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An editorial analysing this extraordinary turn of events answers the West's arrogant and hasty death sentence of "communism" and the question this crisis sharpens up for all – what is socialism? It looks again at what Mao learned from both the positive and negative experience in the Soviet Union under Stalin, and from the subsequent restoration of capitalism there, as well as the lessons he drew for China's revolution, including in the sphere of socialist construction. Rid of fake Marxism-Leninism, or "real revisionism", the situation is complicated, but also favourable for making revolutionary inroads. The section also includes two important reprints from Mao and the Chinese Communists on socialism, commentaries by RIM organisations and sympathisers, a first-hand account from Romania, as well as an article on Ceausescu's downfall.

Peru

A recent speech by PCP Chairman Gonzalo on the 40th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution analyses the far-reaching consequences of the Chinese revolution for world revolution. He talks about the invincibility and vitality of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, proven by the great advances of the people's war in Peru, and discusses the country-wide seizure of power there.

Afghanistan

A breath of fresh air comes with the formation of the Organisation of the Revolutionary Communists of Afghanistan (ORCA) through the merger of two Afghan communist organisations. An excerpt from the section on proletarian internationalism in the ORCA's founding document is reprinted in this issue.

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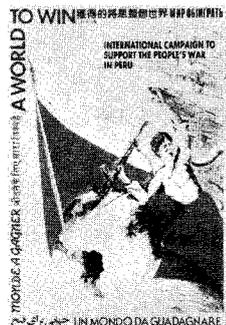


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Readers Write ■■■

I am an Azanian hoping to settle here in Namibia.... I am interested in advancing the class approach to issues... I have enclosed press cuttings from a morning daily newspaper known as *The Namibian*. I do hope that they may interest you. I am committed to supporting the international proletarian movement while exposing the inner disease of imperialist-sponsored freedoms.

I do wish that you send me your critique of Trotsky. I would be very grateful. Forward with the R.I.M.

Yours for a socialist alternative,

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I received your letter. But I was not able to reply soon, the reason being that I was in hiding following an attack by Inkatha on all those who don't share their views.

I am a member of a student organisation of the PAC(A). I am a third year student at the University.... I have received the *Declaration* and Issues 4 & 7 of your publication. On the *Declaration*, there are a number of debates among (our) members, especially those who are in my area. On issue 4 pertaining to our country, i.e. occupied Azania, we are trying by all possible means to take up the issue to the national level when we have our congress.

As with regards to the developments in occupied Azania, I think there is a lot to say and to do. Since the white settler

regime's unbanning of the PAC(A), ANC and SACP, there has been a lot of confusion among the masses and the section of the liberation movements. The racist regime is talking about negotiations and the ANC is talking about negotiations. The ANC is confusing the masses. The oppressed and exploited people want revolution, they are not prepared to talk or collaborate with the regime. On the other hand the PAC(A) and BCM(A) they are prepared to talk to the regime and they are for revolution. Since the ANC announced that they are prepared to talk to the regime their members are moving to the PAC or BCM. This has led to even physical clashes in many parts of the country involving either PAC and ANC supporters or BCM and ANC supporters. The ANC is trying by all possible means to crush anyone who is not an ANC supporter. In my area as such, we are operating under very difficult conditions...

I think discussion of this sort will strengthen our understanding of each other and how to continue revolution even in difficult times. I think you can also give us advice and the manner in which we can operate in a place where we are denied the ability to work freely by the so-called liberation movements.

I think you could send me some of the important material of yours as you promised, because it is difficult for us to get revolutionary material because we don't have money. We share every

publication we get. Would you please try to get tapes with revolutionary speeches that are relevant to our struggle, if it is possible. I would also be glad if you can get for me Mao's Red book. I think Mao's Red book is very important, because we speak very much about Maoism with little knowledge of the contributions of Mao.

With revolutionary greetings,
Izwe Lethu I Afrika (Our land is Afrika)

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Our lawsuit has been in front of the Supreme Military Court for six years. Our lawsuit began in 1981 and finished 1984. The Supreme Military Court stage will not finish until June 1990 and my sentence of capital punishment, too, can be upheld.

We want to contact and to correspond with all revolutionary movements all over the world. And we want to correspond with all political prisoners' families associations all over the world. What do you think about this subject?...

I believe we can find many things to discuss. And I believe we can get many lessons from yours and our experience.

With revolutionary greetings,
Struggle until liberation.
From a political prisoner in Turkey

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I saw the 1987/9 issue of your journal a few days ago. I asked around but I couldn't find any other issues. In

fact, even the issue I have in my hand belongs to a comrade who is presently in prison in Istanbul.

Both me and my friends would like to follow your journal and any other publications you may have in Turkish. We would very much like to get a hold of past issues also, if they are available. Because on the second page of the issue we have in our hands, there is information about the articles that appeared in past issues. And we are very much interested in all the subjects covered in them...

I was arrested in June 1980. In 1981 I stood trial as part of our joint case at the Istanbul Martial Law Court, I was given the death sentence. Our case is now under study at a higher court called the Military Supreme Court. The Court will announce its decision in June this year. Previously, until the month of May last year, we stayed at military and civilian prisons in Istanbul. When in a period of five months they found two tunnels there, they evacuated the prison. We were all transferred to the Prison where we are at the moment. In this prison, besides myself there are 98 political prisoners, all have been arrested and judged from several organisational cases.

Hoping you will be helpful, we send you our greetings and wish you success in your work.

From a political prisoner in Turkey

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This collection would not have been possible without the help of many progressive and revolutionary artists and supporters of the RIM. A translation and brief comments about the songs are included. A partial list of the performers and/or country of origin are: Jayran, Iran; Jacket Potatoes, Ireland; Pablo Moses, Jamaica; Şivan Perwer, Kurdistan; Judith Reyes, Mexico; Group Ayacucho, Peru; Azania; Samih Choukaer, Syria; U.S.

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