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Introduction

Ours is a time of mounting ideological struggle between the forces of the old capitalist world and the new socialist world. The apologists of imperialism are aiming their blows at the Marxist-Leninist doctrine which they are trying by every means to discredit and distort. In these efforts an important part has been assigned to various revisionist, opportunist concepts whose protagonists are doing their best to help the attempts of imperialist propaganda to discredit and vulgarise the proletarian ideology. This, however, does not prevent the opportunists and revisionists from calling themselves advocates of Marxism and socialism.

To counteract the move towards the Left, which is including ever wider social groups in the leading capitalist countries, the bourgeoisie needs a strategy which can feed on these growing sentiments and sap their strength in the same way as right-wing opportunism (reformism) used the revival of the working-class movement at the turn of the century. In the past the bourgeoisie supported the extreme forms of right-wing opportunism. Now it supports the extreme forms of "left"-wing opportunism, the typical manifestation of which is Trotskyism. It is worthy of note that Trotskyist literature is printed in millions of copies in capitalist countries, and is even recommended as reading matter for students. The books of Trotskyist authors are readily accepted for printing, well paid for and widely advertised in the press, over the radio and on television.

