited him to address them and engage in discussions. These discussions carried on long after the formal proceedings were over--they carried on until the early hours of the next day, continued all day Sunday and are still taking place. After Comrade Bains had delivered his opening remarks, Comrade Orton read out the agenda for the Conference and called upon Comrade Bains to read the names of the comrades nominated to the Presidium. Comrade Bains introduced the members nominated to the Presidium and they were all duly elected by the delegates, with the exception of one

member who unfortunately could not attend the Conference. Comrade David Danielson was elected Chairman of the Conference and Comrade Orton gave over the charge of the Conference to Comrade Danielson. After a short pause, Comrade Danielson presided over the first session of the Conference. During the first session, the National Secretary presented his detailed report. He called upon the Conference to 1. BUILD THE CENTRALISED ORGANS OF THE PARTY, and 2. BUILD THE MASS MOVEMENT. His report was very enthusiastically received. The Presidium discussed the National Secretary's report and at length and these discussions are continuing. Various delegations also discussed the National Secretary's report and their discussions are also still going on. The final session of the Conference will be held on January 8th.

On Sunday, January 2nd, the final session of the Canadian Student Movement and the First National Conference of the Canadian Revolutionary Youth were held. A national youth and student committee was established. CSM and CRY elected their own officials. (End item)

### OPENING REMARKS MADE BY COMRADE BAINS TO THE FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (M-L), January 1, 1972

(Toronto, PCDN, Jan. 7, 1972)--Comrade Bains inaugurated the FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) on January 1st., in Toronto. The full text of his opening remarks follows:

Dear Comrades,

We have come from all parts of Canada and Quebec to participate in the FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) and we have with us several observers from the U.S. and close supporters of the Party

from across Canada and Quebec. Our main motive for getting together is to advance the revolutionary struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in Canada and Quebec. It is a very good thing that we have joined together in this CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. When Comrades and friends get together it means that there are many experiences to be shared, many lessons to be learnt from the work we have been engaged in and many tasks to be ~~shared~~ agreed upon to carry our struggle through to the end. I am convinced that it is the resolute spirit of unity which has brought us together. LET THIS FIRST CONFERENCE BE A CONFERENCE OF UNITY!

Just over a year ago, the National Executive of the Party issued a call to wage class struggle in the Party against the ultra-left. A few months later, in the TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION OF THE PARTY HELD IN MAY, 1971 IN GUELPH, that call became the basic programme of inner-Party building. After the Twenty-First Convention, the main focus of the struggle shifted from ultra-left to rightists-- those who were engaged in corroding the Party from within. Today we have gotten together to sum up that experience. We call this conference CONSULTATIVE because we have a deep desire to hear the news of all our comrades and even of our close supporters and we wish to involve them in STRENGTHENING THE PARTY LEADERSHIP.

Ultra-leftists and rightists never consult the genuine Marxist-Leninists or the revolutionary masses. Their ideas are "their" ideas and not those of the Party. They are alien to the Party spirit. It is for this reason they spread their venom from dark corners. They will never bring their ideas to be tested and confronted in daylight amongst the masses. Not only do we adhere to the FORMAL PARTY DISCIPLINE and take every decision in the DEMOCRATIC CENTRALIST basis but we also bring ideas into the open and consider CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCES AS THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY OF ESTABLISHING PARTY AUTHORITY AND THE PARTY'S DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. We have a long tradition of such conferences. The Montreal Conference of December 1968 was such a conference. The Regina Conference of May 1969, the Vancouver Conference of December 1969, the Patriots

Conference of March 1970 and various local and regional conferences are all of this type. IT IS VERY NECESSARY TO HAVE SUCH CONFERENCES. THESE CONFERENCES SUM UP EXPERIENCE, MAKE COMRADES CONSCIOUS OF THE PARTY'S TASKS AND MOST IMPORTANT, STRENGTHEN INNER-PARTY BUILDING. Now that we have a Central Committee and its National Executive, we also have a FIRST FORMAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE.

The main content of the CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE is to strengthen the Proletarian revolutionary line, that is integrating theory with practice which for us Canadians means leading the Canadian working class and people to victory over U.S. imperialism and all their lackeys and to bring about proletarian revolution. In fact, it is a well-known fact that without a proletarian revolution there can be no overthrow of U.S. imperialism, further, overthrow of U.S. imperialism is the first step of proletarian revolution and not the last step. The working class is the main as well as the leading force of revolution. The Canadian proletariat is a modern proletariat most advanced and very numerous. Together with the proletariat of Quebec and the U.S., the Canadian proletariat is the most revolutionary class and is entrusted with the sacred task of overthrowing the most decadent imperialism of all times, the U.S. imperialists and its most servile tools. There are comrades amongst us who are paying lip-service to this analysis but refrain from both popularising revolutionary ideas amongst the workers and mobilising workers as the main force of revolution.

We have the instruments of working class propaganda. We have cadres. We have experience. We know our country. Then let us take up the TASK OF LEADING and MOBILISING THE MAIN FORCE OF revolution. Let us organise the Canadian working class and oppressed people into one revolutionary class with its own revolutionary Party capable of overthrowing its class enemies. THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO ALL OF US. We must BUILD THE PARTY and AROUSE THE MASSES.

We can achieve this and we will certainly do so in the not too distant future. We need CENTRALISED LEADERSHIP and localised actions. Short-range actions, on-the-ground actions, actions big and small taken in the context of developing the over-all revolutionary struggle and directed towards

achieving our strategic goals. Everyone can have big dreams. In fact, the more bourgeois an individual is, the bigger his dreams. Only a proletarian and for that matter only a true proletarian is not a dreamer because he is engaged in over-throwing everything other-worldly in practice. We must be proletarians of this type. We have a problem. The problem of BUILDING THE PARTY and AROUSING THE MASSES. LET US GET ON WITH DEALING WITH IT. The CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IS CALLED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO NOT BECOME DREAMERS, BUT INSTEAD GET ON WITH THE TASK AT HAND.

We have worked hard in the past year. We have eliminated several weaknesses. We have friends all over Canada and Quebec and in many other countries. The result of this work has borne fruit. We are on the threshold of making another leap forward. COMRADES, LET US MAKE THAT LEAP. THE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IS A SURE GUARANTEE THAT THIS LEAP WILL TAKE PLACE.

THE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IS TO BEGIN AN ERA OF PARTY BUILDING IN WHICH COMRADES DO EVERYTHING TO STRENGTHEN AND BUILD THE PARTY'S CENTRALISED LEADERSHIP --THE CENTRAL ORGANS AND THE CENTRAL OFFICE. WE ARE NO METAPHYSICIANS. WE KNOW THAT FIRST WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEM. THEN WE HAVE TACKLE IT. IN THE PROCESS OF TACKLING IT WE FIND OUT WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ALL OF US.

to depend on the actual support amongst the local people for local work and to use party cadres for strengthening and building the centralised party leadership means that a comrade or a basic unit is dealing with the question of strengthening the leading force and mobilising the main force, that is building the Party and Arousing the masses.

Comrades, those who do not follow Chairman Mao's revolutionary line in BUILDING THE PARTY and AROUSING THE MASSES are the ones who have attempted in the past TO VIOLATE FORMAL PARTY DISCIPLINE, SUBSTITUTE PARTY POLICY WITH "THEIR" POLICY, SUPPORT COMMUNALISM, LIBERALISM AND NAZISM, OPPOSE REVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLE AND HARM THE REAL INTERESTS OF THE WORKING AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE. These counter-revolutionary elements can be defeated if we ourselves persist in STRENGTHENING THE PARTY LEADERSHIP AND AROUSING THE MASSES.

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Finally, I am very happy to announce that the Party's correct policy of SEEKING THE UNITY OF OLD COMRADES WITH NEW ONES and LEARNING FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE OLD COMRADES TO STRENGTHEN THE WORK AT THIS PRESENT TIME has been successful and we are pleased to have amongst us comrades who have served the Canadian proletariat for a long period of time and have never given up their faith in eventual victory of communism. I particularly call upon all comrades to engage in discussions with them on relevant matters and learn from their experience.

With these remarks, Comrades, I warmly welcome you to this Conference and declare the Conference open. (End item)

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FIRST NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST) CONCLUDES IN VICTORY FOR PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY LINE

(Montreal, PCDN, Jan. 8, 1972)-- The First National Consultative Conference of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) which opened in Toronto on January 1st with a great spirit of unity, concluded its final session in Montreal on January 8th with victory for the proletarian revolutionary line. This is a historic event in the development of the Marxist-Leninist movement in Canada and Quebec and will have profound influence in the course of revolutionary struggle in the months and years to come.

Comrade David Orton presided over the concluding session of the Conference and Comrade Vachon, Chairman of the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist) opened the concluding session. He was very enthusiastically received by the delegates and observers. Then he called upon Comrade Bains, the National Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), to present the report. Comrade Bains presented the fighting tasks of the Party and called upon all comrades to MOBILISE THE MAIN FORCE OF REVOLUTION--THE FRENCH SPEAKING WORKING AND OPPRESSED QUEBECOIS PEOPLE. He explained that the precondition for the mobilisation of the national minority workers and the close unity with the entire Canadian working class and people IS THE MOBILISATION OF THE FRENCH SPEAKING WORKING AND OPPRESSED QUEBEC

PEOPLE. His report was very warmly received and he was given a thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

Comrades discussed the report presented by the National Secretary in the light of all the discussions which have been taking place since September 4, 1971 (an internal mass democracy meeting was held on Sept. 4 to deal with the disruptors and liquidators), and particularly since November 14 (the third anniversary of Les Intellectuels et Ouvriers Patriotes du Quebec) and January 1, 1972 (the opening of the Conference). All the comrades agreed with the report. An atmosphere of close unity between the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist Leninist) prevailed. The two Parties fully agreed that in order to win liberation for both the Canadian and Quebec people we must mobilise the Canadian working and oppressed people in both areas and that the close unity of the two Parties is a sure guarantee that the big bourgeoisie will never be able to split the Canadian and Quebec working class and people on the basis of language or any other national chauvinist and working class chauvinist issue.

Comrade Daniel Waterlot was elected Chairman of the Quebec Revolutionary Youth (JRQ) and three new members were added to the Central Committee. Comrade Bains, the National Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) was also elected as National Secretary of the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist).

Comrade Bains concluded the Conference by giving a lengthy speech on methods of work. His speech was very warmly received. He closed the Conference by emphasizing that the success or failure of the Conference will depend on how we 1. Consolidate the centralised leadership of the Party, and 2. Build the mass movement. He explained that in the Central Committee before the Twenty-First Convention of the Party, a form of holding Central Committee meetings was developed: all the Central Committee members were called upon to change the situation in practice, and it was agreed that this is the only way to find out who is eager to put theory into practice and who is opposed to it. Today, all delegates and observers are called upon to put the basic decisions of the Conference into practice and, more particularly, they should firmly keep in mind that this conclusion of the Conference is only its beginning amongst the masses and that it is there that the correctness or incorrectness of the decisions will be tested. He ex-

plained this point in great detail and the Conference concluded in great victory for the proletarian revolutionary line.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PAMPHLET REPRINT SERIES

The Necessity for Change Study Group of Pennsylvania-New Jersey has announced a pamphlet reprint series. They plan the publication of a series which offers guidance in methods of work, the role of ideological discussions both internally and externally, and party building. The first pamphlet is the document "ONE STRUGGLE, TWO ENEMIES, THREE GUIDELINES, FOUR LEVELS OF WORK", the 1968 summary of the Internationalists and allied groups. Price is 35¢; orders, checks and money orders can be sent to Necessity for Change, Box 543, Pennsauken, NJ 08110

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#### CONFERENCE PREPARATION

(January 15, New York)

Members and supporters of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) met today to discuss the formation of a Preparatory Committee for the First National Anti-imperialist Conference to be held in early May. They reported very satisfactory discussions during which the importance of a revolutionary form and content for the Conference was emphasized.

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