

# Appeal of Central Committee of Communist Party of Poland

THE Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland in an appeal on June 26 to the workers and other labouring people of Poland called on them to keep vigilance, unite as one and rely on their own forces to answer the counter-revolutionary attack of the ruling circles with revolutionary counter-attack and consolidate by new struggles the victories already won.

The appeal said that the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland salutes the fighting working class of Warsaw and the whole country.

It said: "In the past five years, the Gierek clique has made a big step in the direction of turning Poland into a semi-colony of Russian social-imperialism. The country has been brought under the imperialist yoke of debts and turned into a cheap market of international capital. Bourgeois ideology and culture occupy a dominant position in the country."

Little more than five years have elapsed since the Polish ruling clique massacred coastal workers cold-bloodedly, the appeal noted. This time, it was again the workers — the heroic workers of the capital, especially the workers and staff of the Ursus Tractor Plant — who, displaying the revolutionary initiative, were the first to plunge themselves into the battle against counter-revolutionary forces in defence of the interests of the working class and all the exploited labouring people. Warsaw, Lodz, Radom, Wroclaw, the coastal region, Silesia and all great revolutionary bulwarks in the country retaliated in various forms the onslaught launched by the revisionist bourgeoisie against the living standards of the labouring people. The proletariat has achieved a brilliant victory by this militant and resolute action. The decision on price increases fell flat even before it was put into effect. Glory to the revolutionary workers and staff of Ursus and Zeran, to the heroic proletariat of Warsaw and all Poland, who displayed a revolutionary will of daring to fight and win victory.

The appeal said: "In 1970, Gomulka, acting like a thief, attempted to steal 15,000 million zlotys from the workers' pockets through price increases, only to receive a slap in the face. Now Gierek produced a bill before the proletariat to the amount of 97,000 million zlotys at one go, with the planned rise of the cost of living exceeding 16 per cent. Despite his unique demagoguery, he received not money, but a slap in the face too."

After exposing the Polish Government's big lie about "keeping the prices of basic foodstuffs stable," the appeal said that the government "pursues a policy of continuously plundering the proletariat and the vast labouring masses by means of repeated price increases. Therefore, the people say: Enough! The working class is right to freeze the plants in coping with the hazardous act of lifting the price freeze!"

The appeal said: "Workers and labourers! You have won a great revolutionary victory. You have proved that the struggle of the coastal workers was neither an accident nor a desperate gamble, but a manifestation of the consciousness and will of the whole Polish proletariat in fighting for its due political and economic rights. The workers of Ursus and Zeran and all Poland have demonstrated to the world that they are the worthy successors to the great revolutionary tradition of the people and the heroic working class."

The appeal said: "The fight has not ended, but this victory is of momentous significance. It shows the great might of the proletariat and its unity in the struggle and has made the whole working class truly militant and revolutionary. It has unmasked the Gierek bourgeois clique, showed up Gierek's weakness and effectively shattered his standing among the revolutionary masses. The bourgeoisie has been forced to retreat under the pressure of the revolutionary proletariat, but it has not given up its attempt at a second try. It has declared that a new proposal on price increases will be submitted." "Workers! Be vigilant and ready to fight, and do not let yourselves be deceived by the champions of the bourgeois system," the appeal declared.

The appeal pointed out: "The economic situation in Poland under the domination of the new bourgeois dictatorship cannot be improved but will only deteriorate year by year. Therefore, if the working class should believe in the demagogic propaganda of the renegades to communism and act like meek sheep, the Gierek clique would seize everything you have mercilessly. . . . It is neither a compromise nor class reconciliation, but a life-and-death class struggle waged by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie that will determine the final victory."

It continued: "At the very outset the Polish Communist Party called on the working class to keep vigilance and unite as one in the struggle. The proletariat

can be emancipated only by itself! Therefore it should first of all rely on its own forces. As to counter-revolutionary onslaughts, the working class can only and should answer them with revolutionary counter-attacks. The working class must either make revolution or remain penniless!" "The class enemy will retreat only in face of power. The Gierk clique was compelled to extend the period of price-freeze for basic foodstuffs absolutely not by any concern for the interests of the working class, but by the militancy and preparedness of the proletariat to wage a resolute struggle to defend its own rights."

The appeal called on the Polish workers and other labouring people "to safeguard with all strength the victory already won." It pointed out that all the measures taken by the Polish ruling clique to break up the unity of the proletariat or to repress the pro-

letariat "can in no way blunt the revolutionary spirit, fighting will, unity or solidarity of the working class." The Polish workers and other labouring people "must protect their own leaders and organizers by means of revolution and offensive and with all their strength and by legal or illegal means including the organization of strikes and demonstrations. The proletariat must answer any counter-revolutionary attack with redoubled counter-blows."

The appeal said: "Only by organizing themselves in a revolutionary party will the Polish proletariat be able to become a powerful force. Only in this way will it be able not only to retaliate successfully the counter-revolutionary attack of the revisionists, but also to win final victory in combating the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and grasp in its own hands the whole political power."