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PREFACE

In your hands is the new Draft Programme of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. A Spanish edition is being published simultaneously. This programme is the product of a rich collective process, and we believe it is a powerful revolutionary document. But it is...a *draft*. And so a crucial phase of work now begins: taking this Draft out broadly, holding discussion and debate, and hearing people's comments, criticisms, and suggestions.

The RCP,USA calls on those committed to real social change to contribute to the process of turning this Draft into a final Programme.

What is a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist programme? It is a kind of road map for destroying the old and creating the new. It is a tool for understanding society and the world, and for identifying the forces who will make revolution. It is a declaration of the fundamental changes and transformations that proletarian revolution must bring about, and the policies that will guide these transformations. Such a programme must also sum up key lessons from the accumulated experience of making revolution and building socialism.

The process that led to this Draft Programme has involved discussion and debate, inside and outside the Party, as well as research and investigation into the class structure and social fabric of U.S. society. We have drawn on the experiences and insights both of veteran fighters and revolutionary-minded youth.

With the publication of this Draft Programme, we want to take this process to a whole new level.

We invite people to study the Draft, and to discuss and argue these questions out with others. For our part, we intend to engage diverse forces around the perspective of making revolution and creating a new society set forth in this Draft. We want to see circles of proletarians take up the issues and questions posed in this document with the Party. We want to exchange views with other political forces committed to justice, change, and revolution. The *Revolutionary Worker/Obrero Revolucionario* newspaper will feature correspondence and commentary about the Draft Programme.

So we urge you to read on and to discuss the Draft Programme's line for revolution with us. We in turn want to learn from the opinions and suggestions of others. Our purpose is to hammer out the most scientific, visionary, and practical programme for Maoist revolution in the "belly of the beast."

May 1, 2001

NOTE TO THE READER

The Draft Programme is divided into two parts. Part I is an overall statement—an analysis and indictment of current society, a vision of and approach to transforming society from top to bottom, and a presentation of revolutionary strategy. Part II is made up of a series of appendices that go into particular issues and questions raised in Part I in greater depth.

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