

Thus we had to resist attacks from the American "leftists" of those days, too, who were always ready and willing — if not able — to prove that China was capitalist. And this was more than two decades before the present renegade theories about China's "capitalism" were developed.

It is to be hoped that the following articles, in spite of a lack of editorial notation on the historical context, etc., will contribute to the understanding of the real People's China and the real Chinese Revolution.

It is also to be hoped that this pamphlet will help to popularize the genuine, independent Marxist method of analysis in this country and refute the sterile formalism that is passed off as Marxism in academic circles. While nothing can actually build the Marxist-Leninist party like the proletarian struggle itself, the sharpening of our theory in combination with that struggle will surely advance the cause of the authentic U.S. Marxist-Leninists — WORKERS WORLD PARTY.

— Vincent Copeland

HAIL THE COMMUNES!

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The Communes are a new and higher stage of the Chinese Revolution. We proudly defend them against the red-baiting assaults and vicious slanders of the pen-prostitutes of capitalism, and if need be, against the bomb-happy generals of imperialism.

Hail the revolutionary energy of the Chinese youth! Hail the brave emancipation of the courageous Chinese women! Hail the devotion of the young students and intellectuals who labor in field and factory, side by side with the workers and tillers of the soil in the most back-breaking labor!

(Our enthusiasm for, and solidarity with, the Communes is not one whit lessened by our irreconcilable political differences with the Chinese leadership. But it is necessary for the American workers to know *first and foremost* that the workers and peasants of revolutionary China have made a tremendous achievement for the benefit of labor throughout the world.)