

CONFERENCE OF THE LEFT

Manguang People's Movement

PRESENTATION

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United Front of the Left

OPENING

Thank you the programme director for this opportunity to share our thoughts on this important occasion of the Conference of the Left.

Let me start first by greeting you in the name of the loving people of Cuba.

If there is any country that I love it is Cuba — a country that possesses love for humanity.

ON REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP

We accordingly argue that we must learn what is the meaning of revolutionary leadership rooted and connected to the aspirations of the people from the Cuban people.

What must we learn?

That revolutionary leadership worthy of the salt must live by and practice revolutionary principles and values.

Because the criterion of truth is practice rather than theory. As the saying goes, by their actions ye shall know them.

A revolutionary is not a person who makes nice sounding revolutionary statements and shouting revolutionary slogans to the heavens.

A revolutionary is a person who is of service to humanity — just like the Cuban people.

The Cuban people are not lyrical about theory without action.

It is easy to shout revolutionary slogans than put them in action.

THE CHALLENGE BEFORE THIS CONFERENCE

This conference was convened to consolidate unity and craft a new vision rather than theorise about unity.

Talk is cheap but money buys whiskey. Therefore, the question arises: is this conference going to agree on the establishment of the United Front of the Left — or is it going to be another useless talkshow?

Everybody knows that a fragmented and divided working class is going to be a menu for capitalists.

It is agreed by consensus that capitalists are united without shouting slogans about unity.

So, why are the forces of the Left divided and fragmented?

We accordingly submit that the working class that is divided does not even qualify to be either working class or Left.

In ideological terms, what is Left or working class about being fragmented and divided?

THE CALL TO UNITY

We therefore proceed to argue that the time has come for unity. It is now or never.

Let the conference agree on the formation of the United Front of the Left, similar to the UDF. All parties will simply be affiliates of the United Front.

If indeed unity is sacrosanct — why keep dancing on fire instead of giving unity a concrete form in the shape of the United Front of the Left?

The time has come for the unity of the Left. The time has come for the Left to wake up from almost half a century of deep slumber and unite.

We don't need another Conference of the Left. What is needed is a conference to launch the United Front of the Left.

It is now or never. What are you waiting for?

If the Left does not grasp this opportunity then it must admit it is doomed.

The time for unity is now. All the material factors, both objective and subjective, point in the direction of unity as the logical conclusion.

So, why dilly-dally?

What is the point of agonising and lamenting about the evils of capitalism to the grave without taking action to deal decisively with capitalism?

Let anyone who does not know about the evils of capitalism raise their hands. So, why keep repeating the same thing over and over since 1848 while expecting different results?

Unity of the Left and workers is not going to fall from heaven like manna. It must be created by the social forces who share the same strategic vision of creating a new society wherein every one has shelter, food, and clothes.

THE NEW LEFT

The old Left must die so that the New Left is born.

The New Left must be more about practice than theoretical abstraction.

The New Left must be known and seen in the villages displaying new attitudes, conduct, and the practice of socialist culture.

This conference must be about opening a new chapter and closing the old chapter of tired polemics about who is more Left.

What is needed today is a new vision buttressed by revolutionary action.

What is needed today is the establishment of the United Front of the Left for the frontal attack on capitalism.

CONCLUSION

In 1848, Marx and Engels proclaimed: “Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains.”

But for almost 200 years the workers refuse to unite and break the mental chains that make it difficult and impossible to unite.

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.

But despite this, we all want to be rich. That is why workers and religious people for almost 200 years refuse to unite and break the mental and spiritual chains.

We refuse to unite because our personal material interests and the purity of our soul are not aligned.

May God help the workers and working class to unite.

Repeating the same thing over and over while expecting different results is insanity, according to Albert Einstein.

Therefore, let the insanity of repeating unity since 1848 be stopped. The United Front of the Left — now!