

The World Situation and Our Tasks

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The contemporary world situation is marked by the rising tide of people's revolutionary struggles in the oppressed nations, unrest and spontaneous mass outbursts in imperialist countries, intense contention and war preparations by the imperialist blocs led by the U.S. and Soviet social-imperialists and the all-around intensification of the global imperialist crisis.

Despite the heavy setback suffered due to the revisionist betrayal in China and Albania and the weakness of the subjective forces, the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed people has continued to surge forward. The intensification of imperialist, social-imperialist plunder has led to sharper and more resolute resistance from the oppressed peoples in different countries. In Latin America, Africa and Asia, mass rebellions have repeatedly broken out and in some cases decades-old dictatorial regimes have

been overthrown. The attempts by imperialist powers to channelise these rebellions into legal, reformist paths and dupe the people with cosmetic changes are being challenged. In the van of this revolutionary upsurge is the People's War in Peru led by the Communist Party of Peru, a shining beacon to all the oppressed peoples and revolutionary masses worldwide. It correctly manifests the revolutionary potential existing in the present world, in particular in the oppressed nations. It sharply brings out the vital importance of establishing a clear-cut Marxist-Leninist leadership for the full realisation of this revolutionary potential. It is no wonder that both the imperialist blocs are actively colluding to aid the local reactionaries in suppressing this mighty revolution.

In the imperialist and social-imperialist blocs also, more and more sections of the masses are taking to the path of struggle. Important mass upsurges have broken out from time to time in these countries also. Resistance and opposition to imperialist war preparations have

continued to develop as a broad mass movement. The revolutionary upsurge in the oppressed nations is also influencing these developments and aiding their further growth.

The rising tide of struggles and rebellions in the oppressed nations in particular and mass upsurges in imperialist, social-imperialist countries clearly indicate the developing trend of revolution. It clearly shows that the objective factors behind this trend have not weakened but have only intensified. Despite weaknesses of subjective forces and the absence of conscious proletarian leadership in most of the cases, this trend of revolution is still checking the imperialist, social-imperialist war designs. The imperialist powers simply cannot ignore this powerful challenge facing them and repeatedly coming up despite their temporary successes in putting them down or distorting them. Hence, along with their sharp contention, collusion directed against the people of the world remains an important aspect.

... In short, the present day world situation is characterised by the intensifying contradiction between imperialism and social-imperialism on the one hand and the oppressed peoples and nations on the other. This principal contradiction determines the course of development in the international political situation. This basic factor makes the trend of revolution the main trend. But at the same time, the contradiction between the imperialist blocs is also intensifying, in relation to the above contradiction and on its own. Even though this contention is accompanied by collusion on different occasions, contention is the principal aspect, preparing the ground for a world war.

The dominant trend of revolution at the international level is mainly represented by the anti-imperialist struggle of the oppressed nations and peoples. At present this trend of revolution is still checking the trend of war, but as the nature of these struggles is long drawn-out, and since most of these struggles are not led by a conscious proletarian vanguard, it will be unrealistic to expect that these struggles will prevent

war altogether. So it is dangerous to assume a complacent position. Since the preparations for world war by the imperialist powers are going on, and due to the subjective weakness of revolutionary forces, we cannot rule out the possibility of a third world war. The revolutionary forces have to make all efforts to heighten the level of revolutionary struggles to avert such a possibility turning into reality. The present world situation clearly shows the immense objective potential for the successful implementation of this task. The main factor hindering this is the ideological political crisis in the international communist movement caused by the setback in China. Hence, an essential and important condition for carrying forward this task is that of rebuilding the unity of the international proletariat on a correct ideological basis. Any advance in this direction is of great significance in the present world situation and it remains an important task before the Marxist-Leninists.

... The qualitative advance achieved through the Second Conference (the Second International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, held in 1984 -- CRC) is based, first and foremost, on its higher level of ideological clarity. This ideological clarity is sharply projected through the following words of the *Declaration*, which reaffirmed that Mao Tsetung Thought is a new stage in the development of Marxism-Leninism: "Without upholding and building on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, it is not possible to defeat revisionism, imperialism and reaction in general." It is further elaborated through upholding the significance of the Communist Party of China polemics against Khrushchev revisionism and the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. With this ideological clarity, the *Declaration* has given a strong refutation to all forces of revisionism and liquidationism. At the same time it has identified revisionist, dogmatist deviations and petit-bourgeois tendencies and exposed their sources and manifestations. This ideological clarity is a

clear line of demarcation drawn between genuine Marxist-Leninist forces and sham, and it is the solid foundation of the unity within the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. At the same time, it is the sure guarantee of advancing along the correct lines of the process of regrouping all genuine Marxist-Leninist forces, including those presently outside the RIM, and achieving the task of building up an international organisation of the proletariat anew.

... The common ideological basis, clear-cut projection of a revolutionary orientation for struggle and the organisational approach reflected through the *Declaration* represents a correct step forward to resolve the crisis faced by the international communist movement due to the onslaught of revisionism. Yet, in keeping with the preliminary nature of the step, the unity reflected through the *Declaration* is obviously of a relative nature. A number of crucial differences still exist within the RIM. In our view, the *Declaration* also contains some erroneous views and shortcomings along with the correct aspects mentioned above. These errors and shortcomings have to be clearly recognised and identified, in order to pinpoint the important issues which have to be thoroughly debated and resolved in the future. That is, we must critically identify the errors and limitations in order to contribute more effectively to raise the level of debate within RIM, and participate more actively in the process of advancing its existing level of unity reflected through the *Declaration*. Secondly, this is essential in order to refute erroneous thinking which exaggerates the unity achieved either by characterising it as a "revolutionary synthesis" or by projecting the *Declaration* more or less as a clearly defined political line. Such exaggeration blinds the RIM to serious questions which remain to be resolved, creates a sense of complacency, downplays the vital role of further developing the ideological struggle and ultimately jeopardises the very unity achieved today. □