

Hammer-sickle logo!

The hammer-sickle logo signifies class collaboration, i.e., worker peasant unity, that derives from the Leninist legacy and in no way from Marxian tradition that evolved through the three fundamental interrelated principles of class struggle, the materialist conception of history and the labour theory of value, all of which have been deliberately distorted by Lenin and his followers including the entire rank-and-file of the leftist, rightist, centrist parties, groups and individuals, and the all-pervading propaganda machine of capital – ‘friends’ and foes alike. Marx and Engels emphatically espoused in the *Communist Manifesto*,

“Of all the classes that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class. The other classes decay and finally disappear in the face of Modern Industry; the proletariat is its special and essential product. The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but conservative. Nay more, they are reactionary, for they try to roll back the wheel of history. If by chance, they are revolutionary, they are only so in view of their impending transfer into the proletariat; they thus defend not their present, but their future interests, they desert their own standpoint to place themselves at that of the proletariat.”

<http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/ch01.htm#007>

Note that the agricultural workers obviously belong in the working class.

The General Rules of the International Workingmen's Association 1864 begins with the following message: “the emancipation of the working classes must be conquered by the working classes themselves.” The criterion for distinguishing classes is always the position they occupy in the relations of production peculiar to the prevailing mode of production. Some classes are just transitional: e.g., the capitalist and the working classes under feudalism, and the peasantry and landlords under capitalism.

Classes are to be recognized by their relationship to the means of production – by the power to control, ownership and consciousness – as collectives. Under capitalist relations, the producer class is the working class and is alienated from ownership and control which are in the hands of the capitalist class. The capitalist class as a whole exploits the working class as a whole. These two great antagonistic classes of modern society are to be better understood as: global collective capitalist class vs. global collective working class.

Thus, today’s revolution is going to be a global revolution by, and in the interest of, the collective working class and ultimately in the interest of the whole humanity, simply because the emancipation of the working class will bring with it the emancipation of the whole humanity by tearing off the capitalist relations of production.

Therefore, the Leninist logo was and is idealist and invalid. It was never, and could never be, realized. It has to be cast onto the scrap heap of history.

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