COMMENORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE GREAT LENIN
Leninism is Marxism of the era of imperialism and of the proletarian revolution.

Stalin: "The Foundations of Leninism"
LENINISM OR SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM?

—in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of the great Lenin

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I. The Banner of Leninism is Invincible

The centenary of the birth of the great Lenin falls on April 22 this year.

Throughout the world, the Marxist-Leninists, the proletariat and the revolutionary people are commemorating this date of historic significance with the highest respect for the great Lenin.

After the death of Marx and Engels, Lenin was the great leader of the international communist movement and the great teacher of the proletariat and oppressed people of the world.

In 1871, the year after Lenin was born, the uprising of the Paris Commune occurred; this was the first attempt of the proletariat to overthrow the bourgeoisie. The world was entering the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution late in the nineteenth and early in the twentieth centuries when Lenin began his revolutionary activities. In his struggles against imperialism and opportunism of every kind, and especially against the revisionism of the Right and the Left, Lenin aimed at overthrowing the bourgeoisie. He led the Soviet people in continuing the advance along the socialist road and in winning great victories.

During World War II the Soviet people under the command of Stalin became the main force in defeating fascist aggression and made magnificent contributions which will live for ever in the history of mankind.

We Chinese Communists and the Chinese people will never forget that it was precisely in Leninism that we found our road to liberation. Comrade Mao Tsetung says: "The salves of the October Revolution brought us Marxism-Leninism." "They [the Chinese—Tr.] found Marxism-Leninism, the universally applicable truth, and the face of China began to change." He points out: "The Chinese people have always considered the Chinese revolution a continuation of the Great October Socialist Revolution." Applying the theory of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Mao Tsetung creatively solved the fundamental problems of the Chinese revolution and led the Chinese people in waging the most protracted, fierce, arduous and complicated revolutionary struggles and revolutionary wars ever known in the history of the world proletarian revolution and in winning victory in the people's revolution in China, this large country in the East. This is the greatest victory in the world proletarian revolution since the October Revolution.

We are now living in a great new era of world revolution. The international situation has undergone world-shaking changes since Lenin's time. The development of the entire world history has proved that Lenin's revolutionary teachings are correct and that the banner of Leninism is invincible.

But history has its twists and turns. Just as Bernstein-Kautsky revisionism emerged after the death of Engels, so did Khrushchov-Brezhnev revisionism after the death of Stalin.

Eleven years after Khrushchov came to power, a split occurred within the revisionist clique and he was replaced by Brezhnev. More than five years have elapsed since Brezhnev took office. And now it is this Brezhnev who is conducting the "commemoration" of the centenary of Lenin's birth in the Soviet Union.

Lenin once said: "It has always been the case in history that after the death of revolutionary leaders who were popular among the oppressed classes, their enemies have attempted to appropriate their names so as to deceive the oppressed classes."

This is exactly what the renegade Brezhnev and his ilk are doing to the great Lenin. In their so-called Theses on the Centenary of the Birth of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, they have the impudence to distort the great image of Lenin, the revolutionary teacher of the proletariat, and pass off their revisionist rubbish as Leninism. They pretend to "commemorate" Lenin, but in reality they are appropriating the name of Lenin to press forward with their social-imperialism, social-fascism and social-militarism. What an outrageous insult to Lenin!

Today our fighting tasks are thoroughly to expose the betrayal of Leninism by the Soviet revisionist renegades, to lay bare the class nature of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, point out the historical law that social-imperialism, like capitalist imperialism, will meet its inevitable doom, and further promote the great struggle of the people of the world against U.S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and all reaction. Here is the tremendous significance of our commemoration of the centenary of the birth of the great Lenin.
II. The Fundamental Question of Leninism Is the Dictatorship of the Proletariat

In his struggles against opportunism and revisionism, Lenin repeatedly pointed out that the fundamental question in the proletarian revolution is that of using violence to seize state power, smash the bourgeois state machine and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

He said: "The latter (the bourgeois state — T.I.) cannot be superseded by the proletarian state (the dictatorship of the proletariat) in the process of 'withering away'; as a general rule, this can happen only by means of a violent revolution."

He added that Marx's theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat is "inseparably bound up with all he taught on the revolutionary role of the proletariat in history. The culmination of this role is the proletarian dictatorship".

The victory of the October Revolution led by Lenin was a victory for the Marxist theory of the proletarian revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. The road of the October Revolution is the road of the proletariat achieving the dictatorship of the proletariat through violent revolution.

Around the time of the October Revolution, Lenin summed up the new revolutionary practice and further developed the Marxist theory of the dictatorship of the proletariat. He pointed out that the socialist revolution covers "a whole epoch of intensified class conflicts" and that "until this epoch has terminated, the exploiters inevitably cherish the hope of restoration, and this hope is converted into attempts at restoration."

Therefore, he maintained that the dictatorship of the proletariat "is necessary... not only for the proletariat which has overthrown the bourgeoisie, but for the entire historical period between capitalism and 'classless society,' communism."

Today, as we commemorate the centenary of Lenin's birth, it is of vital practical significance to study anew these brilliant ideas of Lenin's.

As is well known, it is precisely on the fundamental question of the proletarian revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat that the Soviet revisionist revisionist clique has betrayed Leninism and the October Revolution.

Far back, when Khrushchov began to reveal his revisionist features, Comrade Mao Tse-tung acutely pointed out: "I think there are two 'words': One is Lenin and the other Stalin. The sword of Stalin has now been abandoned by the Russians. "As for the sword of Lenin, has it too now been abandoned to a certain extent by some leaders of the Soviet Union? In my view, it has been abandoned to a considerable extent. Is the October Revolution still valid? Can it still be the example for all countries? Khrushchev's report at the 20th Congress of the C.P.S.U. says it is possible to gain political power by the parliamentary road, that is to say, it is no longer necessary for all countries to learn from the October Revolution. Once this gate is opened, Leninism by and large is thrown out..."12

III. Counter-Revolutionary Coup d'État by the Khrushchov-Brezhnev Renegade Clique

How was it possible for the restoration of capitalism to take place in the Soviet Union, the first socialist state in the world, and how was it possible for the Soviet Union to become social-imperialist? If we examine this question from the standpoint of Marxism-Leninism, and especially of Comrade Tse-tung's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, we shall be able to understand that this was mainly a product of the class struggle in the Soviet Union, the result of the usurpation of Party and government leadership by a handful of Party persons in power taking the capitalist road there, in other words, the result of the usurpation of the political power of the proletariat by the Soviet bourgeoisie. At the same time, it was the result of the policy of "peaceful evolution" which world imperialism, in trying to save itself from its doom, has pushed in the Soviet Union through the medium of the Soviet revisionist revisionist clique.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung points out: "Socialist society covers a considerably long historical period. In the historical period of socialism, there are still classes, class contradictions and class struggle, there is the struggle between the socialist road and the capitalist road, and there is the danger of capitalist restoration..."

In socialist society the class struggle still focuses on the question of political power. Comrade Mao Tse-tung points out: "Those representatives of the bourgeoisie who have sneaked into the government, the army and various spheres of culture are a bunch of counter-revolutionary revisionists. Once conditions are ripe, they will seize political power and turn the dictatorship of the proletariat into a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie...."

Classes and class struggle have continued to exist in the Soviet Union long after the October Revolution, although the bourgeoisie had been overthrown. Stalin cleared out quite a gang of counter-revolutionaries, the representatives of the bourgeoisie who had wormed their way into the Party — Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, Bukharin, Rykov and the like. This showed that sharp class struggle was going on all the time in all countries.

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This new-type bureaucrat monopoly capitalist class is a bourgeoisie that has turned the hope of restoration into attempts at restoration. It has suppressed the heroic sons and daughters of the October Revolution, is lording it over the people of different nationalities in the Soviet Union and has set up its own small counter-revolutionary tsarist court. Therefore, it is reactionary in the extreme and mortally hates and fears the people.

Like all other reactionary and decadent classes, this new-type bureaucrat monopoly capitalist class is riddled with internal contradictions. In their desperate efforts to keep
the power they have usurped, the members of this class are both working hand in glove with each other and scheming and struggling against one another. The greater their difficulties, the fiercer their strife, open and secret.

In order to extort maximum profits and maintain its hold on the country, the new-type bureaucrat monopolist capitalist class not only exploits and oppresses the people of its own country, but it necessarily engages in rabid expansionism, joins the company of world imperialism in redicing the world and pursues the most vicious social-imperialist policies.

This new-type bureaucrat monopoly capital- ist system is the class basis of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism. At present the general representative of this class is Brezhnev. He has frantically pushed and developed Khrushchev revisionism and is completing the evolution from capitalist restoration to social-imperialism, which was already begun when Khrushchev was in power.

Since Brezhnev took office, he has pushed the so-called new economic system in an all-round manner, published the capitalist principle of profit in a legal form, thus intensifying the exploitation of the working people by the oligarchy of bureaucrat monopolists. He and his like extort exorbitant taxes in total disregard of the lives of the people, follow Hitler’s policy of “guns instead of butter” and accelerate the militarization of the national economy to meet the needs of social-imperialism for arm expansion and war preparation.

The perverse acts of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique have caused immense damage to the social productive forces and brought about the fall of the so-called socialist system. The deteriorating situation is the inevitable result of their policies and the increasing impoverishment of the working people. The Soviet revisionist renegades have not only squandered a vast amount of the wealth accumulated by the Soviet people through decades of hard work, but have also humbly begged for loans from West Germany, a country defeated in World War II, and are even selling out the country's natural resources and inviting Japanese monopoly capital into Siberia. The economy of the Soviet Union is already in the grip of an inex- tricable crisis. As friends of the Soviet people, we the Chinese people, along with the people of the world, are extremely indignant with the Soviet revisionists who have brought so much damage and disgrace to the homeland of Leninism; we feel deep sympathy for the broad masses of the Soviet people who are suffering enormously all-round restoration of the capitalist system.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique once said that the dictatorship of the proletariat “has ceased to be indispensable in the U.S.S.R.” and that the Soviet Union “has ... become a state of the entire people.” But now they are slapping their own faces and asserting that the “state of the entire people continues the cause of the proletarian dictatorship” and that “the state of the whole people” and “the state of proletarian dictatorship” are “of one and the same type.” They are also making a hullabaloo about “strengthening party leadership”, “strengthening discipline”, “strengthening centralism” and so on. A “state of the entire people” and at the same time a “proletarian dictatorship” — they lump together these two diametrically opposed concepts for no other purpose than to deceive the masses and camouflage the dictatorship of the big bourgeoisie. By “party leadership” they actually mean political control over the broad masses of the party members and the people by the handful of social-fascist oligarchs. By “discipline” they mean suppression of every dissatisfied with their rule. And by “centralism” they mean further centralizing the political, economic and military power in the hands of their gang. In short, they are putting all their signboards up for the purpose of strengthening their fascist dictatorship and preparing for wars of aggression.

Beset with difficulties at home and abroad, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has become more and more assertive of revolutionary violence to buttress its reactionary rule which betrays Lenin and the October Revolution. In the Soviet Union of today, special agents are using every means against the workers and reactionary laws and decrees multiply. Revolution is a crime, and people are everywhere being seized on false charges; counter-revolution is a merit, and renegades continually raise other on their promotion. Large numbers of revolutionaries and innocent people have been thrown into concentration camps and “mental hospitals”. The Soviet revisionist clique even sends tanks and armored cars brutally to suppress the people’s resistance.

Lenin pointed out: “Nowhere in the world is there such an oppression of the majority of the country’s population as the ‘special type’ of the Russian". In the case of the nation of the capital and nationalities other than Russians were regarded as “inorodtsi (aliens)". National oppression “turned the nationalities without any rights into great reservoirs of force for the monarch’s”, Now the Soviet revisionist new tsars have restored the old tsars’ policy of national oppression, adopted such cruel measures as discriminating against local origin, splitting and imprisoning to oppress and persecute the minority nationalities and turned the Soviet Union back into the "prison of nations".

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique ex- ercises comprehensive bourgeois dictatorship throughout the ideological sphere. It wantonly suppresses and destroys the proletariat’s socialist ideology and culture while opening the floodgates to the rotten bourgeois ideology and culture. It vociferously preaches militarism, na- tional chauvinism and racism and turns literature and art into tools for pushing social-imperialism.

In denouncing the dark role of the tsarist system, Lenin indicated that police tyranny, savage persecution and demoralization had reached such an extent that the very existence of the tsarist system was in serious danger. The “renegade clique" can also be characterized as the “very existence of the unfortunate Russian people". One can just as well compare the rule of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique with the tsarist system castigated by Lenin.

In staging the counter-revolutionary coup d'état, the Khrushchev-Brezhnev renegade clique played a role which no imperialist or reactionary was in a position to play. As Stalin said, "The easiest way to capture a fortress is from within." The Khrushchev-Brezhnev clique, who had already organized the 14-nation armed intervention, the Whiteguard rebellion, the attack by several million Hitlerite troops and imperialist sabotage, subversion, blockades and encircle- ment of every kind, was finally captured from within by this handful of renegades. The Khrushchev-Brezhnev clique are the biggest renegades in the history of the international communist movement. They are criminals indi- bited by history for their towering crimes.

IV. Socialism in Words, Imperialism in Deeds

Lenin denounced the renegades of the Second International as “socialism in words, imperialism in deeds, the growth of opportunism into imperialism at every stage and in every country.”

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique, too, has grown from revisionism into social-imperialism. The difference lies in the fact that the social-imperialists of the Second International such as Kautsky did not hold state power; they only served the imperialists of their own countries to earn a few crumbs from the super-profits plundered from the people of other countries. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique, however, directly plunder and enslave the people of other countries by means of the state power they have usurped.

The historical lesson is: Once its political power is usurped by a revisionist clique, a so- cialist state will either turn into social-imperialism, as in the case of the Soviet Union, or be reduced to a dependency or a colony, as in the case of Czechoslovakia and the Mongolian People's Republic. Now one can see clearly that the essence of the Khrushchev-Brezhnev renegade clique’s rise to power is the transplanting and affirmation of the socialist state created by Lenin and Stalin into a hegemonic social-imperialist power.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique talks glibly about Lenin’s socialism and proletarian internationalism, but it acts in an out-and-out imperialist way.

It talks glibly about practising "internationalism" towards its so-called ‘alien’ countries, but in fact it established the "Warsaw Treaty Organization" and the "Council for Mutual Economic Assistance", on a number of East European countries and the Mongolian People's Republic, thereby committing within its barbed-wire "socialist community" and freely ransacking it. It uses its overlord position to press its "international division of labour", "specialization in production" and "economic integration", to
force these countries to adapt their national economies to the Soviet revisionist needs and turn them into its markets, subsidiary processing plants and vassal gardens and ranches, all so that outrageous super-economic exploitation can be carried on.

It has adopted the most despotic and vicious methods to keep these countries under strict control and stationed massive numbers of troops there, and it has even openly dispatched hundreds of thousands of troops to trample Czechoslovakia underfoot and install a puppet regime at bayonet point. Like the old tars denounced by Lenin, this gang of renegades bases its relations with its neighbours entirely "on the feudal principle of privilege".29

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique talks glibly about its "aide" to countries In Asia, Africa and Latin America, but in fact, under the guise of "aide", it is trying hard to bring a number of these countries into its sphere of influence in contending with U.S. imperialism for the intermediate zone. Through the export of war materiel and capital and through unequal trade, Soviet revisionism is plundering their natural resources, interfering in their internal affairs and looking for chances to grab military bases.

Lenin pointed out: "To the numerous "old motives of colonial policy, finance capital has added the struggle for the sources of raw materials, the control of capital, for spheres of influence," . . . for economic territory in general."28 Soviet revisionist-social-imperialism is moving along precisely this orbit of capitalist imperialism.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique talks glibly about its "full support" for the revolutionary struggles in other countries, but in fact it is collaborating with all the most reactionary forces in the world to undermine the revolutionary struggles of the masses. It has supplied money and guns to the reactionaries of Indonedia, India and other countries and thus directly helped them massacre revolutionaries, and is scheming night and day to put out the flames of the people's armed struggles in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and suppress the national-liberation movements. Like U.S. imperialism, it is acting as a world gendarme.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique talks glibly about its "struggle against imperialism", but it has been arming the United States and then, but in fact, Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism are both the biggest Imperialsisms, vainly attempting to divide the world. There absolutely nothing in common between the Soviet revisionists' so-called opposition to the United States and the struggles of the people of the various countries against U.S. imperialism. In order to redive the world, Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism are contending and colluding with each other at the same time. Whatever Soviet revisionism has done on a series of major issues, such as the questions of Germany, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Japan and nuclear weapons, is evidence of its crimes in contending and colluding with U.S. imperialism. Both of them are playing imperialist power politics at the expense of the interests of the people of all countries. Whatever compromises they may reach between Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism are mere temporary agreements between gangsters.

Lenin pointed out: "Contemporary militarism is the result of capitalism."25 Contemporary war "arises out of the very nature of imperialism."26

Since Brezhnev came to power, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has gone farther and farther down the road of militarism. It has taken over Khrushchov's military strategic principle of "without arms forces and with arms forces" to cover up actual arms expansion and war preparation. Today, Brezhnev and company have somewhat changed their tune. They have gone all out to wage war factually, clamoring that the present international situation is "fraught with the danger of a new world war," brazenly threatening to "forestall the opponent" and bragging about their "strategic missiles" being "capable of destroying any target at any place." They have been increasing military expenditures still more frantically, stepping up their mobilization and preparation for wars of aggression and planning to unleash a few more "Hitler type" wars.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has occupied Czechoslovakia by surprise attack, encroached upon Chinese territories such as Chunchow Island and the coastal areas against our country. All this fully reveals the aggressive and adventurous nature of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism. Like the U.S. imperialists, the hundredth of oligarchs of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism have become another arch-criminal preparing to start a world war.

V. The "Brezhnev Doctrine" Is an Outright Doctrine of Hegemon

In order to press on with its social-imperialist policy of expansion and aggression, the Brezhnev renegade clique has developed Khrushchov revisionism and concocted an assemblage of fascist "theories" called the "Brezhnev doctrine".

Now let us examine what stuff this "Brezhnev doctrine" is made of.

First, the theory of "limited sovereignty". Brezhnev and company say that safeguarding their so-called 'interests of socialism' means safeguarding "supreme sovereignty". They flagrantly declare that Soviet revisionism has the right to determine the destiny of another country "including the destiny of its sovereignty".

What "interests of socialism"? It is you who have subverted the socialist system in the Soviet Union and pushed your revisionist line of restored capitalism in a number of East European countries and the Mongolian People's Republic. What you call the "interests of socialism" are actually the interests of Soviet revisionist-social-imperialism, the interests of colonialism. You have imposed your all-high'est "supreme sovereignty" on the people of other countries, other countries that the sovereignty of other countries is "limited", whereas your own power of dominating other countries is "unlimited". In other words, you have the right to order other countries about, whereas they have no right to oppose you; you have the right to ravage other countries, but they have no right to resist you. Hitler once raved about the "right to rule".27 Dulles and his ilk also preached that the concepts of national sovereignty "have become obsolete"28 and that "single state sovereignty" should give place to "joint sovereignty".

So it is clear that Brezhnev's theory of "limited sovereignty" is nothing but an echo of imperialist ravings.

Secondly, the theory of "international dictatorship". Brezhnev and company assert that they have the right to "render military aid to a fraternal country to do away with the threat to the socialist system."29 They declare; "Lenin had foreseen" that historical development would "transform the dictatorship of the proletariat from a national into an international one, capable of decisively influencing the entire world politics".

This bunch of renegades has completely distorted Lenin's ideas.

In his article "Preliminary Draft of Theses on International Colonial Questions", Lenin wrote of "transforming the dictatorship of the proletariat from a national one (i.e., existing in one country and incapable of determining world politics) into an international one (i.e., a dictatorship of the proletariat covering at least several advanced countries and capable of exercising decisive influence upon the whole of world politics)". Lenin meant here to uphold proletarian internationalism and propagate proletarian world revolution. But the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has been an embodiment of the spirit embodied in this passage of Lenin's and concocted the theory of "international dictatorship" or "theoretical basis for military intervention in or military occupation of a number of East European countries and the Mongolian People's Republic. The "international dictatorship" you refer to simply means the subject of other countries to the new tsars' rule and enslavement. Do you
think that by putting up the signboard of "aid to a fraternal country" you are entitled to use your military force to bully another country, or send your troops to overrun another country as you please? Flying the flag of "unified armed forces," you invaded Czechoslovakia. What difference is there between this and the invasion of the United States of Eight Powers in 1900, the 14-nation intervention in the Soviet Union and the "16-nation" aggression organized by U.S. imperialism against Korea?

Thirdly, the theory of "socialist community". Brezhnev and company shout that "the community of socialist states is an inseparable whole" and that the "united action" of "the socialist community" must be strengthened.

A "socialist community" indeed! It is nothing but a colonial empire with you as the metropolitan state. The relationship between genuine socialist countries, big or small, should be built on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, on the basis of the principles of complete equality, respect for territorial integrity, respect for state sovereignty and independence, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs. And, on the basis of the petitianist international principle of mutual support and mutual assistance. But you have trampled other countries underfoot and made them your subsidiaries and dependencies. By "united action" you mean to control the politics, economics, and military affairs of other countries. By "inseparable" you mean to forbid other countries to free themselves from your control and enslavement. Are you not brazenly trying to enslave the people of other countries?

Fourthly, the theory of "international division of labour". Brezhnev and company have greatly developed this nonsensical theory of Khurlovitch long ago. They have not only applied "international division of labour" to a number of East European countries and the Mongolian People's Republic as mentioned above, but have extended it to other countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. They argue that the Asian, African, and Latin American countries cannot "secure the establishment of an independent national economy," unless they "co-operate" with Soviet revisionism. This co-operation enables the Soviet Union to make better use of the international division of labour. We shall be able to purchase in these countries industrial goods, raw materials and other traditional export commodities — coton, wool, skins and hides, dressed non-ferrous ores, vegetable oil, fruit, coffee, cocoa beans, tea and other raw materials, and a variety of manufactured goods.5

What a list of "traditional export commodities!"

It is a pity that this list is not complete. To it must be added petroleum, rubber, meat, vegetables, rice, jute, cane sugar, etc.

In the eyes of the handful of Soviet revisionist oligarchs, the people of the Asian, African, and Latin American countries are destined to provide them with these "traditional export commodities" from generation to generation. What kind of "theory" is this? The colonialists and imperialists have long maintained that it is they who are to determine what each country is to produce in the light of its natural conditions, and that they have forcibly turned Asian, African, and Latin American countries into sources of raw materials for them in a state of backwardness so that industrial capitalist countries can carry on the most savage colonial exploitation at their convenience. The Soviet revisionist clique has taken over this colonial policy from imperialism. Its theory of "international division of labour" boils down to "industrial Soviet Union, agricultural Asia, Africa and Latin America" or "industrial Soviet Union, Africa and Latin America".

Mutual and complementary exchange of goods and mutual assistance on the basis of equality and mutual benefit between genuine socialist countries. African and Latin American countries are conducted for the purpose of promoting the growth of an independent national economy in these countries keeping the initiative in their own hands. However, the theory of "international division of labour" is preached by the handful of Soviet revisionist oligarchs for the sole purpose of infiltrating, controlling and plundering the Asian, African and Latin American countries, and reviving their own spheres of influence and putting these countries under the new yoke of Soviet revisionist colonialism.

Fifthly, the theory that "our interests are involved". Brezhnev and company clamour that "the Soviet Union and world major world powers, has extensive international contacts, cannot regard passively events that, though they might be territorially remote, nevertheless have a bearing on our security and the security of our friends."

They forcefully declare: "Ships of the Soviet Navy will sail ... wherever it is required by the interests of our country's security!"

Can a country regard all parts of the world as areas involving its interests and lay its hands on the whole globe just because it is a "major power"? Can a country send its gunboats everywhere to carry out intimidation and aggression because it "has extensive international contacts"? This theory that "our interests are involved" is a typical argument used by the imperialists for their global policy of aggression.

When the old tsars engaged in foreign expansion, they did it under the banner of "Russian interests". The U.S. imperialists too have time and again shouted that the United States bears responsibility "not only for our own security but for the security of all free nations", and that it will "defend freedom wherever necessary". How strikingly similar are the utterances of the Soviet revisionists to those of the old tsars and the U.S. imperialists!

The Soviet revisionist regime, which has long gone bankrupt ideologically, theoretically and politically cannot produce anything presentable at all; it can only pick up some tricks from imperialism and, after refurbishing, come out with "Brezhnevism". This "Brezhnevism" is imperialism with a "socialist" label; it is outright hegemonism, naked neo-colonialism.

VI. The Soviet Revisionists' Dream of a Vast Empire

In recent years, in exposing tsarist Russia's policy of aggression, Marx pointed out: "Its methods, its tactics, its manoeuvres may change, but the guiding star of this policy — world hegemony — will never change."

Tser Nicholas I once arrogantly shouted: "The Russian government would not be taken down wherever it is hoisted." Tsars of several generations cherished the fond dream, as Engels said, of setting up a vast "Slav empire" extending from the Ural to China, from the Adriatic Sea to the Arctic Ocean. They even intended to extend the boundaries of this vast empire to India and Hawaii. To attain this goal, they "are treacherous as they are talented." "

The Soviet revisionist old tsars have completely taken over the old tsars' expansionist tradition, branding their faces with the indelible stigma of the Romanov dynasty. They are dreaming the very same dream the old tsars failed to make true and are far more ambitious than their predecessors in their designs for aggression. They have turned a number of East European countries and the Mongolian People's Republic into part of their dependencies. They vainly attempt to occupy more Chinese territory, openly copying the old tsars' policy towards China and clamouring that China's northern frontier "was marked by the Great Wall." They have stretched their arms out to Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa and even Latin America and sent their fleets to the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and the Atlantic in their attempt to set up a vast Soviet revisionist empire spanning Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The "Slav empire" of the old tsars vanished like a bubble long ago, and it was toppled by the Great October Revolution led by Lenin in 1917. The reign of the old tsars ended in this their day. Today too, in the era when imperialism is heading for its total collapse, the new tsars are ambitious only for a bigger empire dominating the whole world is nothing but a dream.

Stalin said: "Lenin called imperialism "moribund capitalism." Why? Because imperialism carries within it contradictions of capitalism to their last bounds, to the extreme limit, beyond which revolution begins."

Since Soviet revisionism has embarked on the beaten track of imperialism, it is inevitably governed by the law of imperialism and afflicted with all the contradictions inherent in imperialism.
Comrade Mao Tsetung points out: "The United States is a paper tiger. Don't believe in the United States. One thrust and it's punctured. Revisionist Soviet Union is a paper tiger too."

In carrying out rapid expansion and aggression, Soviet revisionist social-imperialism is bound to go to the opposite of what it expects under its own leadership. Since it is developed from revisionist Soviet revisionism treats the other countries of the "socialist community" as its foes, but it can never succeed in perpetuating its colonial rule over the people of these countries, nor can it alleviate its contradictions with these countries. East Europe today is just like a powder keg which is sure to go off. The intrusion of the Soviet revisionist society into the Czechoslavakia, Austria, etc. is an act to precipitate the collapse of the Soviet revisionist colonial empire. With its feet deep in the Czechoslavakia, Austrian and the Soviet revisionist social-imperialism cannot extricate itself.

By its expansion and plunder in Asia, Africa and Latin America, Soviet revisionism has set up a net around the people of these regions. It has so overreached itself and become so burdened that it is swollen all over like a man suffering from dropy. Even the U.S. imperialist pressed, "We've discovered that they [Russians] blunder as badly as we do—if not worse."

With Soviet revisionist social-imperialism joining the company of worldwide imperialism, the struggle between imperialism and the people, the struggle between imperialism and the people, has become more acute. Social-imperialism and imperialism are locked in a fierce rivalry to broaden their respective spheres of influence. The struggle between social-imperialism and imperialism, which are encircled ring upon ring by the world's people, must inevitably accelerate the destruction of the entire imperialist system.

At home the rule of Soviet revisionist social-imperialism also rests on a volcano. During the period of Stalin's reaction, Lenin wrote that the upsurge of the struggle of the Russian working class "may be rapid, or it may be slow, "and that "such a development can lead to a revolution."

In the Soviet Union today the conflict and antagonism between the new type bureaucracy monopoly capitalist class on the one hand and the enslaved proletariat, labouring peasants and revolutionary intellectuals on the other are becoming increasingly acute. Class struggle develops independently of man's will and must lead to revolution sooner or later.

The Soviet Union was originally a union of multi-national socialist states. Such a union can be broken up only under socialist conditions and on the basis of equality and voluntary affiliation. The Soviet Union, as Stalin indicated, "had before it the unsuccessful experiments of multi-national states in bourgeois countries. It had before it the experiment of old Austria-Hungary, which ended in failure". Nevertheless, the union of Soviet socialist republics remains a union in the name of socialist revolution. On the contrary it marks the beginning of the collapse of the Soviet revisionist colonial empire. With its feet deep in the Czechoslavakia, Austrian and the Soviet revisionist social-imperialism cannot extricate itself.

To extricate itself from its impasse at home and abroad, Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, like U.S. imperialism, feverishly engages in missile-nuclear blackmail and seeks a way out through military adventures and large-scale war of aggression. But will war bring a new lease of life to imperialism and social-imperialism in their death throes? No. Just the opposite. History inevitably proves that, far from saving imperialism from its impending doom, war can only hasten its extinction.

Chairman Mao points out: "With regard to the question of world war, there are but two possibilities: One is that the war will give rise to revolution and the other is that revolution will prevent the war."

Chairman Mao also says: "People of the world, unite and oppose the war of aggression launched by any imperialism or social-imperialism, especially one in which atom bombs are used as weapons! If such a war breaks out, the people of the world should use revolutionary war to eliminate the war of aggression, and preparations should be made right now!"

This great call made by Chairman Mao on the basis of the present international situation indicates the ominous struggle for the proletariat and the revolutionary people throughout the world. The people of the world must maintain high vigilance, make every preparation and be ready at all times to deal resolute crushing blows to any aggressor who dares to unleash war!

In recent years, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, inheriting the old tricks of the old imperialism, is still carrying on the same nonsense. It half openly, half secret, a new "Movement for Pan-Slavism" and publicizing the "sacredness of the national spirit" of the Russians in a futile attempt to poison the minds of the Soviet labouring masses and younger generation with this reactionary trend of thought and induce the Soviet people to serve as tools for the policies of aggression and war of the handful of Soviet revisionist oligarchs. In all sincerity, we would like to remind the fraternal Soviet people never to be taken in by "Pan-Slavism"!

What is "Pan-Slavism"?

In exposing the old tsars, Marx and Engels pointed out insistently, "Pan-Slavism is an imperialist and bourgeois policy for the whole universe."

To extricate itself from its impasse at home and abroad, Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, as we have pointed out, has lost its former "socialist" disguise. It is a fake "socialism" that has become a new "imperialism".

Invasion of the Baltic States has been regarded as "a new Russian "advancement"." Engels said that old tsars used this swindle in preparation for war as "the last sheet anchor of Russian tsarism and Russian reaction". Therefore, "Pan-Slavism is the Russian's worst enemy as well as ours."

Like Hitler's "Aryan master race", the "Pan-Slavism" of the Soviet revisionist new tsars is exceedingly reactionary and its publicists only serve to expand expansion abroad by the handful of reactionary rulers of their "superior race". For the broad masses of the people, this only spells catastrophe.

Lenin once pointed out: "The oppression of 'subject peoples' is a double-edged weapon. It cuts both ways against the 'subject peoples' and against the Russian people." It is precisely under the smoke screen of "Pan-Slavism" that the handful of Soviet revisionist oligarchs are now working against time to betray the anti-aggression movement and to step up their attacks on the Soviet people, including the Russian people.

The interests of the proletariat and the broad masses in the Soviet Union are diametrically opposed to those of the Soviet revisionist new tsars but are in accord with the interests of the revolutionary people the world over. If the Soviet revisionist new tsars launch a large-scale war of aggression, then, in accordance with Lenin's principle in the war of the imperialists and with imperialist wars of aggression, the proletariat and the revolutionary people of the Soviet Union will surely refuse to serve as cannon fodder for the unjust war unleashed by the Soviet revisionist social-imperialism. They will carry forward the cause of the heroic sons and daughters of the Great October Revolution and fight to overthrow the new tsars and re-establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Two hundred years ago, eulogizing the "achievements" of the wars of aggression of Tsarsina Catherine II, a Russian poet "Advancement of Russia is the whole universe!" and that "the Russian people are the foremost nation!" Now the Soviet revisionist new tsars have mounted the horse of the old tsars and "advanced". They are dashing about recklessly unable to rein in and completely forgetting that their ancestors were thrown from this same horse and that thus the Russian empire of the Romanov dynasty came to an end. It is certain that this new tsarism is bound to do no better end than the old tsars. They will surely be thrown from their horse and dashed to pieces.

VII. People of the World, Unite and Fight to Overthrow U.S. Imperialism, Soviet Revisionism and All Reaction

Comrade Mao Tsetung points out: "The Soviet Union was the first socialist state and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was created by Lenin. Although the leadership of the Soviet Party and state has now been usurped by revisionists, I would advise comrades to remain firm in the conviction that the masses of the Soviet people and of Party members and
cadres are good, that they desire revolution and that revolutionist rule will not last long."

The Chinese people cherish deep feelings for the October Revolution. During the Great October Revolution led by Lenin, Chinese labourers in Russia fought shoulder to shoulder with the Russian proletariat. The people of our two countries have supported each other, helped each other and forged a close friendship in the course of protracted revolutionary struggles. The handful of Soviet revisionist oligarchs are perversely trying to sow discord and undermine the relations between the Chinese and Soviet peoples, but in the end they will be lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet.

The Soviet people are a great people with a glorious revolutionary tradition who were educated by Lenin and Stalin. They will under no circumstances allow the Soviet revisionists to sit on their backs for long. Though the fruits of the October Revolution have been thrown away by the Soviet revisionist renegades, the principles of the October Revolution are eternal. Under the great banner of Leninism, the mighty current of people's revolution is bound to break through the ice of revisionist rule, and the spring of socialism will surely return to the land of the Soviet Union!

Comrade Mao Tsetung points out: "Whether in China or in other countries of the world, to sum up, over 90 per cent of the population will eventually support Marxism-Leninism.

There are still many people in the world who have not yet awakened because of the deceptions of the social-democrats, revisionists, imperialists and the reactionaries of various countries. But anyhow they will gradually awaken and support Marxism-Leninism. The truth of Marxism-Leninism is irresistible. The masses of the people will eventually rise in revolution. The world revolution is bound to triumph."

In commemorating the centenary of the birth of the great Lenin, we are happy to see that, under the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, the cause of the world proletarian revolution is advancing from victory to victory. The genuine Marxist-Leninist forces are steadily growing throughout the world. The liberation struggles of the oppressed nations and peoples are vigorously forging ahead. All countries and people subjected to aggression, control, intervention or bullying by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism are forming the broadest united front and are now histriionically determining the period of struggle against U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism has begun. The death-knell is tolling for imperialism and social-imperialism.

Invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is the powerful weapon of the proletariat for knowing and changing the world, the powerful weapon for propelling historical progress forward. Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, integrated with the Chinese revolutionary masses in their hundreds of millions and with the concrete practice of people's revolution in all countries, will certainly bring forth irresistible revolutionary strength to smash the entire old world to smithereens!

Long live great Marxism!
Long live great Leninism!
Long live great Mao Tsetung Thought!

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8. Chairman Mao's Speeches at the Working Conference of the Central Committee at Peitaiho in August 1968 and at the Tenth Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party in September of the same year.

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Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, the Great Revolutionary Teacher of the Proletariat

During his lifetime, Lenin waged uncompromising struggles against opportunism of all shades and inherited, defended and developed Marxism. Photo shows Lenin making a speech at the Second Congress of the Communist International in 1920. At the congress Lenin waged a relentless struggle against opportunism.

After the victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution, the Soviet people led by Lenin and the Bolshevik Party put down the counter-revolutionary rebellion at home, smashed the armed attack by fourteen countries and thus safeguarded the young Soviet power. Photo shows Lenin speaking to soldiers in Moscow's Red Square in May 1918.

Lenin works tirelessly.
An Outspoken Revelation

A PRILL 22 this year marks the centenary of the birth of Lenin, the great revolutionary teacher of the proletariat. In a big bang, Brezhnev and the rest of the handful of renegades who have betrayed Leninism put on a show of "commemorating" Lenin, and on December 23, 1969 dashed up the so-called Themes on the Centenary of the Birth of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. In the "Themes" they revert to their usual jiggery-pokery, mix Khrushchev revisionism, social-imperialism with Leninism, and pass social-imperialism off as Leninism. To the indignation of all, in broad daylight they viciously attribute to Lenin the nonsense about the five "social factors of force" which Otto Bauer, a chieftain of the Second International and an enemy of Marxism-Leninism, wrote in his sinister book Bolshevik or Social-Democrat and put words in Lenin's mouth. Such a filthy lie leaves everyone flabbergasted. This scandal has gone around the world. Following is a report by a Hinhua correspondent on the incident and its background:

What was Otto Bauer? How and why does the Soviet revisionist renegade eclipse pass his words off as Lenin's?

It is well known that Otto Bauer was a scab in Austria. He was born in 1882 and died in 1938, the same year the renegade Kautsky died. He was a notorious and typical representative of international opportunism, a chieftain of the Austrian Social-Democratic Party, of the Second International and the Two-and-a-Half International. He was a sworn enemy of Marxism-Leninism. One time member of parliament and foreign minister of Austria, he took an active part in suppressing a number of uprisings of the Austrian proletariat and supported Hitler's pan-Germanism. Like the renegade Kautsky, he turned out some pamphlets advocating peaceful transition and the parliamentary road. He did his utmost to oppose violent revolution by the proletariat and the dictatorship of the proletariat, wildly attacking the Great October Socialist Revolution and Soviet power led by Lenin. Lenin characterized Otto Bauer as playing the role of an at most a learned and utterly hopeless fool. "Lenin, Collected Works, Chinese ed., Vol. 31, p. 204.

Bauer's "Bolsheviks or Social-Democracy" was published in 1920. It utterly opposed violent revolution and preached peaceful transition, saying that the "distribution of state power is determined by social factors of force". At the same time, it viciously attacked the Soviet state founded by Lenin as "despotic socialism" and slandered the dictatorship of the proletariat as "violence against the social factors of force". What are the "social factors of force" conned by Bauer? They are: "First, the number of members of the class; second, the nature, strength and capability of the organization; third, its place in the process of production and distribution, which determines its economic means; fourth, the degree of its political interest, flexibility, activity and capacity for sacrifice; fifth, its educational level, the extent to which it's ideas influence members of its own class and other classes and the attraction exercised by its ideology."

As soon as this pamphlet came out, Lenin strongly denounced it at the Second Congress of the Communist International. In particular, Lenin forcefully refuted Bauer's malingering of the violence used by the proletariat as "violence against the social factors of force" and his falsity of the "social factors of force". Lenin said: "It is an example of what Marxism has been reduced to, of the kind of banality and defense of the exploiters to which the most revolutionary theory can be reduced. A German variety of philistinism is called, and you get the 'theory' that the 'social factors of force' are: number, degree of organization; the place held in the process of production and distribution; activity and education. If a rural agricultural labourer or an urban working man practices revolutionary violence against a hardnosed or a capitalist, that is no dictatorship of the proletariat, no violence against the exploiters and the oppressors of the people. Oh, no! This is 'violence against the social factors of force'." Lenin went on: "Perhaps my example sounds something like a jest. However, such is the nature of present-day opportunism that its struggle against Bolshevikism becomes a jest." (Lenin, Collected Works, Chinese ed., Vol. 31, p. 204.)

Interestingly enough, in the 14th point of the "Themes" published in Pravda, Brezhnev and company flagrantly quoted an old pamphlet containing Bauer's over-revolutionary fallacy about the five "social factors of force" which Lenin had sharply denounced, and arbitrarily and glibly attribute it to Lenin. Just look:

In the draft plan for his report on the international situation and the main tasks of revolution and construction, Lenin noted five "social factors of force" of the working class: 1) numbers, 2) organization and leadership of the working class, 3) degree of education, 4) activity, and 5) class antagonism. Lenin warned that a working class has sharply increased, it has become infinitely better organized, strongly active, and better educated and better trained.

Truly, it is most reactionary and at the same time a "jest" for Brezhnev and company to crudely attribute Otto Bauer's words to Lenin. But this is neither surprising nor accidental. It is determined by the "nature of present-day opportunism". Their oppo-

tion to violent revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat, their advocacy of peaceful transition and their exercising of a Hillirite fascist dictatorship at home are in tune with and a continuation of Bauer's revisionist ideas, social-imperialist ideas. Since they are out to oppose Leninism and take over the mantle of the old revisionists, and at the same time try to appropriate the brilliant banner of Leninism, it is only natural for them to make a fool of themselves most preposterously.

In his criticism of Bauer's Bolshevism or Social-Democracy, Lenin described it as "a new book against Bolshevism" and "a thoroughly Menshevik pamphlet". Lenin said: "We thank in advance the bourgeois and opportunist publishers who will publish and translate it into various languages. Bauer's book will be a useful if peculiar supplement to the textbooks on communism. Take any paragraph, any argument in Otto Bauer's book and imitate the Menshevism in it, where the roots lie of views that lead up to the actions of the traitors to socialism, of the friends of Kerensky, Social-democrats, etc. — this is a question that could be very usefully and successfully set in 'examinations' designed to test whether communism has been properly assimilated. If you cannot answer this question, you are not yet a Communist, and should not join the Communist Party." (Lenin, Collected Works, Chinese ed., Vol. 31, p. 290-291)

Lenin put it very well, making an analogy of where the roots lie of the philosophy of the anti-Bolshevik and renegade Otto Bauer is "useful". Its usefulness lies in that "this is a question that could be very usefully and successfully set in 'examinations' designed to test whether communism has been properly assimilated". Brezhnev and company not only approve completely of the Menshevism in Bauer's book but have gone so far as to quote as Lenin's words the revisionist nonsense in Bauer's book which Lenin characterized as expressing "the essence of the views of world opportunism". This should serve as the most telling proof that the handful of the members of the Soviet revisionist leading clique are not qualified at all to join the ranks of the Communist Party and are not Communists at all and that they are out-and-out counter-revolutionary social-democrats, out-and-out renegades to Leninism and out-and-out obedient and filial descendants of Bauer and company! Just as Lenin said in exposing the old so-called "socialism" the "real" Leninism and the rest of the handful of renegades have gone so far as to lapse into anti-Leninist "theses", which stink of Khrushchev revisionism, social-imperialism, as an "important political and theoretical document" which "profoundly expounds" the "organic integrity" of Marxism-Leninism. They said that "communists and all the working people of the world" had "taken the theses". "Bragging and boasting, these sycophants have done all they can to pretend themselves and have lost all sense of shame.

History is inexorable. Khrushchev fell long ago. It is simply futile for Brezhnev to try to don the cloak of Leninism and press on with Khrushchev revisionism, social-imperialism to deceive and mislead the masses. Our great leader Chairman Mao says: "Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet!" is a Chinese folk saying to describe the behavior of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind." Brezhnev and company are precisely fools of this kind. The sycophants of Khrushchev revisionism which they concocted have turned out to be a clumsy slight-of-hand and have shown them up. Now, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is having a hard time. Following in Khrushchev's footsteps, Brezhnev and company are heading for the brink of their downfall. If you don't believe this, just wait and see.

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