

THE POSITION OF THE BAY AREA COMMUNIST UNION ON THE EXCLUSION OF ORGANIZATIONS
FROM PARTICIPATION IN PREPARATORY WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO CELEBRATE

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Within the communist movement in the United States today, a number of organizations, individuals and publications have shown a failure to keep abreast with the changing situation in the international arena. ~~Today~~ Forshadowed by the past inabilities of these groupings and persons to recognize the complete restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R and the transformation of that once proud socialist country into one of the two great imperialist powers threatening all the worlds peoples with it's might and oppression, the current failings on the part of some, marks a serious regression in thier progress toward grasping the science of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought.. This retrogression is a significant set-back on the road to revival of a powerful and vibrant Marxist-Leninist movement in this country and the construction of a new genuine vanguard party.

Among these groupings, individuals and publications, is the outspoken GUARDIAN newspaper published in New York City. The GUARDIAN viewpoint is not an isolated opinion within our movement. Sadly to say, it's general thrust is shared by a number of aspiring communists in the U.S. today. Further, confusion, or lack of correct resolve, on such questions as the international situation, the nature of Soviet society, and the global role of the Soviet Union, characterize the positions of many Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations (non-revisionist) throughout the world, including parties with glorious traditions of fighting imperialism, leading successful revolutions, and holding state-power.

BACU, along with numerous Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations around the world, and with many governments and peoples across the globe, agree with the government and Communist Party of China, that today the Soviet Union, a social-imperialist

power, is a more dangerous threat to the worlds peoples than is the other super-power, our government and ruling class. This is so, because the Soviet Union can hide behind it's previously red flag and it's past traditions when it was socialist and when it aided people's struggles everywhere, ^(and for other economic and political) This cover, in conjunction with the widespread exposure of the fake democratic facade of U.S. Imperialism before the worlds peoples, has allowed the Social-Imperialists to become more and more aggressive in pressing ^{their} ~~it's~~ contention with the U.S. imperialists for control of the world. This battle of titans, taking place on the backs of the worlds peoples, causes the spilling of the peoples blood and the wrecking of nations everywhere it goes. It is this battle which is the chief cause of the worlds problems today. More and more it is becoming essential to correctly understand the reactionary role of the Soviet Union. This is important even for people in the U.S. whose main enemy remains the ruling class of the United States.

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This does not mean, however, that every country, party, organization, publication, or whatever, that has not come to understand this truth is reactionary. Quite often, particularly in todays turbulent times, ones thinking is not free enough to keep up with the changes in the world around us. The Bay Area Communist Union is not ~~today~~ going to proclaim all the various governments, parties, and organizations, who either disagree ^{with us, or} ~~of~~ don't understand, us to be reactionaries. We will continue to struggle with them, to the extent that we are able, to convince them that they are wrong. By ~~in~~ ^{and} large, we believe that the traditions of struggle in defense of the worlds peoples, that have characterized them, will in time overcome thier present false visions.

In particular, BACU objects to the exclusion of the GUARDIAN, or anyone else who wishes to help celebrate China's national day, from the preparatory work of the Joint Committee to Celebrate October 1st. Any group or individual who agrees to support an event based on the principles of unity of the Joint Committee should be allowed to join in the work of the committee.

We donot accept the reasoning of those in the Joint Committee who wish to exclude the GUARDIAN and others. Whether or not one interprets China's policies correctly should not be a critirion for allowing them to participate in preparatory work to celebrate the national day of China. The critirion should be whether one is willing to support an event that is based upon the three principles of unity of the Joint Committee, and an event that will not distort China's policies. Such a critirion is the only basis upon which we might succeed in making this event the trully mass event that it should be, and that the exclusionists claim they would like. ^{Their} ~~Thier~~ critirion is bound to unnesessarilly restrict and narrow down the potential participation in this activity, not just by the GUARDIAN, but by those who are confused by it. Further, such an approach, particularly if accompanied by a letter against the GUARDIAN, which the exclusionists would have sent out to all groups invited to join in the preparatory work, is guaranteed to cause resentment among many honest groups and will in effect act to sabotage the potential mass character of the activities.

Aside from this, we think it poor ^{tactics} ~~act~~, on the part of the Marxist-Leninist groups who go along with this kind of exclusion. The position of the GUARDIAN has been, that it's differences with China's foreign policy are comradely differences, that aside from these differences they consider China to be a progressive and socialist country. On the other hand, ^{they say that} those of us in the U.S. who agree with China's foreign policy are opportunists and "class collaborationists". Such a dichotomy is ridiculous and hard for the GUARDIAN to stick to in a consistant way. There is ^{MORE HELP THE GUARDIAN TO EVADE} little that would ~~serve the continued evasiveness of~~ this contradiction in thier line, then to allow them to avoid confronting it, as will be the case if we exclude them. Excluding them will give them the opportunity to say, " see how sectarian the "pro-china" groups are, they won't even let us celebrate China's national day." Peoples attention will be diverted to this subject. If on the other hand, we invite them to join us in the preparatory work, it places them in a delicate position. Here, they will have to trully decide if ^{their} ~~thier~~ support for China is genuine, or

whether thier attacks on other U.S. Marxist-Leninists is not, in actuality, a ^{veiled} ~~veiled~~ attack on People's China. Whatever ^{may be} the case, the burden is placed on them to deal with the contradictions in thier line, to go further backward or ^{to} correct thier mistakes. If they were to, in turn, refuse to accept the invitation, it would be difficult for them to justify their invented dichotomy. They must be asked to follow thier words with deeds, and actually help in the celebration of China's national day. From thier vantage point they will have to decide if thier friendship with, and support for, People's China is strong enough for them to work with "class collaborationists" to celebrate October 1st. Let's let them deal with this ~~dilema~~ *dillema*.

PERSIST IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF TODAY'S WORLD AND AVOID FALLING INTO THE TRAPS OF SECTARIANISM.

SUPPORT PEOPLE'S CHINA !!!