

imperialism." And then they write, "A compromise of this sort can only be regarded as one hundred percent appeasement, a 'Munich' pure and simple." This is irresponsible, calculated slander which can only divide the socialist forces and play into the hands of imperialism. They further charge the Soviet Union with "merely exposing the hypocrisy of their own support for Cuba's five demands." Such slander must be rejected.

To one error, they add another; to one slander, they add another. They put Comrade Togliatti in the same class with Kautsky and charge him with substituting revisionism for Marxism-Leninism, and with the betrayal of Communism. Their attacks have lost all sense of responsibility.

We can understand this process from our own experience in bitter factional struggles, when good, serious and honest comrades, who had been tested in many struggles in the past, would try to strengthen one mistake committed in a factional struggle by supporting their false position with yet another mistake. One error led only to another error, and soon the faction was placed above the Party. But the faction was based on a false and unprincipled line; and good comrades became more and more caught in the mire of their unprincipled behavior, became anti-Party in their behavior and anti-Marxist in ideology, and completely irresponsible in their relations to the working class and to the Party. Yes, we had to exercise patience and firmness, and at the same time had to correct the situation.

Halt the Peddling of Nonsense

In recent writings the dogmatists have accused the world Marxist movement of supporting imperialism, of going from class struggle to class collaboration, of being opposed to all national liberation revolutions, of supporting monopoly capitalism, of cowardice, of selling out to imperialism, and of becoming social-democrats. Such utter irresponsibility and disregard for the facts is certainly shocking.

We wholeheartedly advocate putting a stop to such discussion. However, when it comes to issues, we are forced to fight for our policies in and around the party. We will continue discussing our policies which are under attack.

PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE FACILITATES VICTORIES IN CLASS STRUGGLE

Possibly the greatest confusion is centered around the question: *Is the concept of peaceful coexistence, of preventing war and nuclear disaster, compatible with or in contradiction to, does it change or nullify the Marxian concepts of the class struggle, imperialism, the struggle for national liberation, and the concept that socialism and communism will be the next stage of history?*

The world Marxist movement proceeds from the premise that there is no contradiction here. The world Marxists, including ourselves, hold that the policy of peaceful coexistence is compatible with and facilitates the class struggle, the end of colonialism and the emergence of world socialism. We firmly believe that this is not only correct, but that any other policy in the context of the realities of this epoch can lead only to defeats and setbacks.

The world Marxist movement has developed policies and tactics based on an assessment of the balance of forces in the present-day world. These are policies and tactics of class struggle, of national liberation, and of the struggle for socialism in the period when the scales of history have tipped to the side of socialism and progress.

These concepts do not negate or nullify the class struggle. They help the working class in this struggle. They remove roadblocks. They build confidence and the will to win among workers. They are the up-to-date blueprint for victory over capitalism. The builders of the Aswan Dam could not harness the waters of the Nile with the same blueprint or the same concepts as were available to the builders of the pyramids in old Egypt.

The policy of peaceful coexistence points out the door to the future and makes it unnecessary to break down an open door. It makes it possible for the working class to avoid the long march when a short cut is available. It illuminates the new pathways and the new possibilities of victory. The policy of peaceful coexistence is the result of a changing objective world reality, of accumulated experiences of class struggle, of realism and of good common sense.