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On the History & Significance of L'Internationale

By Thomas F. (AZ)

As new and young comrades enter the sphere of leftist politics, many quickly become familiar with the classic *L'Internationale*, or *The Internationale* in English. This song has served the communist movement as a unifying melody, stressing the international relevance to the class struggle. Born from the struggle of the Paris Commune, this song has been used by socialist and communist parties everywhere across the globe. It proclaims a vision of a wondrous revolution, one in which the downtrodden and starving refuse to be servile under . . . **(cont. p6)**

American Communist - Editorial

Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the LYCUSA

What is an "American Communist," who are the League of Young Communists, and what is the purpose of Red Patriot Magazine? 2021 – what do the American Communists say?

First of all, as American Communists, we reserve the right to be wrong on many things: we are posers, amateurs, and 'wanna-bees,' but we make up for these shortcomings with tenacity, integrity, hard work and enthusiasm. In other countries, there are established Parties which have generations of Communists along with schools, etc, meanwhile in the United States, our historic Party surrendered its ideology and organization after Comrade Gus Hall's passing in 2000, and especially after 2010 onwards, until the realization of the Party of Communists USA in 2016 and the League of Young Communists USA, following the removal of the YCL in 2015.

American Communists enter the LYC with baggage. Individualism is a core ideology of the United States, and it takes years for new comrades to begin to work collectively. Learning to attend meetings, to carry out the Party line, to work together with other comrades in an executive committee etc, all of these things are absolutely foreign to an aspiring young American Communist. Most American Communists have no idea who they are inside, or where they are going; thankfully our League has implemented better and better entry protocols, and those who are truly committed end up beginning candidacy. The LYCUSA leadership wholeheartly believes that there are millions of Americans who believe the Soviet experience was positive, and that socialism is the future.

Regarding the future, well, what of it? Most young Americans today follow the American way of day-to-day, paycheck-to-paycheck lives, with little thought of the future. In fact, many young Americans are using drugs, perhaps to escape both reality and the future. We in the LYC are enthusiastic about the future (and it was Lenin who wrote that Communists must be enthusiastic), but we must understand that the idea, 'the harder things get, the more ideological awakening

there will be' is a wrong state of mind. Be it 1930s Germany or 2021 USA, the only way forward is to build our Party and our League, which can only be done by blood, sweat and tears. The first action our youth league has taken is to put into print format the Red Patriot Magazine.

So what is Red Patriot, then? Red Patriot is the organ or voice of the Central Committee of the League of Young Communists USA. In essence, it is our job to create this magazine as to voice ourselves and the working class. Lenin wrote that a Party is built around its paper. The LYCUSA may as well not exist without having a paper and a voice. Having a voice is not a selfish thing – it is our task as leadership to provide direction, as there are millions of American youths who follow socialism-communism and are at this very moment looking for the Party to join. Our paper is very basic at the moment, but having something to deliver is a hundred percent improvement over sending nothing. Red Patriot will be the monthly voice of the LYC, although we have more stories and more content uploaded on the Red Patriot website and the New Outlook Media social media channels. New content is added every day.

And 2021? The Democrat Party has returned with Biden, while the Trump forces still exist. What is the Democrat Party and what are the Trump forces? First of all, the LYC will be providing more and more content on these questions and so you the reader should follow our websites and media. But briefly, the LYC will discuss the start of 2021 in this editorial.

The Democrat Party is not a social-democratic Party such as the Labour Party in Britain, etc, although this is not to attack every individual Democrat in government, nor every Republican. The Democrat Party is our PRI (Mexico's historic ruling monopoly party) and the Biden policy will likely be much as it was during the Obama presidency. Trump and Biden both have very similar imperialist foreign policies, but the two do have different domestic policies. This is to say, that while Trump openly called others evil socialists or communists, Biden will also attack us, but discretely, quietly, and continue the management of capitalism for the bourgeoisie. Already, the Biden administration team of Yellen et al has drawn criticism from the 'left' of the Democrat Party, which of course

we already knew to be the truth – that Biden's administration is that of Wall Street, the Pentagon. It is this sudden 'betrayal' or 'realization' by many among the left which leads these young Americans into the ranks of the LYC. Our first editorial will be brief, so please read further reading on Red Patriot's website.



The Olive Green Lights of Triumph

by Mercedes Rodríguez García, publicado in *Vanguardia* (12/25/2020)

62 years have passed. There were 120 hours of siege, from December 28, 1958 until the first day of New Year, when Santa Clara, won the battle, goes out to receive the victorious rebels.

The battle is already far behind in time. Those who did not experience it can imagine it from what is written, what is said and what is seen in archive images. I was a child, and the memory brings me closer to the events every so

often, especially the B-26 planes that bombed and machine-gunned Santa Clara.

Discharges of all kinds of weapons and sirens from Red Cross ambulances were heard in different parts of the city. There was no electricity or water, and supplies of food and fuel ran out as the days went by.

The people tore down the walls of their houses, raised defenses and crossed the streets with vehicles and any device that could serve to obstruct the enemy's path. Everything wasted inside would work, piled up, outside: beds, armchairs, sofas, iron tanks, tiles, bricks, timbers, planks, rollers, tree trunks and even cauldrons, forming a barricade against the tyrant's troops.

62 years have passed. Much has been written about the acts of heroism of the combatants of Column 8 Ciro Redondo, the men of the March 13 Revolutionary Directorate and the forces of M-26-7 during those final days of 1958 and on the first day of the New Year.

It was 120 hours of intense fighting. The siege began on Sunday, December 28, and ended with the unconditional surrender of the Leoncio Vidal Regiment on the morning of Thursday, January 1, 1959. With 300 men, Che fought against an enemy several times greater in number and armament.

Stories abound about the acts of heroism of the combatants. However, more remains to be investigated and written about the Civic Resistance Movement, about anonymous men and women of the people in general, and even about child and adolescent martyrs - called "unknown angels" - victims of the indiscriminate bombings, "lost bullets" coming from the "Garands", the "San Cristóbal", the "Springfield" and the 30-06 machine guns, whose terrifying thunder put the inhabitants of the besieged city on edge.

Families flee in fear, running crouched through the streets and vital entrances in search of safe refuge. The Chamberí neighborhood suffers the unspeakable, and almost all of their houses were affected and partially destroyed. Also, the surroundings of the railway intersection where the Armored

Train is located, derailed and taken by assault. It was the decisive blow in the battle of Santa Clara and the last liberation war.

Dawn is the last day of the year. In the afternoon, the Vaquerito, the glorious captain who, in front of the Suicide Squad, defied death so many times, was mortally wounded. Half an hour later the police station surrendered; then the provincial government. The jail was taken by assault. In the early hours of the night, only Squad 31 and the Grand Hotel continued to fight. The city hardly sleeps with the thunderous roar of the bazookas and the return of the planes with their songs of death and horror.

The minute hand flies. It's January 1st. The only thing left to fall into rebel hands was the Leoncio Vidal Regiment, with about 1,300 soldiers. There is no truce! Unconditional surrender or fire! Before 12:30 p.m., the stronghold of the dictatorship surrenders. Batista has fled.

The city goes out to receive the rebels who, victorious, advanced in a caravan towards the central square. They rode on jeeps, cars and trucks, with their rifles raised or leaning out of the windows, bearded; filled with necklaces of seeds of Saint Juana and red and black peonies, crucifixes, medals and rosaries; the cananas crossed to the chest; headdresses with helmets, berets, caps and hats... The capital awaits you.

In the center of the island the olive green lights of triumph are lit.

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(cont. from p1) . . . class oppression, and with this revolution, a future that is equal, fair, and just *to all*, not simply a small minority of the population. It was chosen to be the anthem of the First, Second, and Third International, and from 1918 to 1944, and was, for a time, even the state anthem for the Soviet Union. Even after the Soviet Union's adoption of a new state anthem, it continued to be sung at other occasions, such as the party congresses. It remains an embraced

song in countries like the PRC, DPRK, Cuba, Vietnam, and all other communist parties around the world. To promote the class struggle as an international cause, the song has been translated into numerous languages, a song to unify all against the capitalist class.

For the modern youth of society, this song echoes the importance of international solidarity and cooperation in order to reach the goals of a socialist and, eventually communist, society. Every capitalist society on earth subjects its youth to the toils and struggles of proletarian subjugation, and further it subjects the youth of the global south to devastation in its efforts to pillage the resources and labor it has to offer. The strength of our youth comes in numbers, and the proletarian class overwhelmingly outweighs that of the capitalist bourgeois class. If the youth stands up and together simultaneously, the capitalist class will have little choice but to accept our long deserved demands of proletarian liberation. In our international struggle, a strike against one is a strike against all, and therefore solidarity and support for our comrades the world over is essential in our movement. The working class revolution, as the song entails, is the final conflict, and the working class shall become the human race, allowing no parasitic classes to take further advantage of others. Through our revolution, we will make a new world, free from the traditions of old, no longer binding us as the song further entails. But this can only come about if we are to act as a unifying unit, one that is willing to show support and solidarity for a people we have and may never meet face to face. Further, the song describes the importance of deciding how we go about said revolution, and thoughtfulness is necessary for a successful revolution. Without it, we shall not inherit what is rightfully ours.

The lyrics to this anthem are as insightful as they are empowering, as it describes a world of people who will no longer listen to the demands of their oppressors, willing to stand up and fight for a truly righteous and socialist society. The following are transcriptions of the song written in English by Charles Hope Kerr in the early 20th century. This song was performed in 1933 by Marc Blitzstein and the Singers and can be found online. Though many have drastically changed the lyrics as of late to "keep up with the times," this version maintains the original sentiment that is not attained in more recent renditions.

[https://youtu.be/ SJuioxHGIE](https://youtu.be/SJuioxHGIE)

Arise, ye prisoners of starvation!
Arise, ye wretched of the earth!
For justice thunders condemnation:
A better world's in birth!
No more tradition's chains shall bind us;
Arise, ye slaves, no more in thrall!
The earth shall rise on new foundations:
We have been nought, we shall be all!

Chorus

'Tis the final conflict;
Let each stand in his place.
The International working class
Shall be the human race!
(repeat)

We want no condescending saviors
To rule us from a judgment hall;
We workers ask not for their favors;
Let us consult for all.
To make the thief disgorge his booty
To free the spirit from its cell,
We must ourselves decide our duty,
We must decide, and do it well.

Chorus

Toilers from shops and fields united,
The union we of all who work:
The earth belongs to us, the workers,
No room here for the shirk.
How many on our flesh have fattened!
But if the noisome birds of prey
Shall vanish from the sky some morning,
The blessed sunlight still will stay.

Chorus



Role of Discipline in the Party

[The study paper below was used in political education classes of the New Jewel Movement; author and date unknown.]

To preserve the unity and monolithic character of its ranks, the Leninist Party must observe proletarian discipline. Lenin said that

As we proceed with the building of a real party, the class-conscious worker must learn to distinguish the mentality of the bourgeois intellectual who parades anarchistic phrases; he must learn to insist that the duties of a Party member be fulfilled not only by the rank and file but by the people at the top as well.

Discipline means organization, unity of will, and unity of revolutionary action in the Party of the working class.

Unity of Party ranks is inconceivable without discipline. Lack of discipline leads to factionalism, the emergence of groups who put their narrow interests above those of the Party. The presence of factions and groupings leads to the weakening and deterioration of discipline in the Party, undermines its unity and splits its ranks.

Guided by this Leninist principle the Communist Party has throughout its history waged an irreconcilable struggle against all kinds of revisionist and dogmatic and sectarian views.

Lenin never denied that Party members could have different opinions on the policy of the Party. The elaboration of this policy involves discussing and analysing different views. The important thing is not to allow it to develop into a split. Lenin wrote

A struggle of shades in the Party is inevitable and essential, as long as it does not lead to anarchy and splits, as long as it is confined within bounds approved by the common consent of all comrades and Party members.

Lenin said that a split in a revolutionary party must not be tolerated, especially when it has become a ruling party, for this could result in the loss of revolutionary gains.

Lenin regarded general Party discussion as a means of overcoming differences of opinion, as a means of strengthening the unity of the Party. Discussion helps to define more precisely the different points of view and the Party's attitude towards them, and to overcome views that are erroneous. Lenin was against discussions that would give factionalists an opportunity to undermine the Party. Lenin was against discussions that were empty of meaning, that distracted the Party's attention from real problems and turned the Party into a debating club, a conglomeration of factions and groupings.

The Marxist party is not the only working class organisation. Other mass organizations waging a successful struggle against the exploiters are the trade unions, co-operatives, youth leagues, women's associations, cultural and educational societies and militant revolutionary organizations that are formed in the course of carrying out open revolutionary actions.

Each of these organizations carry on work in its own sphere of activity. But they all need an organized body capable of working out a common line of activity. Such an organization is the Communist Party, the vanguard of the working class, which is also the highest form of class organisation of the proletariat and leader of all the working people.

The opportunists have long been trying to belittle and undermine the role of the communist Party as the leading organization of the working people. Marxist-Leninists have always resolutely exposed such attempts by revisionists, for a weakening of the vanguard role of the Party inevitable weakens all the other organizations of the proletariat.



<https://www.thegrenadarevolutiononline.com/discipline.html>



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