socialism. This leadership needs to change. Working-class women must take the lead in directing the struggle against women's oppression on the socialist road. Advanced working-class women need to help build the revolutionary working-class party. As the party is formed it will work to transform the women's movement into a movement which is part of the struggle for socialism. The reforms women are needing and demanding must be linked to the struggle for socialism, they must become part of the struggle for real, permanent equality which can only happen under the economic, political and social conditions of socialism. In the struggle for socialism, working men and women will struggle for the special economic and social needs of women, especially working women, and for the needs of workers as a whole (men and women).

Imperialism, in this period of decline, cannot solve the problems faced by the masses. Due to the laws of the development of capitalist society, the situation will only get worse. More masses of people will find their living conditions unbearable. Advanced workers will come to the fore, who will take up the leadership of the masses, educating themselves to become Marxist-Leninists, helping to build the programmatic basis of the revolutionary working-class party, becoming professional revolutionaries, and fusing Marxism-Leninism with the masses. The masses of people will rise in struggle--and will rise in the millions against every oppressive measure of the bourgeoisie. A revolutionary working-class party will be formed and will lead the masses in their struggle. While at present the workers and toilers do not see socialist revolution as the solution to the problems they face, through the leadership of the party, through a deeper understanding of the history of capitalism and imperialism, through the experience the masses will gain in the fight ahead, through the ever increasing attacks on their standard of living, workers and toilers will be brought to see this and will carry out the socialist revolution.

The Need for a Revolutionary Marxist-Leninist Workers Party in the U.S.

Earlier we spoke of the need for, and the tasks of, a revolutionary communist worker's party. Such a party is needed in this country today. Our struggles for complete emancipation cannot be led by a "labor" party, "people's" party, "black" party or any party based on nationality or race. What we need is a multi-national working class party, based on the theory of Marxism-Leninism, to achieve real liberation from the system of wage-slavery.

At present, there are at least a dozen parties claiming to be the party of the U.S. working class. The parties in reality represent every opportunist trend in the international "communist" movement. For example, Russian revisionism has its puppet in the "Communist Party" USA, Chinese revisionism in the "Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)"

and the League for "Revolutionary" Struggle, Albanian revisionism in the "Marxist-Leninist Party" USA and the "Communist Party USA (Marxist Leninist)." Mao and Trotsky, two big anti-working-class elements and counter-revolutionaries, have their opportunist followers in the "Revolutionary Communist Party," the "Communist Workers' Party," and the "Socialist Workers Party" respectively. In addition, there are countless other organizations around the country who consider themselves Marxists and socialists, but whose politics range from anarchism to democratic reformism. It is indeed a confusing and deplorable situation in the U.S. at present. However, it is not unusual in a country which has such broad petty bourgeois and labor aristocratic strata, to see so many opportunist political formations having the nerve to call themselves communist, socialist, Marxist-Leninist and revolutionary.

But, with the rise in imperialist crisis, there is emerging a genuine Marxist-Leninist trend determined to break with all revisionism and opportunism. It is from this trend that a truly revolutionary party will be built. What is needed to develop this trend? What are the primary party building tasks at present? First, the years of domination of revisionism and opportunism internationally have left an ideological vacuum. The first task is to reaffirm Marxist-Leninist principles which have been distorted and revised for several decades. As the ideological basis of Marxism-Leninism is reaffirmed, it must be applied to the international and national situation today. The advanced workers must be drawn into this process. The major task at this time then is study and research, theoretical work, study circles of advanced workers, the educating of the vanguard section of the working class. Through this we will develop a revolutionary program, strategy and tactics on an international and national scale, and we will begin building up a core of dedicated professional revolutionaries. As this work progresses, the advanced workers will be able to fuse the Marxist-Leninist ideology and program with the masses of workers and toilers through their leadership of mass struggles. In the course of this work, we need to create a stable professional revolutionary organization in which the members devote their lives to carrying out socialist revolution, in which they are skilled and knowledgeable and able to spread the views of Marxism-Leninism and carry out the struggle for socialism. This organization is the basis of the revolutionary working-class party.

Finally, it is important for us to point out that it is the workers themselves, specifically their most class-conscious leaders, that must build the new party. Without this complete participation, dedication and committment from the advanced workers, party building, and and end to imperialist exploitation and oppression will not become a reality. We are confident that, as in all countries, advanced workers will come to the fore of the developing revolutionary movement, will