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REVISIONIST PLAN WILL NOT COUNTER CRISIS

The last two years have seen the biggest fall in workers' living standards since the War. In 1976 alone, prices rose by over 15p in the pound, while wages were limited to less than 5p in the pound. Unemployment, even using official underestimates, is nearly 1½ million: so at least 6 workers in every hundred have no job and no earnings at all.

The working class is fighting back against this oppression but still plant by plant, in a divided way. What is holding back working class unity against the employers, the exploiters?

THE ENEMIES WITHIN

These bosses are certainly the enemy we have to defeat to win a society run by the working class in the interests of the people: millions of workers recognise this. But there is an enemy we have to defeat first. It is an enemy within our ranks, an enemy which poses as a friend and pretends to give leadership against the boss class.

It is the opportunists within the labour movement which constitute the immediate enemy. Most widespread throughout the country are the social democrats, the Labour Party leaders. They openly preach that the present system can be reformed quietly, bit by bit. They say that workers should rely on them, especially their MPs to put things right, in Parliament. Millions now see that in

Government they carry out the policies of capitalism.

THE COUNTER-CRISIS PROGRAMME

But there is an opportunist grouping that is even more dangerous - the revisionist leaders of the so-called 'Communist Party of Great Britain'. Because they use the names and terms of Communism and their followers seem more militant in the economic struggles in the factories, their existence is the biggest danger to the working class. A good example of their anti-working class policies which act to disarm and disunite the working class is their 'Counter-Crisis Programme'. Many parts of this 'programme' are supported by the so-called 'left' leaders in the Labour Party. In fact their 'programme' is one for strengthening and developing state monopoly capitalism and introducing ultra-repressive fascist political rule like that which oppresses the people of the Soviet Union.

We should all study this capitalist programme to 'counter the crisis'.

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'AGAINST THE FREE-FOR-ALL'

Firstly the revisionist leaders make it clear that they are quite prepared to allow wage-cuts. The editor of their paper the 'Morning Star', Chater, wrote recently that, "If a Labour Government were seen to be implementing policies really designed to shift the balance of wealth and power away from big business and in favour of working people, trade unionists would certainly take this into account in formulating their wage demands".

So Chater a top revisionist leader is saying that if Labour takes some money from big business, workers will restrict their wages. A little less cash for the capitalists, a lot less for the workers and a lot more for the bloated capitalist state. Just to underline it Chater boasts that his 'Party's' Congress rejected a "free-for-all in wages". What worker has ever taken part in Chater's "free-for-all"? What a view of the harsh struggle to maintain our meagre standards!

SAVE LABOUR!

Secondly this programme admits its aim is to "ensure the existence of the Labour Government". It goes so far as to say that its "Counter-Crisis Programme will give body and soul to the Labour manifesto". The manifesto which put the present oppressive Government in power!

SAVE CAPITALISM!

Thirdly the programme steps forward to save capitalism from its crisis. It asks that the British imperialists bring all their foreign investment home and put it into British industry and 'stabilise the £'. So it pretends that imperialism is mainly a policy which can be reversed through parliament without ending imperialism itself. But in fact all imperialists are driven to invest abroad to maximise their profits. They will do this until imperialism is smashed by the people of the world.

FOREIGN IMPERIALISTS BRIBED

The revisionists' other plan to save British capitalism is to pay foreign imperialists "high enough (interest rates) to discourage them from taking their money elsewhere". So these so-called Communists need the help of foreign imperialism as well as British imperialism! Of course, all this investment in Britain would produce

even more goods in the shops. It is hardship that prevents workers from buying enough, not empty shops. But our capitalist 'Communists' have the answer.

HAND IN THE TILL

They say the State must print more money to raise wages (not a free-for-all of course), and pensions and social service spending. Already we have a Labour Government which has been caught with its hand in the till and have gone £10,000 million further in debt in a single year - about £200 for each man, woman and child in Britain. It now seems that the only people who have faith in the future of capitalism, if it goes even deeper into debt, are the revisionists. In fact, their plan is to get more and more power in the hands of the State, in the hope that they and their friends can take it over. Anyone who doubts this should look to Italy, where the revisionists there are desperate to run the Italian government machine - in coalition with the local Tories!

CAPITALIST PLANNING

So the fourth part of their programme spells out this part of the plan. They want the State to "direct the funds lying idle in the banks and insurance companies into productive investment". And then they want a "start on a programme of nationalisation of the big firms...so that the economy can be planned ever more effectively." So there it is finally. What they want is just 'ever more effective' planning. That is why they applaud the planned imperialist system of the Soviet Union. That is why they support 'industrial democracy' in the British nationalised industries, so workers have to be involved in discussing how to make the best nationalised profit, how many workers to sack if productivity rises, why it is necessary (for good state capitalist reasons) to control wages and so on.

REVISING THE TRUTH

What is the lesson from this programme? It is that revisionist leaders deny class struggle as the force driving history forward. This is the lesson of workers' struggles for hundreds of years. These actual struggles are summed up by Marxist-Leninist theory. This theory doesn't come from clever peoples' heads: it is just a summary of the actual lessons of what has happened and is happening. (cont'd on p4)

SOVIET PLUNDER OF EASTERN EUROPE FACES GROWING CONTRADICTIONS

In its desperate attempts to save its own crisis stricken economy, Soviet social imperialism has in recent years been attempting to increase its plunder of Eastern Europe. The USSR practices this exploitation mainly through the Council of Mutual Economic Aid (COMECON). Despite the lustre that the Soviet leaders try to give COMECON, it is being increasingly eroded by sharp contradictions, as the people of East Europe fight back against their exploitation, and even the 'loyalist' Eastern European revisionist 'Communist' Parties are forced to complain about Soviet control of their countries.

COMECON was launched after the Second World War to organise economic co-operation for the mutual benefit of the socialist states and People's Democracies. Since 1956, COMECON has been turned into a tool to secure profits for the USSR. The Soviet Union is now attempting (without much success) to 'co-ordinate' the plans of member countries so that they are valid for the same period as Soviet plans, and that the amount and arrangement of production, and investment shall fit the needs of the Soviet economy. Like the old imperialists the Soviet Union steals their wealth for itself, and keeps them dependent on itself by preventing them from developing their economies in an all round way. Like all other imperialists, they call this 'cooperation'.

Although at a state and party level only the Socialist Republic of Romania has waged a relentless campaign against Soviet domination, protests from revisionist leaders in other COMECON countries are increasing. The USSR argues that all COMECON countries must recognise the "leading role" of the Soviet Union, and uses this argument to prevent countries like Bulgaria from industrializing, and to extract food and other raw materials from them at rock bottom prices.

The Bulgarian revisionists are dissatisfied with the high prices of the raw materials, fuel and machinery they import, and the low prices of the agricultural products they export to the USSR; prices which are at the same level now, as they were in 1958. Bulgaria's vice-minister of foreign trade has protested that "foreign trade prices established many years ago, require an examination, with a view of

guaranteeing reciprocal profits", and at COMECON sessions, delegations from Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland have asked that they should not be left behind in the production of equipment and machinery.

In the more industrialised centres of COMECON, the economies are also distorted. Czechoslovakia, for example, has built up an advanced machine tool industry, far more extensive than would be called for if the economy was being developed in an all round way. This industry is orientated towards satisfying the needs of the USSR, while the Czechoslovak economy has become lopsided, and totally dependent on Soviet trade. In 1968, the Czechoslovak revisionists headed by A. Dubcek, initiated certain reforms in the economy, and attempted to open up the country to western investment. The Soviet Union had no objection to the reforms, which were only a more extreme version of those introduced by Kosygin inside the USSR, but the social imperialists were worried about the possible 'loss' of Czechoslovakia to US and western imperialism. Brezhnev and his fellow fascists could not stand for this, and so launched the brutal invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968.

The Kremlin continues to claim that 'integration' within the framework of COMECON will make it possible for member countries to reach equal levels of development. In fact the gap between the USSR and the other revisionist countries is widening. In 1960 the USSR's share of industrial production in COMECON was 69.5%. By 1970 it had reached 76%, while all the other countries' shares fell.

Suffering under the jackboot of Soviet fascism, the countries of East Europe have been increasingly torn apart by sharp and worsening contradictions, and growing mass resistance. The Polish working class, and their illegal Communist Party, have been in the vanguard of this resistance, taking to the streets in 1970-71, when they overthrew the government, and again last year, when they forced drastic price rises to be withdrawn. The Polish people and the peoples of all East European countries have a rich tradition of struggle, and are bound to overthrow the rule of the new Tsars. ■

WORKERS FIGHT BOSSES' ATTACKS

The Labour Government is worried by the mounting industrial action taken by workers throughout the country in response to the attacks by the capitalist class and their agents, the Labour Party and TUC leaders. There is growing discontent, with prices rising faster than wages, unemployment predicted to reach over 2 million this year, working conditions becoming harsher and services such as schools, hospitals and housing cut: More and more workers are responding to this by taking industrial action.

All sections are seeing the need to fight back: from

- Shipyard workers at Cammell Laird at Birkenhead who went on strike after a £2 bonus was taken away from them,
- Teachers in Avon, Wiltshire, Stockport and Buckinghamshire striking against education cuts,
- Car delivery drivers at Leyland in Birmingham and Coventry to protect their jobs,
- 35,000 members of the EPTU and members of other unions who are to strike on 14th February in protest at Post Office spending cuts jeopardising their jobs.

At Massey Ferguson near Coventry, over 1000 assembly workers went on strike and occupied the factory in December after management had stopped the pay of 130 assemblers. A time and motion team had reported that "they were not producing 100% effort." Massey Ferguson went to the law courts to try and end the occupation and break the strike. The

courts backed Massey Ferguson, but the strike continues, although the occupation has ended.

After limiting wage rises in collaboration with the TUC leaders through the Social Contract, capitalists are now further trying to increase the rate of exploitation to get more profits.

Hospitals faced with massive cutbacks under the Labour Government's cuts on spending are going from bad to worse with both patients and workers suffering. More than 1,500 ancillary workers walked out of London hospitals on 12th January after management introduced a new rota system to save money, costing workers £12 a week lost overtime. At the same time, "their" union, NUPE headed by the opportunist Alan Fisher, had the nerve to increase its annual payment to the Labour Party by £21,000 to a total of £105,000! Of course he didn't consult his NUPE members who would have told him what he could do with the Labour Party.

With industrial action mounting, the capitalist class and their agents, the Labour Party and TUC leaders are becoming increasingly worried. The Times admitted on January 17th, "Two years of the Social Contract will soon have cost workers...cuts of about £10 a week in real wages." Now the Labour Government, the CBI and the TUC are preparing for Phase 3 of the Social Contract, but many workers are prepared to take no more. The fight back is stepping up! ■

Revisionist plan ...

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LESSONS OF STRUGGLE

The day-to-day struggles of workers have to be linked to the overall movement towards the socialist revolution. Socialism can only be built after the revolution that has smashed the ruling class forces and Government institutions. Those who try and build socialism before the capitalist State is smashed, like those who press for nationalisation now, are only building up State capitalism. The capitalist State cannot be used for workers' purposes. These are 'universal truths' of Marxism. The revisionist leaders try to revise these truths, distort them or turn them on their heads. That is why they are the most dangerous enemy within the workers' movement. The 'Counter-Crisis Programme' is a Counter-Revolutionary Programme. ■

On the 11th January, the 31st anniversary of the proclamation of the People's Republic of Albania, the CFB(ML) sent its warm fraternal congratulations to the Party of Labour of Albania. The letter recalled that, led by their own Marxist-Leninist Party, it was the people of Albania themselves, who liberated their country from fascist invaders. The letter compared the crisis racked capitalist countries, with the continuous victories of socialist Albania, under the Dictatorship of the Proletariat - the state power of the working class. It particularly pointed out that the iron determination and preparedness of Albania to defend her independence and freedom by People's War, was an example to the people of Europe, in a situation where the two superpowers were fighting for world domination.

FORD WORKERS RESIST OPPRESSION

Workers at Ford's Halewood Body Plant went on strike recently in response to the severe oppression of the bosses' drive for 'tighter discipline'. For three months the employers at Halewood had ignored disciplinary procedures. 15 workers were sacked or suspended. Shop stewards were stopped from representing the men. Formal written disciplinary warnings have been handed out like confetti. In response the workers struck, pledging to stay out until management gave a written guarantee to stick to agreed procedures.

These events took place in a situation of intense rivalry in the motor industry, with foreign car firms taking nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the home market. Ford of Britain though, have continued to increase profits. Their exports last year increased by well over a third. At home they had more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the market, including the 2 best-selling cars - the Escort (built at Halewood) and the Cortina. However, the Ford bosses realise they face cut-throat competition at home and abroad. They are determined to wrest even more profits and strengthen their position in the market. To achieve this they are aiming for greater productivity; more cars produced by the same workforce and the same machinery. Last year 179,000 cars were built at Halewood, this year 225,000 is their target.

MORE OPPRESSION - MORE RESISTANCE

The bosses' campaign for "proper standards of discipline" is part of a 'necessary' drive to increase exploitation in an increasingly competitive car market. There are huge profits at stake, and Fords mean to get their share - on the backs of the workers.

It was this oppression that produced the resistance. But the struggle should not end here. Even after the strike, the basic issue - the bosses' drive to increase exploitation of the workers - will continue (less stoppages, more harassment from foremen, etc.). The workers' resistance will continue also.

STAND BY 200 MILE LIMIT

What a different attitude the Labour Government has taken to the Soviet Union over fishing, compared to its attempt to bully Iceland!

When Iceland declared a 200 mile limit to protect its fishing stocks, the British Government sent in gunboats to help British trawlers fish illegally. The people of Iceland fought back heroically and won.

On the 1st January, the Common Market also established a 200 mile limit. A limit the European countries need. The Soviet Union was given a quota of the amount of fish they would be allowed to take. This limit was 55,000 tons over the first 3 months of the year. They took this within 18 days. Ignoring the limit the social imperialist pirates continue to plunder the fish stocks of Britain.

What is the Government's reaction? On January 26th, Doctor Owen, Labour Party Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said: "In the case of the Soviet Union, we are dealing with one of the most powerful maritime nations in the world". "I do not believe you can achieve things by gunboat diplomacy", he went on. The Labour Party were quite willing to send gunboats to Iceland to plunder their fish. When the social imperialists ignore British limits, they crawl!

A 200 mile limit is a just demand. The two superpowers, Soviet social imperialism and US imperialism, oppose it. They want a free-for-all, where their gigantic fleets and factory trawlers, can outfish the smaller countries. The Third World has fought hard for the 200 mile limit, and now the Common Market has supported it; this is good. But the British bosses, and their Labour lackeys, who attempted to bully Iceland and steal their fish, will not protect the fish in British waters that the fishing industry relies on. Instead they crawl!

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BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

One of the basic differences between a genuine Communist Party and all other Parties is its attitude to criticism and self-criticism. The bourgeois parties are built on false promises, deceit and cover-up. They fear the truth because they fear the people. Marxist-Leninist Parties and organisations are quite the opposite. At every stage of the struggle, the Communists must sum up their work, build on the good points and get rid of the bad. No Party can avoid mistakes. The point is to learn from them, find out why they happened and correct the error.

The use of criticism and self-criticism inside the revolutionary Communist organisation is a basic part of its democratic life. Its purpose is to improve the work of the whole organisation and of each member. If criticisms of wrong ideas and actions are not made, then errors can't be corrected. If comrades do not listen carefully to all criticisms, then they never learn anything. But where there is a correct attitude to criticism, mistakes will be overcome, and unity will be won around more correct policies and action. As Chairman Mao said: "Inner-Party criticism is a weapon for strengthening the Party organisation and increasing its fighting capacity." Criticism and self-criticism is an essential weapon of the working class.

Criticism and self-criticism is not only for the internal life of the party. When a revolutionary Communist Party makes errors, it does not hide them like the parties of the ruling class. It is not enough for communists to correct mistakes, they also have a duty to the working class to explain it. This way they help others to avoid making the same mistake, and everyone can learn the lesson.

Neither do the communists fear criticism from other workers. The communists are vanguard fighters of the working class, but often other workers will see mistakes first and make criticisms. The fact that the communists listen seriously to these criticisms, and act upon them when they are right strengthens the Party, and helps forge steel links between the working class and its Party.

Of course not all criticisms made, either inside the Party or outside are correct; but all must be carefully considered. Even criticisms that are basically wrong often have a germ of truth, or may point to some other error, like the failure of the Party to explain its policy correctly.



Mao Tse-tung: "Inner-Party criticism is a weapon for strengthening the Party organisation and increasing its fighting capacity."

In such cases the Party still learns lessons, and the comrade who made the incorrect criticism will learn through the discussion.

For all these reasons revolutionary communists do not fear criticism or self-criticism. Quite the opposite, they seek out criticism, and make open self-criticism, in the interest of the class struggle. In the struggle to build the new revolutionary Communist Party, we must struggle to ensure that the Party is based upon the conscientious practice of criticism and self-criticism.

Lenin summed up the importance of this: "The attitude of a political Party to its own mistakes is one of the most important and surest ways of judging how earnest the Party is and how it in practice fulfills its obligations towards its class and the toiling masses. Frankly admitting a mistake, ascertaining the reasons for it, analysing the conditions which led to it - that is the earmark of a serious Party; that is the way it should perform its duties; that is the way it should educate and train the class, and then the masses".

BR - FARES UP, JOBS DOWN

British Rail greeted the New Year with another massive increase in fares - 16% in London, 12½% on average elsewhere. This was on top of increases of over 50% the previous year. A journey which cost £1 a year ago now costs £1.66. The bureaucrat bosses of the railways have the nerve to say prices might not go up again this year; it's like a burglar who robs your house and assures you he might not rob you again for twelve months.

SERVICE FOR THE BOSSES

The revisionist 'Communist' Party of Great Britain and the Labour 'leftists' make out that nationalisation brings on the Promised Land for the working class. They call for nationalisation of all transport, pretending transport can serve the needs of the people, just because it belongs to the State. State monopolies are only a 'social service' for the bosses, and are in the strongest position to attack the working class. The recent report of the National Economic Development Office showed that prices in all nationalised industries rise faster than in the private sector.

The crippling fare increases mainly hit the workers' standard of living. The bosses and their lackeys all have their expense accounts. It is the working class who suffer most from the drastic cut-back in lines and services

which has reduced passenger services to a skeleton.

167,000 JOBS AXED

Nationalisation has meant increased exploitation for the railway workers. The BR bosses have put through huge 'rationalisation' schemes, axing thousands of jobs. Between 1964 and 1974, the number of jobs in British Rail was reduced from 422,000 to 255,000, down by almost half. Increasing fares means less passengers, and leads to further loss of jobs.

The railway bosses gain from nationalisation. They get vast salaries out of exploiting the workers just like bosses in private industry. The capitalist class as a whole gains, by getting a strong subsidised railway system transporting freight and labour to their requirements.

The railway workers have a long history of struggle, both before and after nationalisation. They know there is nothing for the workers in nationalisation, only more exploitation. The lies of the revisionists and the Labour 'leftists' will not erase the working class' growing awareness that State capitalism is their enemy. Only when the working class conquers state power, will industry be made to serve the people.

2 OLD RULING CLASS TRICKS

In response to the hospital workers struggle against cuts in the NHS, Ennals the Secretary of State for Social Services, has resorted to two old ruling class tricks.

First, he poses as the defender(!) of the Health Service - "We must stand against those who want to cut public expenditure still further and to strike at the basic principles of our National Health Service and our welfare state", he roared militantly in Bournemouth last month. On December 15th, the Labour Government had announced yet more cuts in the NHS of 15% for 1977 and another ¼ off the following year.

Second, he pulled out the old ruling class weapon of racism. On 23rd January, the Department of Employment publicised the

fact that more than 3,700 nurses are unemployed in Britain, and that they have, therefore, refused work permits for 1000 nurses who have finished their training here, but originally came from abroad. The spokesman said that British people "should be considered first for jobs". The Labour Government's aim is to make a bigger part of the cuts in nursing staff fall on those who are least able to fight back; and at the same time, try to make it look as though nursing unemployment is caused by immigration. This vicious racist assault cannot hide the fact that it is Labour's attacks on the NHS which causes unemployment. Hospital workers will continue to stick to their demand for jobs for all student nurses in the areas where they have trained.

JACK JONES - WORKING FOR BOSSES' STATE

T&GWU leader Jack Jones exposed himself to many workers as the class collaborator that he really is when he made his "let's all work like beavers" statement recently. "We need more output, greater productivity... We need more co-operation between management and workers", he said. "Let's make 1977 the year of the beaver - let's get the nation back to work". He made it perfectly clear that he accepts the view of the bourgeois press that the capitalists' economic crisis is a result of workers not working hard enough, not co-operating with the bosses, going on strike too often, etc.

DIVERTS AND SUPPRESSES STRUGGLES

This isn't the first statement of this kind he has made either. In the T&GWU's monthly journal 'Record' he writes regular front page articles in which he attempts to divert spontaneous working class struggles against capitalist exploitation, away from the main enemy - the bosses. Resulting in the workers' shots missing the target.

A good example of this can be found in the November 1976 issue of 'Record', with an article under the headline "Who's Mugging Britain?" In it he attacks the House of Lords and 'financial speculators' who "are prepared to wreck the Social Contract, smashing our painfully achieved self sacrifices to beat the evil of inflation."

Firstly, he is exploiting natural opposition within the working class to the bosses as a class. Only instead of attacking that class directly he diverts us by picking on two small groups, one of the ruling class, the other representing a section of it. One shot fired wide!

Secondly, he is stressing the crucial importance to bosses of their Social Contract, with workers suffering attacks on their living standards (or "self sacrifices") to ease the burden of the crisis off the shoulders of the bourgeoisie. Jack Jones, of course, played a leading role in drawing up the social contract, and by foisting it upon the working class he suppresses any struggles for higher wages.

LABOUR GOVERNMENT ESSENTIAL

The bourgeois Labour Party is the best bosses' Party. It thrives on support from the working class while carrying out policies that lead to fascism, in an attempt to delay the death of capitalism.

A Tory Government would not get the same co-operation from workers, and Jack Jones realises this. So it is his job to get that support, with his 'left' face. He is speaking in the interests of capitalism when he says "their (the House of Lords) plan is to bring this Government down... they will exploit any situation to implement the deadly financial policies of Keith Joseph and his right-wing allies."

PROPS UP BOSSES' RULE

Jack Jones - like other Labour Party T.U. leaders such as Murray, Scanlon and Basnett - is dangerous because he works for the bosses while pretending to represent the working class. He suppresses workers' struggles or leads them down blind alleys. In practice he acts as a prop for bourgeois rule.

Class conscious workers should "work like beavers" and drive traitors and misleaders like Jack Jones and Co. out of the leadership of the trade unions all together. Our trade unions must be made real weapons against the bosses.



Friday 14th January was the great event of the year for the management at Plesseys at Wilson Road (named after the great man himself), Huyton, Liverpool - constituency of the Labour ex-leader. It was the non-event of the year for the workers. Cloakrooms were cleaned and areas swept that the great man would never set eyes on. The management asked the girls to take their ten minute tea-break with their dinner, so that Sir Harold wouldn't see the girls lounging around taking their hard earned rest. The girls told them "You're not on!" When the buzzers for tea-break didn't go, the girls went off their line to tea-break anyway. Morning shift clocked off at 3 o'clock as normal, instead of 3.30 as management had asked, so that Wilson wouldn't see workers milling around the place. A canteen worker cleaning the floor for the special visit said, "I don't know what all the fuss is about, he's never done f--- all for us". Dead right! But then, it was the bosses making the fuss!

CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG LEADS CHINA IN CRITICISING THE "GANG OF FOUR"

People's China has a new leader. He is Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. All across this vast socialist country, workers and peasants have been greeting his election with great celebrations.

The Chinese people are also jubilant after defeating the plot of the infamous "gang of four". These were four leading members of the Communist Party - Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching and Yao Wen-yuan - who tried to seize control of the state away from the workers and peasants. But the Communist Party of China (CPC) exercised proletarian (working class) dictatorship over them by sacking them from their high positions and exposing their treachery.

Now Chairman Hua and the Party are leading the people in mass criticism of the gang. At a recent national conference he called on all Party members and the workers and peasants to carry out four fighting tasks for 1977. The main one of these as Chairman Hua said, was to "deepen the great mass movement to expose and criticize the "gang of four". This is the central task for 1977". To help the people carry out this task in 1977, the Party has just published Chairman Mao's work, "On the Ten Major Relationships". This was originally written in 1956, circulated throughout the Party, discussed and strengthened. Chairman Hua has urged everyone to study this document closely and grasp the basic policy Mao advanced in it.

In the past the "gang of four" clique has gone against decisions of the Party Central Committee, and sabotaged Mao's and the Party's efforts to carry out this policy.

They distorted Mao's teaching of 'putting politics in command' in building socialism, and the principle 'grasp revolution, promote production'. Through these slogans the Party pointed out that the key thing was to continue the class struggle to prevent revisionism and the restoration of capitalism, and that through the class struggle, workers would be mobilised to build up industry and agriculture, to build China into a strong and prosperous socialist society, and improve the livelihood of the people. The "gang of

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CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG LEADS CHINA

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four" distorted these slogans. They talked all the time about continuing the class struggle, but they attacked everyone who worked hard to build up socialist industry and agriculture.



Chairman Hua Kuo-feng

One example of this was the Tachai Production Brigade. Tachai is China's pacesetter in agriculture. The working people decide together how much each should be paid for the work they have done. There is a very strong spirit of collective work, and as a result of the political successes in the class struggle, they have completely transformed the area. Reservoirs, workshops and houses have been built; electricity has been brought in; hills thought impossible to plough have been terraced, and agricultural production has rocketed. The political and economic successes have been so great that Mao and the Party Central Committee called on the Chinese people: "in agriculture learn from Tachai!"

Chiang Ching, one of the "gang of four", turned things on their head. She tried to claim that the advances in production proved that Tachai was taking the capitalist road! The peasants reported how Chiang Ching attacked the Tachai Brigade on a visit in 1975: "The moment she got there, she threatened 'What am I here for? I am here to fight!'" Distorting facts and telling lies, she falsely charged that Tachai had acted on so-called revisionist directives and cursed it for 'having the guts' to 'show no respect for me, Chiang Ching'."

This was not just a single event. It was the way the "gang of four" worked. Distorting the Party line, they sounded on the surface very revolutionary - always attacking 'revisionism'. In fact it was they who were revising Marxism, acting arrogantly, and who had no faith in the masses. They tried to pin the label of 'revisionist' on anyone who would not follow them. They sowed confusion, and threatened the people, attacking anyone who worked hard to build a strong and prosperous socialist China. They were the real revisionists. They wanted to seize control of the Party and state and lord it over the people.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, who had been elected Premier of the People's Republic of China on Mao's own proposal, was elected Chairman of the Communist Party of China on Mao's death. This was a decisive blow to the "gang of four", who intrigued to take over the Party. Under Chairman Hua's leadership, the Party smashed their plot. Millions demonstrated in support, in every city and town of China.

Now the Communist Party and people of China are learning the lessons of the gang's crimes as well as their downfall. Through mass criticism, the people will help keep socialist China on the socialist road.

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