

Communist Party of Spain (M-L) "New" Opportunists and Proletarian Internationalism

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"There is one, and only one, kind of real internationalism, and that is working wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in one's own country, and supporting (by propaganda, sympathy, and material aid) this struggle, this, and only this line, in every country without exception."(Lenin)

There are some matters which can in no way be a matter of discussion, and one of these is the attitude that the genuine communist parties must have towards proletarian internationalism, which is one of the inalienable principles of Marxism-Leninism.

At this time in the present ideological struggle which is developing between the Marxist-Leninists and the "new" opportunists whose flag is the rotten theory of "three worlds", we see how these opportunist gentlemen convert proletarian internationalism into a mere phrase, void of content, while in practice they boycott it, sabotage it and attempt through all possible means to stop the Marxist-Leninist parties from establishing solid links on the basis of principles. For example, why do

they oppose multilateral meetings between the parties? The explanation which they give, and let us be frank, the explanation which the revisionist clique of Teng Hsiao-ping and his cohorts give is as "ingenious" as it is hypocritical: "the conditions are not ready". Well, principles. Such, for instance, was the case when we took advantage of the occasions of the 6th and 7th Congresses of the PLA and the internationalist rallies held in Italy, Germany, Portugal and Greece, in which various parties of Europe, Latin America and Asia participated. Important documents and resolutions have come out of these meetings, such as the Joint Declaration of the Latin American Parties (against which the Chinese revisionists launched themselves like wolves), and the recent Joint Declaration between our Party and the parties of Germany, Greece, Italy and Portugal.

We can explain why the new opportunists viciously oppose the multilateral meetings: in this type of meeting, as a matter of course, questions of principle are raised, questions of the tactics and strategy of revolution -- in a word, questions of Marxism-Leninism. And this, precisely this, is what these new opportunists cannot tolerate because they would love to settle all issues by themselves, and although they are very hypocritical, they would end up exposing themselves as revisionist curs. They prefer bilateral meetings (which we of course have nothing against) because in these meetings, (always in their own places) they can prop up their discredited theories trappings of their power. And if one of the parties contradicts them, refuses to accept their deals and refuses to be bought, then they break relations with that party and try to isolate it from the other parties. We know this well, from our own experience, as a result of having had to suffer this treatment with our own flesh for many years now. Furthermore, just as these revisionist gentlemen have clashed with us, they are clashing against the ideological staunchness of the majority of the Marxist-Leninist parties. This is why, because their revisionist politics are going from defeat to defeat, the Chinese revisionists have to rely on small groupings which are greatly discredited

and of very doubtful character such as that of Jurquet in France, Vilar in Portugal and their like.

At the same time, they artificially float a whole series of groups in different countries to pit them against the genuine Marxist-Leninists, without any modesty or shame. It is enough to glance through Peking Review to see how the "new" opportunists maintain "close and comradely" relations with four or five groups in Italy (while they boycott the fraternal party which they have attempted to split), just as they do in Germany, Portugal, Greece, Belgium, France, Latin America, Japan, Iran, etc., etc.

And in Spain, "Operation Carrillo" having fallen apart on them - on which they had placed all their hopes (i.e. recall that Mr. Santiago was received in Peking in 1971 against the views formally put forward by our Party in Peking a year prior to the visit) -- they support the Jesuito-Maoists of the ORT and the trotskyo-revisionists of the PTE which, of course, unreservedly support the rotten theory of "three worlds" although they don't quite dare to explain it in clear terms.

Thus we see how the "new" opportunists conceive proletarian internationalism, not as Lenin puts forward in the quotation which precedes this article, but as a means of splitting the peoples and the parties, of sowing confusion and, definitely, of favoring the international bourgeoisie and Yankee imperialism. It is clear that, having embraced and raised to the level of "comrade" the renegade, imperialist agent and reactionary Tito, nothing can surprise us: "Tell us who are your friends, and I will tell you who you are". On our part, we affirm the position of the 2nd Congress of our Party: "Revisionism is not only to betray the principles of Marxism-Leninism, give up the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and the violent revolution; revisionism is also to promote unity with barefaced revisionists; revisionism is also to fail to have a practice which is consistently revolutionary, no matter how many Marxist-Leninist phrases are used or how many revolutionary stances are assumed."