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Capitalists in the western hemisphere have used anti-Semitism in order to divide the working class and provide a scapegoat in times of crisis.

Hitler's policy of genocide toward Jewish and other peoples, especially the Slavs, was a class policy of German capitalism in its imperialist stage. The defeat of Hitler did not end anti-Semitism or the danger of genocide toward oppressed peoples and minorities.

Modern revisionists claim since capitalism has less territory the characteristics of that system have changed. On all major questions, including the extremely important national question, the revisionist clique headed by Tito-Khrushchev has betrayed the interests of Socialism.

Khrushchev issues statements denying anti-Semitism in the USSR. He never states that anti-Semitism is a weapon of imperialism, that imperialism uses it to penetrate Socialist countries, that Marxist-Leninists must struggle against it in order to build Socialism.

When Khrushchev says, "there is no Jewish question in the USSR" (Moscow News, March 16, 1963) he denies the need for a Marxist-Leninist line on the more than three million Jewish citizens of the USSR, he denies that Czarist Russia had a history of anti-Semitism which causes problems today. In short, he denies Marxism-Leninism on the national question.

Marxist-Leninists are concerned with the following developments:

- (1) The CPSU under Stalin's leadership pursued a policy of saving the Jewish people from Hitlerism in World War II. Millions were saved and more would have been but for the delay on the Second Front by Britain and the USA. Khrushchev's attacks on Stalin are attacks on the policy of saving the Jewish people.
- (2) Hundreds of Jewish citizens of the USSR have been executed for profiteering. It is common sense that profiteering involves many people. Certainly some lower echelons of the CPSU must be involved. Considering that Khrushchev expels Marxist-Leninists, promotes careerists, associates with renegades like Tito who are restoring

capitalism, it is all too clear that Jews are being used as scapegoats for Khrushchev's bankruptcy.

- (3) Khrushchev has obstructed the development of the Jewish press, theatre and language under the slogan of "no Jewish question."
- (4) Khrushchev's speech to leading Soviet writers and artists contained stories which are anti-Semitic in themselves--the Jewish worker who came to the plant on Saturday, but didn't work--the renegade Jewish interpreter for Von Paulus whom he suddenly remembers. His sharpest criticism is aimed at Jewish writers and artists, when revisionism in Soviet art is a result of Khrushchev's leadership in the CPSU--and by no means limited to Jewish artists.

The Khrushchev-Tito clique in the name of "creative Marxism" is borrowing from the stale anti-Semitic tactics of the class enemy. The struggle against revisionism is a battle against the penetration of imperialist ideology into working class parties. An effective campaign to restore Marxism-Leninism on the national question including the Jewish question must be carried out.

After World War II Washington replaced Berlin as the main center of anti-Socialist, neo-fascist reaction. Especially since Kennedy's election there has been a rapid growth of neo-fascist organizations which thrive on the present aggressive foreign and domestic administration policies. These organizations are a reserve for U.S. imperialists which they will attempt to use as Kennedy's campaign to conquer the world for Wall Street meets more and more defeats. The oppressed Negro people, the Jewish, Puerto Rican, Mexican and Indian minorities are in terrible danger as a result of Kennedy's aggression against the Congo, Cuba, China and Viet Nam.

In the 1960 election, the Zionist and other bourgeois elements campaigned in support of Kennedy. This does not account fully for the high Kennedy vote in Jewish communities. The revisionist leadership of the CPUSA, using the anti-fascist record of the Party gained in former years, also urged support for Kennedy.

The CPUSA fraternal delegate to the recent convention of the German Communist Party joined Khrushchev and the Tito delegation in their attacks on the Chinese and Albanian Parties, but did not criticize the German Party for its failure to carry out its special responsibility on the Jewish question. No resolution was passed. The influence of Tito-Khrushchev resulted in the election of two former important Nazis to top posts in the German Party. They have since been removed, but no credit is due the CPUSA leaders or other revisionists.

The correct Marxist-Leninist policy of the Chinese Party on formerly oppressed nations and national minorities is implemented in that great nation. See Peking Review No 39, 1962.

We do not claim to have all the answers on the Jewish question. We welcome your ideas and criticisms. We believe a Marxist-Leninist policy on the Jewish question will take into consideration the following:

- (1) The need to build unity of the Jewish workers and professionals in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and its Kennedy government under the leadership of the working class. We must constantly expose the Ben Gurion government as a tool for Wall Street's oil and military interests in the Near East. Marxist-Leninists stand for unity of the Jewish and Arab peoples and against Wall Street's efforts to divide them.
- (2) Defense of the Marxist-Leninist position on the national question--study the works of Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung on the national liberation movement. It is necessary to rehabilitate the writings and speeches of M. Cline and Ben Gold, former U.S. Marxist-Leninist spokesmen.
- (3) Opposition to liquidation of the Jewish language, press and theatre in the USA.

- (4) Winning support of the Jewish people for Negro liberation--that is, state power for the Negro people in the South and their rights as a national minority in the North. Support for the struggles of the Puerto Rican, Mexican and Indian national minorities.
- (5) State and federal laws providing severe punishment for anti-Semitism. For by-laws in union constitutions upholding Negro rights and the rights of all national minorities.
- (6) United struggle by workers of all national origins for a Socialist USA which will end capitalism and racism.

We urge the study and distribution of the pamphlet "Which Path--Cowardice of the Teaching of Mao Tse-tung?" Still available for 25¢ single copy, orders of 25 or over 15¢.

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