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#### Marxism-Leninism Is the Banner

One of the extensively discussed issues at the Plenum was the Party's policy of stressing Marxism-Leninism and the significance of upholding this liberating and humane theory.

This is not the first time in the history that the communists are facing the distortion of Marxism. The distortion of Marxism and the refutation of communism have been at work since the birth of Marxism. Even at the time of Marx, there were those who distorted Marxism and stood against Marx. Kautsky, who was an "expert" in Marxism and had

an archive of Marxist works in his memory, did not hesitate to distort Marxism in order to serve his class interest. Kautsky was at the head of the Second International and led the Social Democratic parties. The Social Democratic parties were the organisations that were formed according to Marxism and for the establishment of socialist society. But many of them, in the time of peace and the growth of capitalism, questioned the essence of the class democracy, refuted the class nature of the state, gave up the revolution and substituted parliamentarianism instead, gave up the struggle to

break up the oppressive state machine, and finally became accomplices of their own imperialist power in the First World War. They turned the workers into cannon fodder under the slogans of "defense of the motherland", of "pure democracy", and of "unconditional freedom". Those parties that claimed to be Marxist but distorted Marxism under the name of Marxism became the formal accomplices of the imperialist bourgeoisie and participated in the government to suppress the working class. The German Social Democratic Party,

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the British Labour Party, and the French, Italian, and Spanish Socialists were among these parties. Comrade Lenin held high the banner of defense of communism and changed the names of the revolutionary social democratic parties into communist parties in order to clarify the blurred borders between the communists and anti-communist social democrats, to identify to the masses the real defenders of the working class, and to preserve the purity and liveliness of Marxism. This revolutionary and historical action of Lenin took away from the Social Democrats the chance of distorting Marxism. Consequently, the Social Democrats had to show their anti-communist face and denounce Marxism formally. Today, only foolish individuals may claim that the European Social Democrats are advocates of the working class. This isolation of the anti-communists was not possible without Lenin's fight to clarify the demarcation line with them. When the Soviet Union turned into the quagmire of revisionism and faked the class reconciliatory theories as socialist and communist, the Communist Party of China and the Party of Labour of Albania demarcated themselves from the revisionists by raising the clear banner of Marxism-Leninism. We witness the fate of revisionism today.

Today, we are confronted with a similar situation. Some individuals and organisations pretend to be leftist and socialist while they distort Marxism-Leninism and its teachings on issues such as state, revolution, the nature of violence, democracy, parliamentarianism, the nature of the dictatorship of proletariat, the characters of a communist party, etc. They do not agree with principles of Marxism-Leninism but they pretend to be leftist and socialist. It is exactly because of the tainted and deceitful atmosphere and of the non-class concepts created by these groups, whose purpose is to preserve the capitalist order, that it has become the responsibility of the genuine communists to raise the banner of Marxism-Leninism and to clarify their difference with the opportunists. Marxism-Leninism is the clear demarcation line between anti-communists, revisionists, socialists of all hues, and the genuine communists.

This is why our Party must raise this banner and show to the sympathisers of the path of the working class emancipation that opportunists oppose Marxism-Leninism through distortion and lies. Our Organisation asks the Iranian Communists to study once again the two great works of Lenin; "The State and Revolution" and "The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky", in order to see the ocean separating the communists from the opportunists.

The Plenum of the Party confirmed that this policy is correct at the time of the growth of Leninism and opportunism in the working class movement.

Our Party should extract from the classics of Marxism-Leninism the history's response to repeated and doubt-causing questions and issues that claim Leninism is a Russian phenomenon, that it is the product of Asian barbarism, and that it does not conform with civilised European spirit. (Which Europe? The Nazi Germany? The fascist Italy? The Phalangist Spain and Portugal? The colonialist and aggressor Britain, France, Holland, Belgium? ) Our Party should take the history's response to the working class activists and show them how history repeats itself in farce. Some of the heroes of this farce have adopted Farsi names. The names like Carrillo, who was an expert in "Eurocommunism" and who wrote against Leninism, have been changed to Iranian names. In our view, stressing Marxism-Leninism will play an effective role in the present political scene and will cause new formations and alliances among those who claim to be pro communism. This will be in the interest of the working class. The working class is suffering from a lack of clarity of thoughts and ideology. The working class of Iran needs for its leading Party to draw a class line between the forces in the society. The Plenum confirmed unanimously the revolutionary policy of declaring "Long Live Marxism-Leninism, the banner of class struggle in the era of growing opportunism".

The Plenum stressed that the comrades should study Leninism not only from the theoretical point of view but also from the practical point of view of analysing the present world situation and of combating opportunism and erroneous and repeated theories. Our Party analyses the concrete political events and evaluates their conformity with Leninism. The theoretical study of Leninism, its combination with practice, and vice versa is key in understanding and digesting Leninism.

### Leninism and the Party of the Working Class

The Plenum stressed the significance of the existence of the party for the working class. The working class, as the other classes in the society, builds its party in order to preserve and extend its own interests. The party of the working class defends the interest of the workers and the toilers and struggles for the freedom of mankind from the exploitation of individuals by individuals. The opponents of the working class consciously oppose the party of the working class. They are fearful that the working class will become an independent force. The policy of the opponents of the working class is to assemble the workers in the bourgeois parties and to use them for their own bourgeois interests. The agitation and promotion of their fascist, nationalist, religious, and non-class theories are for the implementation of this policy. We declare that the working class without its party is

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nothing. The party is the leading force and the manifestation of the power of the working class.

The party of the working class is formed according to the Leninist organisational norm of Democratic Centralism. At the time when the fascist bourgeois reaction rules the society and the party is illegal and underground, the stress is put on the principle of Centralism. The history of the class struggle has proven the correctness of this line. In this situation, the party democracy is implemented through the regular meetings of the units, conferences, plenums, giving and requesting reports on the activities, the internal bulletin, the comradely trust in making decision on hot political issues of the day, etc. A party in which petty bourgeois suspicion and lack of trust rules is nothing but a hand in the sleeve of bourgeoisie. We are confronting this type of organisation daily. They propagate slanders and lies of the bourgeoisie about the communist parties in order to divert the public attentions from the bourgeois dictatorship. Our Organisation should continue to carry the banner of Leninist norms of the party building.

### Struggle against Economists

The Plenum had discussions about the role of the conscious element in socialism and about the Iranian Economist organisations that claim to be communist. The Plenum emphasised that the Party should continue to fight against the influence of bourgeois ideology in the form of Economism and reformism. These deviated trends negate the achievements of the world communist movement. They are incapable of realising the relation between economy and politics. They have no overall view for the future socialist society. These trends are opposed to the October Revolution, refute socialism that was built in the USSR by Lenin and Stalin, and draw a hopeless and inconclusive future for the workers. They have occupied themselves with the fashionable problems and avoid responding to or taking stand on the hot social issues. The Plenum set the task of bringing this point to light.

### Imperialism, the Enemy of the Mankind

The Plenum spent some time discussing the world contradictions that are stated in the Program of the Party. The Plenum believed that the Program adopted at the First Congress of the Party is still valid and no changes have occurred in the world contradictions since then. The Plenum discussed the role of imperialism in Yugoslavia and Caucus and confirmed Lenin's thesis on intensification of intra imperialist contradictions and the possibility of socialist revolution in a single country. The policy of aggression of the world imperialism headed by the U.S.A shows that the imperialists try to punish, under the cover of "the right of nations to self determination", of defense of "human rights". and of setting up an "International Tribunal" in

the Hague, those who oppose and do not listen to imperialists' dictates. Independence, freedom, human rights, and justice seeking have different readings in the imperialist schools of justice. We believe that we must put stress on exposing the imperialists' deeds and deceitful words. We must show that imperialism, as the highest stage of capitalism, is the source of despotism and the base of the world reaction.

### If a Part of Body Suffers, the Entire Body Suffers

The Central Committee reported on the Party's financial assistance given to the family of the fallen comrades and to the communist political prisoners. With the help from the members and supporters, the Organisation has reached an admirable result in this matter. This tells us how the comrades fulfill their communist duty and how the Party continues its work. A party that lacks membership with such a morale will not be able to continue to fulfill its revolutionary task. The PLI with the aspiration of this revolutionary tradition of the Tudeh Party of the past is determined to fulfill this duty. We Communists are of special nature. No power can defeat the eternal communist forces.

### Proletarian Internationalism

The PLI believes that the Proletarian Internationalism must be stressed to oppose the growing backward nationalistic views among the Iranians and other nationalities. It is only this internationalist morale that can prevent nationalistic wars, fascist morale, and divisional spirit between nations. Our Organisation decided to increase its effort to inform the fraternal Parties and Organisations of the political development in Iran and of some of the general theoretical stands of the Organisation. On this basis, the Party prepares the Toufan International in English and publishes some articles in "Unity & Struggle", The Organ of the International Conferences of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations. This equips our Fraternal Comrades in different countries to fight their own domestic bourgeoisie in regard with dealing with the Iranian bourgeoisie. The Party participated in the International Conference of the Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations and in multilateral meetings. The PLI has succeeded in establishing close ties with the Comrades of Latin America and become informed about the level of struggle of the masses and the influence of the Marxist-Leninists of the region. In order to better inform the readers of our Central Organ, it is recommended that the Party regularly publish report on the activities of our Fraternal Comrades in other countries.

### The Activities in Abroad of the Islamic Republic's Ministry of Information

After the assassination of our comrade Hamid Chitgar, our Party has paid very close attention and is vigilant to

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the activities of the Islamic Republic's Ministry of Information (IRMI). Our Party has reached the conclusion that IRMI uses many methods to disrupt the activities of the revolutionary opposition. The formation of cultural associations that cooperate with the Islamic Republic behind the scene and are involved with import and export of movies, actors, writers, artists, etc serve this purpose. Raising erroneous views or changing the directions of discussions among the Iranians and replacing the chief contradiction with petty contradictions in political discussions are other methods. The war against the Iranian revolutionary opposition abroad is not only through the stick but is also through candy and the carrot even through ideology. These are regular activities of the IRMI. We believe that Saeid Imami's network (Imami was the high-ranking officials of the IRMI and the chief coordinator of the chain political assassinations in Iran. He was arrested after he was exposed. He supposedly committed suicide in prison) is still active and we must identify it, expose it, and burn it to the ground. It is the task of the revolutionary opposition to consider the interest of the movement as a whole and exchange any information gathered about the activities of the IRMI. The Plenum discussed the organisational, propaganda, financial, and technical issues and gave advice to resolve the shortcomings.

## Harmless Imperialism

microwave oven. It sets the human cells into motion by concentrating microwaves on the human body. As a result, a protestor feels hot quickly as if he is burning in an oven. The microwaves generated by this weapon are capable of destroying electronic devices, chips, and electronic circuits. The U.S. military apparatus has succeeded in building a weapon that generates electromagnetic fields to destroy electronic devices. The question is what is the U.S. imperialism afraid of? Why does it need to spend billions of dollars on its armaments? Is it the fear from the "Rogue Nations" such as Iran, Iraq, and North Korea? Is it the fear from the imperialist powers? Is it the fear from China? Or is it the fear, in the first place, from the liberation movement in the world? Or is it the fear from the conclusion of the class battle of the people of the world, the struggle that the conciliators negate? Are all of these armaments to insure that the U.S. has the last world in the last day of the battle? The fact is that the class struggle continues till the destruction of the source of wars, imperialism.

## Murderers

affiliated murderers] are of the opinion that the reduction in the presence of stray and street women in other big cities in the past few months was not unconnected to the broadcast of the news on the suspicious murders of their colleagues in Mashad. (that is : to fight against prostitution some had to be murdered so that the others do not show up in the streets.)"

Furthermore, Keyhan wrote on the special commission, which has been formed to investigate the murder of these "corrupt" women :

"The first decision of the special commission has been to regulate the removal of all prostitutes and stray women from the streets of Mashad. ... With the course of this action it is expected that provocation from the repetition of illegal and vigilante actions by unknown elements will diminish".

The province of Khorasan's regional commander for order, the Brigadier Iskander Momeni, made a statement in response to this serial murder:

"Considering the fact that the murdered women have been rejected from their homes and families, they were not concerned with being murdered. They preferred to die rather than to live. Crimes are the effects of a series of causes, and the problem of street women has manifested itself objectively and it has to be seriously confronted."

This is clearly a confession to the crime. This is the legalisation of the murder of this vulnerable section of the society.

The regime of the Islamic Republic's response to poverty and the economic misery is nothing but murder and oppression. These poor women are the victims of this murderous regime.

The Islamic Regime is accusing these poor women of committing "immoral" acts while the clergies and the entire high ranking officials are themselves involved in murder of innocent men and women, in bribery and scandals, in legalising prostitution under the name of Sighe (temporary marriage), in drug trafficking, in stoning, in setting up centers for their pleasures under the Islamic cover of guiding the street girls, etc.

These atrocities will only increase the disgust and abhorrence the people have for the Islamic Republic. Only the violent overthrow of this regime in its entirety will put an end to these horrific crimes.

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