

Differences in the Communist
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Differences in the world Communist movement have aroused much public interest. They are being discussed, not only by Communists, but in many other circles.

The international differences have been reflected in the Communist Party of Australia through the activities of a splinter group headed by E. F. Hill, a former leading member of the Party, now expelled.

Because of the importance of the issues, and the wide public interest, the Communist Party of Australia has decided to publish its views on the main problems.

These views have been reached after discussions within the Party over a long period and especially since January 1961, following the meeting of 81 Communist Parties in Moscow in November, 1960.

The Communist Party of Australia actively participated in that meeting, raising its opinions on the issues debated at the time.

Our delegates to that meeting worked for unity and were fully satisfied with the discussions, in which differing viewpoints were frankly thrashed out.

Our Party welcomed the Statement unanimously adopted by the meeting as resolving the questions in dispute and opening a new chapter of unity in the world Communist movement.

The 19th Congress of the Party held in June, 1961, unanimously endorsed the Statement as being a correct analysis of the situation in the world today, and fully in line with our own Party Programme.

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The Communist Party of Australia rejects the criticisms made by the leaders of the Communist Party of China of the policy and work of the majority of Communist Parties, including our own.

We consider that the Chinese Party has seriously departed from the 81 Parties' Statement, and that the Hill group is advocating in Australia a policy which likewise departs from it.

Such a policy, if put into practice, would inflict great losses on the Australian working class movement.

In rejecting these views, we by no means forget the great achievements of the Communist Party of China, which has led the Chinese people to victory over imperialism and feudal oppression and in building socialism. Nor do we subscribe to the imperialist anti-China campaign.

However, the leaders of the Communist Party of China not only advocate an incorrect line for the international movement. They try to impose this line upon other Parties, spreading their views in many publications in Australia and other countries.

We reject the Hill group's assertion that our Party should not have "taken sides", as this could only mean that we are not entitled to decide for ourselves but must follow others.

The Communist Party of Australia decides its own policy. It carefully considers all views, but does not blindly support the policy of any other Party.

Of course, what the Hill group really wanted was to force upon our Party the incorrect line of the Communist Party of China.

After failing dismally in this, the Hill group engineered a series of "resignations" which were hailed by the press as a "great crisis" and "a big split" in the Communist Party of Australia.

No such great crisis appeared, although the D.L.P. and other reactionary forces are trying to use the

actions of those who split away to disrupt unity in the labour movement.

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The issues being debated in the world Communist movement are indeed momentous ones, dealing with questions of concern to all humanity.

The Communist Party of Australia therefore restates its policy for peace, defence of the immediate economic and political interests of the Australian working people, and for achieving a Socialist Australia.

We invite opinions and discussion on our views.