

PRO-CHINESE WING ADVANCES IN CHILE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE -- As a consequence of the Chinese-Soviet crisis, a pro-Chinese wing has developed in the Chilean Communist party. This led about four months ago to formation of the Movimiento Revolucionario Comunista [MRC].

The MRC is composed of students and workers, some of whom left the CP, others of whom were expelled. Some maintain membership in the CP. The group has published two issues of a Bulletin which advocates Marxist-Leninist positions and maintains a correct line in relation to the national situation.

The MRC does not defend Stalin, as does the Chinese Communist party, and does not make any concessions to the national bourgeoisie.

The members do not attack Trotsky and in general display no anti-Trotskyist prejudices. It is a pro-Chinese grouping with the best revolutionary positions which is bringing together all the revolutionary tendencies.

Around the Spanish edition of Peking Review and other Chinese publications, a different pro-Chinese grouping called Espartaco was organized several months ago. This group, composed of intellectuals of the Communist party, stayed within the party until it was expelled at the beginning of October because of a meeting held in support of China. Among those expelled were David Benquis, Vazquez, Berchenco (painter), Armando Cassigoli (poet), Palacios and others.

This group holds sectarian views with regard to Trotskyism. It is composed of old cadres of the CP habituated to bureaucratic practices.

A month ago the two pro-Chinese groups, Espartaco and MRC, united. They expect soon to publish a periodical.

The Trotskyist groups in Chile, including the Partido Obrero Revolucionario, have supported meetings organized by the pro-Chinese wing, giving support to the increasingly revolutionary positions but without making any concessions to the errors of the Chinese Communist party.

The situation can be summarized as follows: The crisis within the Chilean CP is not yet very deep. The expulsions and departures from the CP have up to now affected only a small number of students and intellectuals.

Few workers have broken with or been expelled from the CP. Nevertheless the discussion is continuing among the CP ranks to such an extent that the CP leadership periodically publishes resolutions directed against the pro-Chinese wing.

What is most interesting is that the Communist militants who leave, join the pro-Chinese positions not out of concern for the defense of Stalin featured by the Chinese CP but because they see in China the "revolutionary road" and in the Soviet CP the "peaceful road."

This means that independently of the Stalinist errors of the Chinese CP, pro-Chinese groups are being generated that express with considerable closeness Marxist-Leninist policies, especially among the youth sectors who have no major anti-Trotskyist prejudices and who are not interested in defending Stalin, but who fervently desire unification of all the revolutionary groups in a single Marxist-Leninist party.