

OUR OPINION!

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Dear comrades, we have just learned of the passing of comrade Ray Stevenson, it is indeed a great loss for the whole movement in solidarity with the people's of the ex-Soviet Union as well as for the whole communist international movement.

Please receive our heartfelt condolences from our Collective to all his relatives as well as to the comrades of the North Star Compass publication.

We also add our voices to those around the world in encouraging NSC to continue with its work in light of the principles that comrade Ray Stevenson embraced and worked so hard to achieve. We should continue in his steps, so that his goal of reviving the Soviet Union becomes a reality and indeed socialism triumphs around the world.

Comrade Ray Stevenson lives forever in our hearts!

Onward with the fight to revive the USSR and Socialism!

Dear comrades,

Our Collective continues the translation of the articles in NSC and although we cannot at this time have a say as to where the coming Congress should be held, we would like to express our opinion on some matters. The challenges and difficulties that are faced today by all revolutionary movements are even greater than during the First Congress, no doubt all of you are well aware of this fact and are acting accordingly.

We believe that before anything else, we must ask ourselves what would be the best way to support the workers and the people in the ex-USSR? Hence solidarity is not a 'generic' question, but must be guided at all moments to facilitate the solution to the most difficult problems faced by the socialist movement in

the reconstruction of socialism in the ex-USSR. Secondly, we must ask, at what level does the Second Congress and the International Council, the readers of NSC and its subscribers, friends and comrades from afar, how can we support in the most positive fashion the future tasks and challenges ahead.

In the last issues of NSC, we have been able to appreciate the need for ideological clarification expressed by the many opinions appearing in the publication coming from different sectors and parties in the ex-USSR. Perhaps the publication of NSC could play a fundamental role in becoming an open forum of diverse ideas and opinions, thus facilitating the discussion in the coming Congress. At this time, it is crucial to conduct ideological discussions, since our movements are subjected to various forms of persecutions; affecting their normal life, situation which does not allow for the needed discussions and debates.

We feel, that it will be helpful to have a package of projects and documents distributed before the Congress to help us in the analysis of the current and past situations. The documents should be based on solid Marxist-Leninist principles. They must strive to point out the weaknesses and strength of social movements in the world and the possibility for real growth, as well as the reconstruction of socialism in the ex-USSR, as well as the causes of its disappearance. We cannot stress enough the necessary role that ideological discussions and debates must play in our daily function if we are to be called revolutionary.

We do not think the Congress should be the space in which its participants can air their dirty laundry - but - rather we see the ideological clarification as a process to take place throughout the year and at the regular meetings of NSC as well as within the International Council. We must be alert at all times however, for any opportunist and revisionist tendencies expressed at the Congress or at any other instance. It is precisely these tendencies that contributed to the destruction of the ex-USSR. We must be able to unmask and expose these problems. We must ask ourselves why is it that no movement or revolutionary party

has come forward to organize the Congress here in Europe?? What are the reasons behind this situation? Many of these parties and movements are not being subjected to persecutions and are currently actively working within the legal realm of the system.

Taking all these questions into consideration, we sincerely believe that the Second World Congress should establish concrete and simple steps to define the character of the solidarity work towards the ex-USSR, how it could look like in the coming future. Once these steps are defined along the lines of Marxism-Leninism, they will help in unmasking any corrosive-revisionist elements during the course of the Congress.

Today, the contradictions of the imperialist states are being played out in the international arena; it would be therefore incorrect to arrive at the conclusion, that the U.S. is the 'only' imperialist superpower. The tensions are played out as war and armed conflicts are raging around the globe, each imperialist state is out to gain part of the loot, the war spoils; it is humanity itself at stake and the question is: how can the revolutionary movements act in light of massive disorganization and confusion? What can they do? There are no easy answers, but as we see it, our responsibility lies in denouncing the warmongering plans of imperialism, and perhaps this war will bring us closer to a proletarian revolution. We must seize this opportunity to transform the imperialist wars into civil wars, helping in the destruction of the state and its bourgeoisie. For these steps to be taken, the revolutionary movements must be prepared and armed under clear ideologically lines. Revisionism, reformism and opportunism must be unmasked and fought within the movements in the ex-USSR, it must be exposed along side the fight against imperialist globalization and its expression: war!

We do recall the XX and XXII CPSU congress, when Khrushchov criticized Stalin and tried to impose views that had nothing to do at all with communism, such as:

- a) the end of class struggle under socialism
b) the end of the dictatorship of the proletariat
c) the 'peaceful' transition to

socialism

- d) the policy based on material incentive
e) the 'existence' of different socialist models
f) the end of socialism in the face of imperialism
It is tendencies and views like these that we must expose and fight against.

The bourgeoisie uses Marxist rhetoric at times to confuse people, making the bourgeoisie very adaptable to today's global situation; we must be ready to expose and fight against each such gross misrepresentation.

Dear comrades, here we have tried to contribute to the ideological discussion we feel should take place at the Second World Congress. In the spirit of proletarian internationalism, we wish for a strong solidarity movement towards the ex-USSR and for the rebuilding of socialism. Receive the greatest fraternal greeting from all of us.

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