

PREFACE

MODERN REVISIONISM IS SEEKING to discredit the great teaching of Marxism-Leninism, denouncing it as 'obsolete' and no longer applicable to social development. But 'when stubborn historical facts had dispersed all intoxicating effects of self-deception, this... ended in a miserable fit of the blues.' The petty bourgeoisie, if anything, is most active intellectually, and time and again newer and fresh variants are conjured up. The latest vogue is set by Regis Debray and Herbert Marcuse. One divorces action from all theory and organisation, the other theory from action. The two seem to play a complementary role—they behead the revolutionary movement—one runs away with the body, the other with the head.

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