

To limit oneself merely to "criticise" the petty bourgeois parties in the bourgeois-democratic revolution is the result of a mechanical differentiation between the bourgeois democratic and the proletarian revolution, is to ignore completely the Leninist position of the transformation of the bourgeois democratic revolution into the socialist revolution in the backward countries (especially in the colonies and semi colonies) The Colonial theses of the VI World Congress of the CI define clearly the conditions for this transformation in the colonies and semi-colonies:

for the revolution

" In order to pass immediately from one stage to another higher stage the following factors are of transcendental importance: a) the ability of the revolutionary proletarian leadership of the movement, that is to say, of the Communist Party of the country (number of its members, consciousness and independence, its authority, relations with the masses and its influence over the trade union and peasant movement); b) the degree of revolutionary experience and of organization of the working class and also to a certain degree of the peasantry. The revolutionary experience of the masses implies experience in struggle and in the first place freedom from the influence of bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties."

But in the bourgeois democratic revolutions in the colonial countries, in the epoch of the general crisis of capitalism and of the world proletarian revolution, especially in the revolutions in South America and the Caribbean, the germ for this transformation already exists in the very bourgeois democratic revolution, even before its victory; the most important of this germ being the existence of a relatively important proletariat, led by the Communist Party, and the hegemony of the proletariat. This question must not be presented in such a manner that it might imply that the struggle for the transformation of the bourgeois democratic revolution begins AFTER its victory, and that only afterwards the petty bourgeois influence becomes an obstacle to its further development. The struggle for this transformation