

# Browderism Condemned in Latin America

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The revisionist line of Earl Browder came in for a complete condemnation by the People's Socialist Party (the Marxist-Leninist Party of Cuba) at its convention in Havana, Dec. 24-28. This condemnation by the Cuban Communists was shared in by fraternal delegates from various other American Communist Parties, from Canada in the north, Chile in the south.

One of the worst phases of Browder's imperialist line was that it tended to disorganize the peoples of Latin America in the face of powerful American monopolists seeking to dominate their countries.

At our 1944 convention, when our Party was dissolved into the Communist Political Association, it will be recalled that Browder assured the peoples of Latin America that in their basic struggles for national independence, industrialization, and democracy their interests dovetailed with those of the big capitalists of the United States.

The clear implication of all this was that the peoples south of the Rio Grande should rely upon the beneficent purposes of American big business, which Browder glowingly pictured as pursuing friendly, democratic, and progressive policies towards Latin America.

Due to Browder's international prestige, his paralyzing ideas managed to penetrate the Communist parties of Latin America. This did them great damage,

insofar as they fell victims to Browder's revisionism.

But now these parties are vigorously cleansing themselves of opportunism poison, and they are doing a thorough job of it.

This they are impelled to do not only because of the atomic bomb effect of the Duclos article, but particularly because American imperialism is now greatly increasing its pressure all over America.

In his report to the Communist Party of Chile, at its convention in Santiago on December 8-15, 1945, General Secretary Carlos Contreras Labarca said:

"This examination leads us to the conclusion that in spite of the fact that, on the whole, our Party has fought for the policy of national unity, it has suffered from alien influences that have led it towards opportunist deviations due especially to its insufficient ideological and theoretical development and to the influence of the revisionist conceptions of Browder."

What took place at the Cuban Party Convention is typical of the present reaction of the Communist Parties of this hemisphere against every phase of Browderism.

Blas Roca, the General Secretary of the People's Socialist Party of Cuba, devoted a dozen pages of his 86-page report to an incisive analysis and repudiation of Browderism. After fully accepting the argumentation of the Duclos article and frankly admitting his and his Party's mistake in accepting Browder's line, he

then pointed out that their Party had not sunk so deeply into revisionism as had the Communist Party of the U. S. He indicated that they had not liquidated their Party nor had they interpreted the Teheran agreement as implying a long-term class peace in Cuba.

Nevertheless, as he showed, Browderism had fundamentally distorted their theoretical outlook and had disintegrating effects upon their Party. He made no effort to minimize the dangerous effects of the Party's mistake. In the spirit of Leninist self-criticism which characterized his whole report, he declared:

"To state that we did not follow in the same path as the American comrades does not mean to say that our mistakes were less serious than theirs. No. What we want to point out above all is their different character, their different expression. If we had maintained the mistaken concepts which we had accepted, if we had continued to try to apply the revisionist policy in our country, which with Duclos' help we have begun to eradicate, it is plain that this would have led us to the most serious deviations; it would have led us to disarm the Party completely, it would have led us to bankruptcy."

The convention delegates shared Blas Roca's condemnation of Browderism. Almost every speaker, including the fraternal delegates, repudiated Browderism as a menace to the Communist Parties of this hemisphere. They

smelled American imperialism in it and they were indignant that it had penetrated into their Parties.

There was a widespread sentiment among the Cuban delegates that their convention should demand of our Party the expulsion of Browder. This desire was expressed from the platform by some leading comrades. The first conclusion arrived at however, was that the Communist Party of the United States itself could be trusted to take care of that matter.

Blas Roca, in his summary speech, had the following to say on the question of Browder's expulsion and the fight against Browderism in general:

"Comrade Ruben made the proposal that we send a cable to the Party of the United States calling for the expulsion of Browder. Perhaps this would have been good as an expression of the opinion of our Latin American peoples. But I think that Comrades Cesar and Salvador, who opposed it, were more correct from the practical point of view. I hope that the North American Party will very soon complete the expulsion of this tumor, which has already become a malignant tumor and which calls itself Browder. I believe, that instead of sending this telegram, on this occasion we must do something else, do what we are doing. We are expelling Browder from our Party. The physical person of Browder was not a member, was never a member of the People's Socialist Party,

but Browder's ideas, Browder's revisionism, the Teheran of Browder, Browder books, Browder's line were members of the People's Socialist Party. And the criticism of our mistakes which we are making is the expulsion of Browder.

"Now, we not only expel Browder's Teheran, we not only expel his revisionist speeches. Now we have another task, that of completely smashing this Browder Teheran and his revisionist books. And we do not limit ourselves merely to crushing them. We must go to the masses to explain to them why this revisionist line of Browder is false, why we cannot follow in the lying and traitorous path of his writings and his revisionist line."

Our membership in all parts of the country are demanding the expulsion of Browder. Consequently our National Board in response to this demand in view of Browder's continued adherence to his revisionist line and his developing attempt to fasten it upon our Party by open factional struggle, has voted unanimously to recommend to the National Committee that at its coming meeting it should expel Browder from the party.

This expulsion action imperatively necessary to the health and vigor of our Party, will be overwhelmingly supported by the Party's membership and sympathizers.

We may also be certain that it will be endorsed by the other Communist Parties throughout this hemisphere.