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"For Complete Solidarity with the People of Vietnam"

Statement of the Washington State Progressive Labor Party to the National Committee, PLP, to the members and fellow workers:

Greetings:

The title of our statement is from the resolution on the liberation of South Vietnam adopted by the founding convention of PLP.

This pledge to the Vietnamese and the world has now been dishonored as a result of a wrong line imposed upon the PLP by a few individuals.

In December of 1966, the National Committee adopted a statement which commanded the North Vietnamese to refuse to accept weapons from the Soviet Union or otherwise be branded as revisionist and betrayers of the world revolution. This statement was sugar-coated in the form of "friendly" advice. It quickly grew into outright charges and slander. The "revised" and "edited" NC statement was published in the January, 1967 *PL Magazine* with the title, "Road to Revolution II".

The member of the NC from our state voted against that action. Events prove that this opposition vote was fully correct. We supported this opposition vote at that time and still do so.

Road to Revolution II has a wrong line on Vietnam, on the national liberation struggle and it expresses great power chauvinism and arrogance. Stubborn defense of this line by its sponsors and reprisals against its opponents, prove that it is not a small mistake or tactical bad judgement only. It is a fundamental departure from revolutionary Marxism-Leninism.

The December statement called all nationalism reactionary, it directed a treacherous blow at people fighting with arms against the imperialists in defiance of the revisionist line of "peaceful co-existence". It tried to substitute "super-revolutionary" phrases for concrete analysis. Behind these phrases it spread defeatism and despair about the state of the world. It depicted revisionism as "dominant" and "in the majority".

All this cannot conceal the fact that the Party name is being used to promote a ruling class line. What sort of line "against revisionism" is it which can be promoted throughout the big-business press and has to be repudiated by our own masses and by the Chinese Government?

What sort of democratic centralism is it which out-does the old Communist Party bureaucrats in witch-hunting and thought control purges against the left?

One particular point has not been previously made, however. With all the talk and fuss about turning the largely middle class PLP into a workers' organization by having young people find industrial jobs — these same top leaders hide the fact that it is the industrial workers in the party who opposed the wrong line and are now being excluded and suspended illegally for defending Marxism-Leninism and internationalism.

The most working class section of the Party — Washington State — unanimously opposed the wrong line and rejects the illegal policy of reprisals. The working class section of California PLP has done the same.