

## **Support the Courageous Stand of the Revolutionary Eritreans Against Modern Revisionism and Capitulation**

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For 17 years the Eritrean people have persisted in a fierce armed struggle for the independence of their homeland from Ethiopian colonialism and world imperialism. Ethiopian colonialism has been backed first mainly by U.S. imperialism and recently the Ethiopian fascist junta has been dominated mainly by Soviet social-imperialism. Victory was approaching for the long suffering people of that country who had liberated almost all of Eritrea. However, at the crucial moment, the leaderships of both the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and the Eritrean Liberation Front capitulated to Ethiopian colonialism under the lying, opportunist theory that no one can live without an imperialist patron and they have rationalized their betrayal with the theory that Russia is a "socialist" country and therefore the "strategic ally" of the Eritrean revolution. This has created a very difficult situation for the Eritrean people, resulted in military setbacks, and deprived the national liberation movement of leadership.

At this moment of grave danger to the Eritrean people, the patriotic and revolutionary Eritreans of EFLNA and AEWNA have stood up to resolutely and unflinchingly expose and denounce Soviet revisionism, to continue resolute opposition to the fascist Dergue, and to continue the revolution to the end. The Workers' Advocate hails the courageous and farsighted stand of the patriotic and revolutionary Eritreans who are defending the interests of their people regardless of the consequences.

The patriotic and revolutionary Eritreans knew that if they had bit their lips, compromised their principles, consented to live as neo-colonial slaves and praised the modern revisionists and the betrayal by the capitulators, then they would be applauded and feted by international revisionism, honored by the revisionist yellow journalists of the Guardian, that money for tours to conferences of international revisionism would appear, and that life would become "easier" for a sold-out stratum. They

also knew that to defy the revisionist dogs and the capitulators would mean that EFLNA and AEWNA would be subject to attack and a big effort would be made to split and destroy their organizations, blacken their names and eliminate their just stand.

But the price of "honor" from world revisionism and opportunism is betrayal of the homeland and the revolution. For the true Eritrean revolutionaries, there was never any doubt that they would reject the opportunist path and stand up forthrightly for the honor of their people's national liberation struggle and not turn their backs on all the sacrifices the masses have sustained in the long struggle for liberation.

In opposing the Soviet revisionist political line, EFLNA and AEWNA have also stood clear of the path offered by the anti-Leninist theory of "three worlds" which loudly proclaims that Soviet social-imperialism is the main enemy of all the world's people, and seeks to mobilize the proletariat and people of the world behind the war chariot of U.S. imperialism. Unlike the "three worlders", the Eritrean patriots' opposition to Soviet social-imperialism results from their lofty revolutionary opposition to all of world imperialism and from pure motives. The patriotic Eritreans are fully aware that although today Soviet revisionism is the chief imperialist backer of the murderous fascist Ethiopian junta, nevertheless U.S. imperialism still is and will always be a savage and implacable enemy of the Ethiopian and Eritrean peoples.

The grave situation in the national liberation movement in Eritrea proves the truth of Great Lenin's teaching that "the fight against imperialism is a sham and humbug unless it is inseparably bound up with the fight against opportunism". Perservering on the revolutionary road, the Eritrean people are bound to overcome the present difficulties and win the total liberation of their country. The Workers' Advocate calls on all revolutionary and progressive people to support the patriotic and revolutionary Eritreans in their just struggle against Ethiopian colonialism, Soviet revisionism and all imperialism and reaction. We call on all progressive people to support the series of meetings being organized across the U.S. by EFLNA and AEWNA under the title "The Present Situation of the

Eritrean Revolution" and to read and discuss their book entitled Eritrea: Revolution or Capitulation.