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WHAT DISTINGUISHES OUR PARTY

- * is the assertion of the line which stems from the Communist Manifesto to the Russian Revolution and the foundation of the Communist International;
- * the struggle against the degeneration of Moscow, rejection of Popular Fronts and of coalition of Resistance Groups;
- * the difficult task of restoring the revolutionary doctrine and organisation in conjunction with the working class in opposition to personal and parliamentarist politics.

as sure of itself as in the past. It may just be a situation when workers could strike and protest without KGB and 'special' troops gunning them down in the streets. The old dictum about dangerous situations which an authoritarian regime starts to bring in reforms is being illustrated by the present events in Russia. Now the dissatisfaction has spread to the working class in Russia with the miners showing the way. We wait with impatience for the Russian workers once more to play a leading role in the class struggle.

Interesting events are unfolding in Eastern Europe with Poland as the clearest example. Various Western Governments have offered to defer debt payments, promised to feed Poland (while their at it why don't they feed Africa as well) and help with the process of reforms. Russia seems to agree to this process going on, and even prepared to recognise a Solidarity Government. Actually a Solidarity Government would be the most effective instrument for the injection of Western capital, naturally causing a breach between the workers and Solidarity itself. But we would neither welcome or condemn such a development - in the long-run it will not make much difference as the same role will still be played by the present Polish Government and its Generals. It is under the present Polish Government that the shipyards are being sold off to Western companies. The "Lenin" shipyards in Gdansk are now effectively controlled by American interests and a new name for it will be forthcoming. The Gydania shipyards could soon pass into Norwegian control. Will the Trotskyists still be calling for the defence of these so-called degenerated "workers" states with the allegedly state control of the economy?

Poland is the largest debtor in the Eastern bloc. Others have been steadily mounting their debts to the West in the last decade. The exceptions are East Germany (through its extensive trading and credit relations with the West German economy) and Romania. Romania has finally succeeded in paying off all its debts, mainly as a result of devastating the countryside and promoting a fierce oppression of minorities, such as those of Hungarian descent. This racist approach has not be confined to Romania - Bulgaria has resorted to ejecting its "surplus population" by the forced deportation of those of Turkish origin who refuse to be Bulgarianised. Recently thousands have been arriving every day in Turkey complaining of such treatment. The Turkish Government has been complaining about such events, but naturally keeps quiet about the way it treats its own "surplus population", that is those who don't fit in to the Nation, the Kurds.

We could go on country by country to show that the events in China have been no different to what has been taking place elsewhere, but feel that we have covered the ground sufficiently to demonstrated the point. Economic crises are the source of disorder and class struggle, from the origins of capitalism to its ultimate disappearance. Capitalism will always find ways of oppressing and killing to defend its damned economy and financial interests. The only way to end these events is to abolish the world economy. The way forward for that lays with the proletarian revolution.

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