

AMP Political Statement

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By the Central Committee-AMP

1. Historical Analysis

The Amazons of classical and Greek mythology were a nation or tribe of warrior women, who inhabited lands and territories in the region of ancient Scythia (i.e. modern Ukraine) and Anatolia (Turkey). In Pontus, near the Black Sea, they formed an independent nation-state under the government and leadership of Queen Hippolyte, and they built the ancient cities of Ephesus, Paphos, Sinope, and Smyrna.¹

The Amazon civilization and culture was strictly matriarchal, and their society was structured and militarist. Religion and spiritual practice were centered around devotion to the goddess Artemis, the divine huntress. Amazon girls were trained from an early age in the arts of war.²

The Amazons are thought to be the first humans to domesticate horses. They were the fiercest enemies of the Greeks, and rejected any form of patriarchy. Amazon warriors are known to have participated in the epic Trojan War.³

Eventually, the Amazon nation were conquered, their territories occupied, and their feminist culture suppressed by their enemies — the imperialist Greeks. Since then, for over 2000 years, women have suffered every form of femicide, rape, and slavery imaginable under christian, islamic, and European colonial patriarchy.

II. The Women's Liberation Movement

Throughout the sad history of odious misogyny, pockets of feminist resistance and examples of heroine leadership have continued

to inspire hope for the liberation of women.

On July 20, 1848, at the Seneca Falls conference of abolitionists and suffragists, the "Declaration of Rights and Sentiments" was officially approved by 64 women and 36 men, leading eventually to the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.⁴



In 1910, at an international conference of communists and socialists (including Lenin), March 8 was proclaimed International Women's Day, on the anniversary of a general strike by women workers in New York.⁵

The Women's Liberation Movement of the 1960s and '70s gave us feminist leaders such as Gloria Steinem and Simone de Beauvoir, and theorists such

as bell hooks, who in 1981 published "Ain't I a Woman?: Black Women and Feminism." ⁶

Jiang Qing (1914-1991), the wife and successor of Mao, was the world's foremost revolutionary feminist leader — of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and the so-called "Gang of Four" in China. She was arrested and imprisoned, during the counter-revolutionary coup d'état by revisionists that occurred after Mao's death, from 1976 until her May 14, 1991, "suicide." ⁷

The movement has reached an impasse and has been co-opted by an imperialist "gender aristocracy" of First World pseudo-feminists, thus, the condition of the majority of the world's women, particularly Third World oppressed nation women, has not improved and in many cases has only gotten worse. ⁸

The failure of the movement is the direct result of a lack of organizational structure and vanguard

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leadership. "It now needs to establish its priorities, articulate its goals, and pursue its objectives in a coordinated way." 9

III. Organization and Objectives

On this 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, a new offensive from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat is imperative to realize Women's Liberation as an integral part of the internationalist anti-imperialist movement. When women all over the world **RISE UP**, that will be the day of victory for the Peoples Revolution!

The Amazon Maoist Party (AMP) was formed in late 2010 in response to a perceived absence of feminist leadership and women's projects within MIM (Prisons), as well as a line disagreement on gender.

After extensive political debate, criticism/self-criticism, and accusations of subjectivist opportunism, the

Central Committee-AMP (CCAMP) has conducted a thorough re-assessment of its organizational and strategic objectives, and has unanimously passed the following resolutions:

1. AMP upholds the Six Main Points of MIM(Prisons), and is in general agreement with MIM(Prisons), except for its gender line.¹⁰
2. AMP advocates the concept of "Feminist Resistance" and Amazon national liberation, in order to secure Women's Liberation — including women's collective rights to self-determination, land/territory, and ownership of the means of production.
3. AMP stands in solidarity with the Anti-Imperialist United Front, and strongly urges ALL women (bio-, LGBTQ, oppressed nation, etc.) and revolutionary comrades to join and support our movement.
Viva las Amazonas!

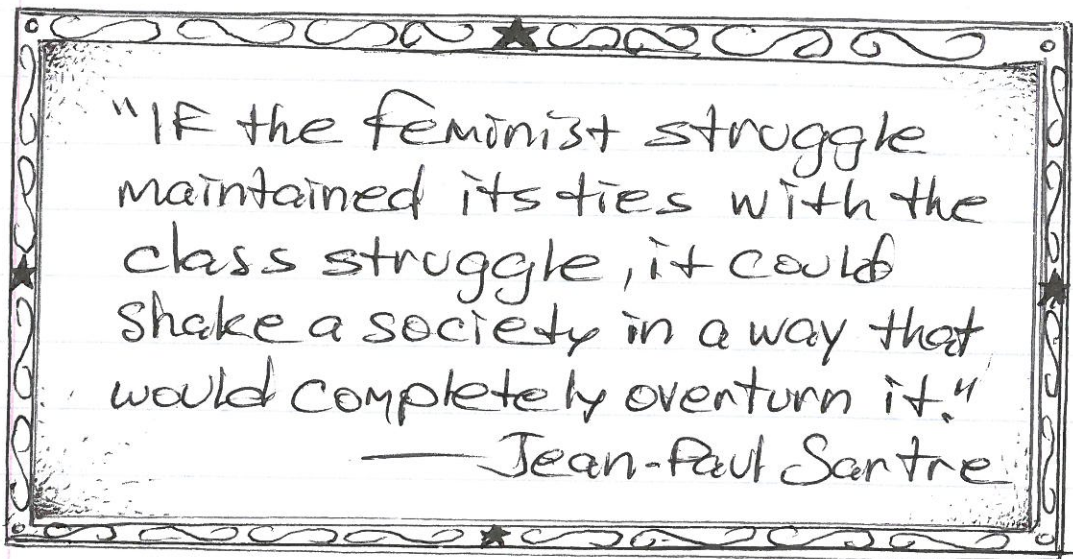
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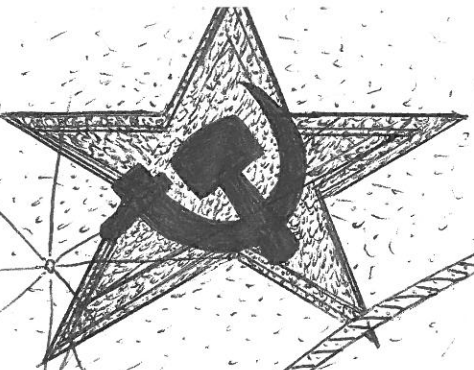


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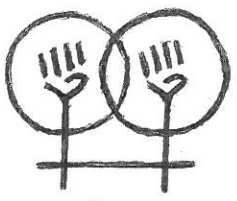
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