

of their personalities. And we must strive unceasingly for the restoration and strengthening of the most complete unity of the international Communist movement. The will of the millions of Communists everywhere for unity is a mighty force which no Party and no leader, however eminent, can ignore. That is why every one of us, from the most senior leader of the biggest Party to the humblest rank-and-filer or supporter of the smallest, has a solemn duty to fight factionalism and prevent this cancer from growing.

If this centenary of the First International means anything to us Communists other than the formal celebration of an interesting date, it must mean that we learn from the past, that we remind ourselves not only of the tremendous advances we have made (though these are indeed the most striking and important feature of our celebration), but also of the avoidable setbacks we have suffered, so that our future advances will be the more swift and certain, in the interests of the hundreds of millions of our fellow-men who look to us for wise and victorious leadership.

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The danger which threatened the communist parties from within was an unfounded 'hunt for Right-wingers', i.e. for leaders who in the eyes of impatient Left-wingers seemed to be centrists or semi-centrists. Lenin pointed to the example of Radek's article published in the central organ of the German Communist Party in which, without any substantiation, such a respected revolutionary as Clara Zetkin, who for decades fought against the opportunist leaders of German social democracy, was accused of opportunism. That is why Lenin in his letter (to the German Communists in 1921) stressed the demand which was especially important for further work: 'Enough of internal Party struggle! Down with everyone who wants to continue it either directly or indirectly.'

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