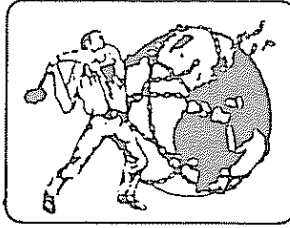


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In the long run the workers of the Soviet Union will bring to an end this anti-Communist and revisionist nightmare, with another proletarian revolution!

Neither Gorbachov, nor Yeltsin, nor the "Brezhnevists" will lead the Soviet Union out of decay and crisis!

There is no point in deceiving oneself: what is going on in the Soviet Union at the moment is alarming in every respect. The Yeltsin bandits have succeeded in roping considerable parts of the working population as well as of the working class in their policy and in the Great Russian chauvinism. They are passively watching the obvious surrender of their country, or more precisely: the further surrender to Western imperialists. The gigantic exploitation of the "movement" which led to the failure of the "putsch" carried out by some Brezhnevist military apparatchiks gives rise to the assumption that this "putsch" was not really that much of a threat, but rather a self-made provocation by Yeltsin, the West German Federal Intelligence Service and the CIA in order to get rid of revisionist forms more quickly and to hand power over to openly reactionary forces.

For a long time the Soviet Union has not been a bulwark of the world revolution any more!

The present events in the Soviet Union, in August 1991, are merely another link in the long chain of the events that have taken place in the last few years or decades.

Since the October Revolution of 1917 it has been the declared and prioritised aim of the international counterrevolution to destroy the main bulwark of the revolutionary forces in the whole world, i.e. the socialist Soviet Union. But the forces of imperialism and other reactionary forces intended to go much further in their struggle of destruction against all the international forces orientated towards communism, the idea of communism and the proletarian revolution.

Modern revisionists, such as Khrushchev and Brezhnev, forced socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat, to its knees and destroyed it. This had been tried before by imperialists of all coun-

tries, by intervening in the young Soviet Union, then with sabotage and blockade as well as by the nazi-barbarians waging a war of extermination on the Soviet Union - but none of them was successful. After Stalin's death in 1953 these "new tsars" usurped all the leading positions in the Party and the state and ruined all the achievements of Lenin and Stalin's socialist Soviet Union. They turned the Soviet Union back into a state based on exploitation and oppression by the bourgeoisie, and into a prison of peoples.

In doing so, they continued using "socialist" phrases to deceive the masses and to conceal their real intentions. After Brezhnev's death, Gorbachov followed after a short "interlude". He advanced more and more openly the imperialist model of exploitation renouncing "socialist" phrases. The people around Yeltsin are now dragging through the mud even the last symbols and forms of socialism and communism, which had already been falsified and sullied by their predecessors.

The suppurating abscess of the revisionists has now also burst in the Soviet Union. The blood-stained exploiters and oppressors, in whose hands

the power in the Soviet Union lies, no longer hide behind their empty talk about so-called "socialism", which they have used to sully the ideas of real socialism and communism for decades. Now the enemy shows its face more openly.

This, however, is not the result of a progressive revolutionary development in the Soviet Union. It is the result of the advance of reaction within the Soviet Union, which can appear in public more and more openly. It is the result of the fact that the vast majority of the Soviet working population, mainly also young people, show no resistance against the rulers who increasingly appear openly reactionary-tsarist and fascist.

It shows the immense advance of western imperialists, the further advance towards the even more comprehensive annexation of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Without having any illusions about the past thirty-five years of anti-socialist policy of the Soviet Union, it is painful for every communist, throughout the world, to come to terms with the fact that real communist forces in the Soviet Union, who are following the way of Lenin and Stalin and fighting against Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Gorbachov, Yeltsin and Co., are a small unorganised minority, at best without decisive social importance.

The Advance of the Western, Especially the West/German Imperialists

The systematically organised breakdown of the Soviet Union, the fact that in the past few years and months all sectors of its economy, its state and its policy have been ruined more and more openly by Western imperialists, is not a victory over a real socialist state, where the working class had state power in its hands.

It is, however, a victorious advance of one group of great imperialist powers against another great imperialist power, i.e. the Soviet Union of the Khrushchev and Brezhnev era. This social-imperialist Soviet Union - still "socialist" in words, but imperialist in its deeds, based on the exploitation of other peoples and of the peoples within the Soviet Union - had obviously taken on too much internationally. The enlargement of the military apparatus and the aggression against Afghanistan, combined with the disastrous internal situation, resulted in the era of Gorbachov, in the policy of the attempted "straightening of the front" in order to gain certain spheres of influence out of the rivalry between the imperialists and out of the struggle with the Western imperialist great powers.

But also in this period of history things didn't work out the way the Gorbachov revisionists hoped: not even the fact that the FRG had been kindly surrendered to the West/German imperialists, and that the other countries of Eastern Europe had been handed over to Western imperialist great powers, could avoid the breakdown of the Soviet Union. With their backs against the wall, the only thing their policy of making concessions and manoeuvring brought about was the further advance of the Western imperialists and, above all, the *enormous increase in power of West/German imperialism, revanchism and militarism.*

At present, West/German imperialism, revanchism and militarism is heavily challenging both the other European imperialist great powers and the Japanese imperialists, getting more and more powerful in the course of great clashes with US imperialists that are bound to come within the next decades. This struggle has been going on for quite a long time, but it is taking and increasingly dramatic shape and local armed clashes could lead to a great world war.

Modern revisionists are decisively responsible for the present situation! Their role must not be played down!

In view of the present situation in the Soviet Union, illusions are growing here and there about Gorbachov's predecessors and about the different stages of revisionism before him. In comparison with the Russia of Yeltsin and Gorbachov, some people may even be "sympathetic" - only on the "emotional" level - towards other reactionary, revisionist regimes in power, such as the blood-stained hangmen in China, the revisionist system in Cuba or North Korea. There is the real danger that - whereas *one* form of revisionism, Gorbachov's revisionism, is considered to be totally discredited - other forms of revisionism will gain more influence.

It is precisely the *renunciation* of the ideas of communism, disguised by so many phrases of socialism, of the really democratic domination of the working class, the renunciation of the dictatorial domination exerted by the working class on all reactionaries and exploiters, that is the key to being able to actually understand how the masses have gradually been deprived of their revolutionary spirit, how they have been made defenceless and how in the end great numbers of them have been and still are paralysed, or rather poisoned by the most reactionary ideas.

Is this the "end of everything"? Is it "all over now"? Have socialism and communism, a "utopian fantasy", failed as the bourgeois demagogues gloatingly claim?

It is not surprising that *defeatism and attitudes of capitulation* are gaining ground. A few oppor-

tunists and revisionists seem to be shocked, murmuring that this is not what they wanted. But it was just them, the opportunists and revisionists, who, on a smaller or larger scale, played an essential part in spreading the socialimperialist counterrevolutionary power of the Soviet Union, discrediting it morally through their deeds and finally in the advance of the Western imperialists. (In this connection it does not matter whether perhaps someone did not get rich himself at all, whether he was willing to make sacrifices, or whether he transferred his inner attachment to the Soviet Union from the time when it was still socialist and had defeated Nazi-fascism, to the revisionist Soviet Union by slavishly following authority).

Imperialism is A Giant With Feet of Clay

In this whole situation it is of the utmost importance to understand properly what Lenin metaphorically expressed:

"Imperialism is a giant with feet of clay".

Especially in these days of increasing defeatism, paralysis and resignation, of increasing capitulation, it has to be explained and scientifically demonstrated beyond all possible doubt why Lenin was right and why all of his critics, and those who twisted and falsified his positions, were not right:

The powerful, apparently overwhelmingly powerful bloody imperialism, which slaughters millions of human lives without any scruples, is not omnipotent. It is strengthening itself while *sharpening its inner contradictions* at the same time. These are the *conditions for its destruction, objective conditions for its final smashing* by a whole series of renewed proletarian revolutions, of national revolutionary, anti-imperialist, democratic revolutions in the whole world.

The key sentence of scientific communism in our time, that *imperialism is the eve of proletarian revolution*, is true throughout all the defeats and setbacks, because there is *one thing* imperialism can never do away with, despite all its boasting behaviour, which is:

Getting rid of its inner contradictions, its rottenness.

☆ It will not succeed in getting rid of the *contradiction between work and capital*, between working class and bourgeoisie.

☆ It will not succeed in getting rid of imperialist competition, the *contradiction between the different finance groups and the imperialist powers* in their struggle for raw material sources, for foreign territories and for the new division of the world.

☆ And it will not succeed in doing away with the *contradiction between a handful of exploiting and oppressing nations and the millions of people of the colonised, semi-colonised and dependent countries*, who are exposed to the most shameless exploitation and the most inhuman suppression by imperialism.

These are the contradictions, inherent in the system of imperialism, which will inevitably lead to its downfall: *Imperialism is dying and decaying capitalism*.

What is to be done? We must show the door to the defeatists and let the capitulators keep on moaning. We must go on studying and defending in theory the foundations of scientific communism and must analyse the present situation both in a down-to-earth manner and with passion. We must energetically intensify international relations with revolutionary and, above all, marxist-leninist forces and *build up the real communist party* in the own country, in other words in our own area of work!

Imperialism is a giant with feet of clay!

It might take decades or generations - nevertheless, victory over world imperialism and the victory of communism all over the world is bound to come!

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