

A step toward revolutionary unity

Unity is the rising trend in the American revolutionary movement. Coming out of the upsurge of struggle among young people and the oppressed nationalities in the late 60s, a new generation of revolutionaries took up the challenge of building and giving leadership to the daily struggles of the people. They built organizations based on the revolutionary theories that won socialism in the times of Lenin and Mao Zedong theories based on Karl Marx' original explanation of the long war between the working class and masses of people on one side, and the bankers and corporation owners who make up the ruling class on the other.

But as each group tried to apply revolutionary theory to the concrete conditions of making revolution in America, it ran into difficulties. Different trends emerged and it was hard to tell who was right. The 1970s were characterized by sectarianism, as communists made it a common practice to condemn others as wrong even though the differences were small or unimportant.

Now that time seems to be coming to an end. The past ten years have been an education for everyone and now there is more of a willingness to unite with others, learn from others, and seek organizational unity. The following statement by three of the largest such revolutionary organizations represents a beginning effort to forge one revolutionary party.

Joint Statement

The Communist Party (M-L) (CP ML), the League of Revolutionary Struggle (M-L) (LRS) and the Revolutionary Workers Headquarters (RWH) have decided to hold a series of meetings to seek greater unity.

The three organizations see these meetings as a step forward in the process of forging a single, unified communist party. This step is one front in the overall effort to unite all U.S. Marxist-Leninists. The deepening capitalist crisis and the increasing danger of war have made the task of uniting Marxists-Leninists in the U.S. all the more urgent. Likewise, the more and more clearly revealed expansionism of the Soviet social-imperialists leading to war has

sharpened the differences between the Marxists-Leninists and the revisionists of all stripes. The experience gained in the mass struggles and in the struggle against "left" and right opportunism has contributed to a maturing of the Marxist-Leninist movement and this is an important factor favorable to the unification of Marxists-Leninists.

The three organizations take Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought as their theoretical foundation, uphold the theory of the three worlds, and defend the socialist countries of the world, in particular, the People's Republic of China. The three organizations also see the U.S. revolution as a socialist revolution led by the

working class, having the goal of overthrowing the monopoly capitalist class and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat. The working class and the national movements form the strategic alliance in the U.S. revolution. The working class upholds the right of self-determination for all oppressed nations and full equality and regional autonomy for all oppressed national minorities. The working class and its party must unite all that can be united into a broad united front to overthrow the U.S. ruling class. The three organizations also recognize the necessity to be deeply involved in the day-to-day struggles of the masses and link these struggles to the overall fight for proletarian revolution in the U.S.

The meetings of the three organizations will feature presentations and discussions which will help in the clarification of unity and disagree-

ment among the three groups. The topics of the meetings are: 1) analysis of the U.S. Marxist-Leninist movement and party building, including its history; 2) the international situation; 3) the domestic situation and strategy for U.S. revolution; 4) the trade union question and the line on labor work; 5) the national question; and 6) the woman question.

The three organizations have agreed to carry out joint practice as it facilitates and contributes to the struggle of the people and to the overall process of forging unity.

The CPML, LRS and the RWH are hopeful that out of these discussions, there can be greater unity of the Marxist-Leninist movement. The three groups recognize their responsibility to seek principled unity and to strive to resolve their differences.

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