

## Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile

# LETTER FROM THE CHILEAN PCR AND THE RCP USA TO ICM PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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[Note from **Dazibao Rojo**

This document source was a typewritten letter prepared by representatives of the PCR-Chile and the PCR-USA to parties and organizations of the ICM in February 1980. Although currently the PCR-Chile is dissolved and the RCP-USA and its leader Avakian became revisionists, at that time they led, along with the PCP, with an important work of criticism and denunciation of Hoxha's dogmato-revisionism. The digital edition was prepared by the Archive Communist revolutionary in June, 2005. The title that heads this document was written by the Communist Revolutionary Archive for reference only.]

Dear Comrades,

The International Communist Movement is in a period of great crisis and storms, especially, since the revisionist coup d'etat in China in October 1976, a hard struggle has taken place on basic questions, of Marxist-Leninist principles and of its application to the current situation in the world. The International Communist Movement (ICM) is fragmented and bitterly divided.

At the same time as this deep crisis is taking place in the revolutionary ranks, the rapid sharpening of the main contradictions in the contemporary world demands today, more than ever, that the genuine Marxist-Leninist (ML) forces give important steps to strengthen their unity and raise the fight against revisionism in all its forms. In fact, from many sectors it has begun to call for the unity of the MLs around a correct revolutionary line.

The need for unity in the present situation is not a mere wish, nor is it simply a recognition of the general truth that the proletariat is the same class throughout the world, with the historical mission of establishing communism universally. . In a period when they are coming revolutionary storms and the danger of war increases, how the fight against revisionism is carried out and what degree of unity is forged in the course of it will play a decisive role wherever ML forces are to liquidate the opportunists and achieve victory.

What is needed is a combative unity and not a unity on paper; a unity based on forging, through struggle, a deeper collective appreciation of the fundamental elements of the ML line in the face of events occurring in the world, and not "a unity" based on the repetition of a few slogans of facade; and less in the blind pursuit of one or the other party. Course forging this kind of unity around a revolutionary line is a process and we have no illusions that there will be no difficulties along the way. However, it is a process that should and can start now.

Important steps must be taken that, while not spectacular, will be vital in establishing the foundation for rebuilding the ICM unity.

As Lenin summarized it, to unite, it is first necessary to clearly establish the lines of demarcation. Of course, the demarcation lines are not chosen at random by the ML, they reflect the current political problems, which arise and differentiate the ML from revisionism, in the course of the class struggle and the ideological and political struggle in the revolutionary ranks.

The recent period has been one of sharp struggles and realignments, and through it, new lines of demarcation have emerged. Opposition to the revisionist current of the Chinese leadership, to the destruction of socialism, and to its international line of capitulation to imperialism expressed in its infamous "three worlds" strategy is clearly one of the most important demarcation lines among the ML and the revisionists in the current situation.

At the same time, another debate has taken place later on the evaluation of the teachings and the role of Mao Tse-tung. The problem is if the ICM defends and builds on the advances made in two decades of struggles against revisionism, or, if in the name of "orthodoxy" and the return to "doctrinal purity" it is chosen because these advances are denied and the mistakes of the past are elevated to the category of principles. This issue, no less than the fight against the revisionist leaders of China and the strategy of the three worlds has become a demarcation line in the ICM.

Other issues that had arisen in previous ICM struggles remain vital in the present situation. This implies continuing the denunciation and the fight against Soviet social-imperialism, which, with North American imperialism, is one of the two greatest enemies of the world proletariat and of the oppressed peoples. Similarly, Leninist theses on the nature of imperialism and imperialist wars have grown and not decreased in importance, and

particularly the tasks of the proletarians of the imperialist countries, facing their "own bourgeoisie" in case of war.

Without considering these demarcation lines and their implications in the current situation of the ICM, it is illusory and impossible to make any effort towards unity.

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With these perspectives, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile and the Revolutionary Communist Party of the USA are jointly calling for a meeting between certain ML parties and organizations that agree on the most important issues of the present for the ICM.

ML forces are offered to "choose" between aligning themselves with either the Chinese revisionists (indeed with the Western imperialists themselves) or following others who are determined to use their international prestige and relationships to attack the teachings of Mao Tse-tung, condemning him as a revisionist. While many forces align themselves with some of these erroneous positions, the struggle continues to sharpen and the alignment process continues. All these delicate questions show the responsibility that weighs on those who have adopted a correct position: unite his ranks and present a clear revolutionary alternative to the ML forces in the world. This, in turn, will create the best bases to deepen the study, discussion and struggle among those who can be united to ensure that the unity we will give ourselves is neither superficial nor transitory, but corresponds to the needs of the world revolution.

The agenda for this meeting depends on the responses and opinions of the invited parties and organizations.

The following are some of the key points that we think should be discussed, (of course they are related to each other).

- The international situation: How are the contradictions in the world manifesting themselves? What position should MLs take in the face of increasing war preparations? What are the possibilities of the revolution in the immediate future?
- The International Communist Movement:  
What is your situation at the present time ? What are the implications of the attack on Mao Tse-tung at the international level in relation to the strategy and tactics of the revolutionaries in their countries? What forms should ML unity take in the long term and in the immediate future?
- The fight against the revisionists and the elements of a general line for the ICM: What are the most important questions of revisionism and where is it heading? Was the Chinese Communist Party's 25-point chart in 1963 a correct position? Which points were wrong or historically out of date? What should be the basis for ML unity today in relation to the analysis of the international situation and in terms of strategy and tactics in your own countries?
- Future collaboration: How can this process that begins in this meeting continue? What

position should we take against the various proposals of international conferences, international publications and others?

According to our points of view, the preparation and the meeting should be kept as strictly confidential. The meeting should discuss what is the best way to address the ICM as a whole; for example, through documents addressed to other groups or parties or other forms. The possibility of directing a joint appeal to other larger meetings should also be considered.

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Our two parties have estimated to invite to this meeting those parties and organizations that meet the following criteria:

- 1 - Those who have broken with the Chinese revisionists, including their international line of capitulation to imperialism, and who continue to oppose modern revisionism of the Soviet type.
  
- 2 - Those who continue to defend Mao's great contributions to the ML including his teachings on how to continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and the realization of the Cultural Revolution.
  
- 3 - Those parties and organizations that have led a relentless fight for the overthrow of his own reactionary ruling class. This is especially important in imperialist countries and requires the rejection of all forms of social-chauvinism and the application of Lenin's teachings that in the event of an imperialist war, the proletariat cannot defend its own imperialism but must fight for overthrow their own bourgeoisie.
  
- 4 - Those who in theory and in practice support the struggle of the proletariat in the world; the struggle of the oppressed nations for true national liberation and defend socialism where it exists or has existed and wherever it is established in the future.

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The list of parties to which we send this invitation is at the end of this letter. This list is not intended to cover everyone who meets the criteria described. Nor does it in any way mean denying the importance of other smaller, or perhaps newer, forces that in various countries will undoubtedly play an important role in the realignment that is taking place in the ICM. We simply believe that in the present, a first meeting would be more productive if restricted to a smaller group of parties and organizations. The included list was made based on our incomplete knowledge of ICM. If there are other parties or organizations that meet the criteria described and that in the opinion of other comrades should be invited, please inform us. Naturally the invitations are conditioned on accepting the basic purposes of this meeting as expressed in this letter.

The meeting in question is being prepared for April in London and each party or organization should send one or two representatives. The exact details will be communicated by other means. We suggest that the comrades have two weeks, which will allow time for preparatory discussions, bilateral meetings, etc. Accommodation will be provided to those who come, but

comrades must bring enough money for food and other expenses. We hope that it will be possible to discuss with representatives of one or both parties with each of the invited parties or organizations before the meeting takes place. This will allow us to learn more about your response to this letter and that each of those who will participate contribute more to preparing the agenda for this meeting. Regarding all of the above, we ask you in a special way to give this letter prompt attention and to reach an agreement regarding participation, at the latest in March if possible.

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We reiterate that we have no illusions that there will be no difficulties in the process of rebuilding ML unity, or the number of forces that can be presented together on correct bases. But the current turmoil in the world and in the ICM is forcing all ML organizations to deeply examine the fundamental principles.

We are in a period of great crisis and it is also a period of great opportunities. The strength of the opportunists is illusory, in the last hundred years Marxism has proven to be stronger than opportunism; despite twists and turns, the movement continues. Furthermore, it is the periods of storm and strife that create the conditions for breakthroughs. Huge tasks await be fulfilled and we can take a small, but very important step to begin to unite our ranks in the fight against revisionism, this is required by the world proletariat.

They say goodbye with revolutionary greetings

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE  
REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USA OF NORTH AMERICA.-

This invitation has also been addressed to the following parties and organizations:

UNION OF THE IRAN  
COMMUNISTS COMMUNIST PARTY OF CEYLON  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE ML  
IN LUTTE, ORGANIZATION ML OF CANADA  
PARTY RED BANNER OF VENEZUELA