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25X1A2gPEREMPTORY MINIMUM PLAN OF ACTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ECUADORNew Structure Within the Syndical System:

Past experience has shown that the control of labor has not been in accord with popular (Party) aspirations and that the fault lies exclusively with the dialectic incapacity of Communist labor leaders who have not been able to appraise national reality. The syndical system (attempted overt control of labor through unions) must be replaced by a cell system for it has been proven that within the former (unions) the majority is inclined towards Socialism. The manner of combatting this situation is to create within each of the unions a hard-core Communist cell which will be able to guide the minority faction and eventually gain control of the unions, especially in the petroleum zones where it is indispensable that the Party have absolute control over the union directorates. Propaganda within the army, without which all action is useless, has been punishably neglected. The Party has passed up the opportunity to form cells within the army; it would have been so much easier had the Party initiated an effective propaganda campaign in the areas from which most of the army conscripts come. In this manner, when the elements are called up for military service, the Party would already have a nucleus for action within the army. All these errors are due to the individual, egotistical work of leaders who have placed personal ambitions before the cause. The national directorate must immediately, within a month, begin the new work outlined above.

International Coordination:

The crisis of capitalism is creating a propitious environment for the establishment of totalitarian governments similar to those which exist in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru and Venezuela. Colombia had preserved a democratic attitude until recently when it fell into the orbit of the imperialist directorates because of its strategic position and its production of petroleum, platinum and raw materials of war. It is now developing a plan of action which tends toward the rejection of human rights. The United States, in its preparations for war, has agreed to aid the tyrant Franco whose ambitions are identical with those of the Conservative leader who is to replace the present dictator, Ospina Perez. The Colombian proletariat is preparing for a struggle against the present state of affairs and will soon fight for the recuperation of its rights. The Communist Party of Ecuador must cooperate with the movement (in Colombia) and must adopt measures to defend those who defend the rights of the proletariat. During the early part of the struggle which is to come (apparently referring to civil war in Colombia), it is possible that the men in charge of the campaign may have to seek refuge in Ecuador where they must receive necessary aid which the Party (PCE) must be prepared to administer. It is imperative to establish and maintain points of connection along the frontier; to establish homes for refugees and for storing war materials along the coast of Esmeraldas Province from which our Colombian brothers will receive shipments and direct operations in defense of the Colombian proletariat. These measures should be worked out in accord with Colombian delegates who are at present in Quito.

Economic Situation:

The Party has not taken advantage of the opportunity of integrally criticizing the non-productive labors of the government in the economic field. An erroneous orientation has led the Communist Party of Ecuador to unconditionally support the government without establishing just limits of the democratic respect due the present regime. The United States, with the object of maintaining continental economic hegemony, is pressing for the devaluation of the sucre. The

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Party's attitude has been deficient for it has not given sufficient importance to the case. An efficient propaganda campaign must be initiated immediately. This is to be done in the following steps: publication of manifests, holding of conferences, and forming parades and demonstrations, all opposing devaluation and demanding an increase in salaries. Communist sponsored strikes must not be allowed to fail as previous ones have and, toward that end, it is indispensable that special funds be collected to support strikes. For its part, the continental organization (apparently referring to Mexico) will be ready to subsidize the preparatory program of the campaign.

Present Position:

The Party has gone along with limited vision which has resulted in its stagnation as a political force of action. The mistake was in establishing a rigid line of action when it was logical to suppose that the program should have been more pliable under certain circumstances. The directors have not properly analyzed the development of events and have maintained a static attitude of discord with reality and the interests of the Party. This punishable negligence has worked against the interests of the proletariat whose confidence must be regained. The political line of action is contained in the instructions presented by comrade Morena in the name of the continental organization.

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