Only Mao Tse-tung's Thought Can Guide the Indian Revolution to Victory

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Nember of the Political Bureau and Secretariat of the Ceylon Communist Party, in an article carried on September 3 in the English language weekly Red Flag, organ of the Party, strongly rebuked the shameless betrayal of the revolutionary cause of the Indian people by E.M.S. Namboodiripad and other revisionists in the Indian Communist Party, and stressed that only Mao Tse-tung's thought can direct the Indian revolution to success.

The article said that despite their label of "Marxists," what the revisionists in the Indian Communist Party did was no different from the policies carried out by the Dange renegade clique. Just as the present Soviet revisionist ruling clique is carrying out Khrushchovism without Khrushchov, so the new revisionists in the Indian Communist Party are carrying out Dangeism without Dange. That is why in certain states of India these revisionists reached agreement with the Dange renegade clique on electoral united fronts. That is also why they were able to form governments in

Kerala and West Bengal with the aid of the Dange clique. "This fact alone should have clearly revealed the real nature of the neo-revisionists."

The article said: "These neo-revisionists are now wallowing in the mire of parliamentarism. Worshipping at the shrine of constitutionalism and parliamentarism, all their energies are spent on operating the bourgeois and landlord state machinery and in working within the four corners of the imperialist bourgeois constitution."

Their worst crime of betrayal, it pointed out, is their attitude to the revolutionary struggles of the workers and peasants, particularly to the armed uprising of the Naxalbari peasants who courageously rose up against feudal oppression. These revisionists described the struggles of the long-suffering Naxalbari peasants as "economic struggles" and allowed the police force of their own state government to suppress the peasants, to kill and imprison them.

The article strongly denounced these revisionists in the Indian Communist Party for joining the international anti-China front formed by the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionists and reactionaries of all countries, and heaping abuses on the Chinese Communist Party. "Just as in the days of Lenin, whoever attacked Leninism was fundamentally attacking Marxism, so today whoever attacks the thought of Mao Tse-tung is fundamentally attacking Marxism-Leninism." it said.

The article said, "Mao Tse-tung's thought is the creative development of Marxism-Leninism of our era in which world imperialism is nearing its doom and socialism is marching towards worldwide victory. It is a beacon light that illuminates the path of revolution not only for China but for all oppressed peoples, including the Indian people."

"The Indian people have a rich revolutionary tradition. Conditions are ripe for revolutionary change. All they need is a genuinely revolutionary Party which will master Marxism-Leninism and the thought of Mao Tse-tung, profit by the example of the Chinese revolution, boldly arouse the peasants who form the overwhelming section of the Indian population, set up revolutionary base areas, build up and expand the revolutionary armed forces, deal with the armed suppression of the imperialists and reactionaries — who are temporarily stronger than the revolutionary forces — by persisting in a protracted armed struggle and using the countryside to encircle and finally capture the cities."

"This is the strategy and tactics of people's war, worked out personally by Comrade Mao Tse-tung, which led to the nationwide victory of the Chinese revolution. Comrade Mao Tse-tung has taught: "The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds good universally, for China and all other countries."

"It is only by following these correct Marxist-Leninist precepts that the Indian revolution can be led to success," it stressed.