

## INTRODUCING THE RED BANNER THEORETICAL JOURNAL OF THE AUGUST TWENTY NINTH - MOVEMENT (ML)

Comrades, we have now begun the task of regularly publishing a theoretical journal. It is our hope that this journal will play a worthy part to the clarification and resolving of a number of important problems in the realm of theory, political line, and organization which now confront our movement.

We view the publication of this journal as a further development of our propaganda. In the past we had restricted our propaganda to once a year forums, infrequent pamphlets, and the *Revolutionary Cause*. While the former are correct forms for our propaganda, they by themselves are too limiting and the newspaper we no longer view as being mainly propaganda. The newspaper, as *RC* no. 10 explains, must be mainly agitational if it is to function as a collective organizer.

There will no doubt be some comrades who will adopt a less than enthusiastic attitude towards our decision. Some comrades believe that a Marxist-Leninist newspaper should be mainly propaganda. There are other comrades who hold the view that the publication of a theoretical journal should be the joint effort of Marxist-Leninist organizations. We will not go into all the reasons here on why the *Revolutionary Cause* should be mainly agitational. The *RC* no. 10 has given a sufficient explanation why this was the correct path to follow. We will rather here briefly explain why we are taking on the task of publishing a theoretical journal.

Since we are moving towards a more centralized and systematic form of carrying out political agitation, it is logical that our propaganda also become more systematic and speak to a broader number of questions. Also, by making the *Revolutionary Cause* mainly agitation, the publishing of a journal becomes imperative and if we had failed in this task, it would politically reflect the belittling of propaganda. It is also true that as communists we are duty bound to seek new forms, to constantly broaden our propaganda and agitation, rather than artificially impose restrictions on our agitation-propaganda work. The journal will be the form in which we can deepen our analysis on a number of political questions which because of limited space and its character, could not be done in the *Revolutionary Cause*. We also believe we are now politically and organizationally at a level where we can now put these questions before Marxist-Leninists and class conscious workers. Finally, while we do not oppose in principle the publishing of a journal in collaboration with other Marxist-Leninist organizations, it is our view that we have not yet developed the necessary unity on political line to carry out such an effort. Thus we have taken the initiative to publish this journal.

While it will be an ATM (ML) publication and therefore reflect our political line, our policy is to welcome contributions from other Marxist-Leninists, including those comrades who may have differences with our political line. We will comment on those articles which reflect political differences with the line of ATM (ML). By adopting such a policy we believe we can serve the interest of further developing unity on a principled basis among Marxist-Leninists. For those comrades deciding to contribute we suggest the following topics: Party building and the mass movement; cadre training; the national question; mass work within the trade unions; reforms and revolution; the women's question; international situation (the danger of war in particular); national situation (analysis of fascist tendencies in particular). Contributions need not be limited to the above topics. We are suggesting them because it is our view that it is on these questions where differences of political line presently exist between Marxist-Leninists, or there is general unclarity.

Our journal will be published three times per year; a winter, spring, and summer edition. We ask that contributions be submitted at least 30 days in advance. For the spring edition articles must be in by March 1.

The August Twenty-Ninth Movement calls on all Marxist-Leninists and class conscious workers to utilize the *Red Banner* and make it a successful weapon for the understanding of Marxism-Leninism and its application to the concrete conditions in the United States.

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