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You have in your hands the fourth issue of *A World to Win*, a new quarterly dedicated to an "old" idea: the proletariat of all countries faces the task of wrenching the world away from those who currently dominate, distort, and even threaten to destroy large parts of it; that those who up until now have been the victims of history must become its masters; that exploitation, oppression, and class-divided society, far from being the natural order of things, stand as the barrier to the further advance of humanity.

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A World to Win contributes to the revolutionary process by providing analysis and commentary on vital developments in the world and in the revolutionary movement. It gives no quarter to imperialism and reaction, and its exposure will aim at East and West alike. A World to Win will not remain aloof from the key struggle to rebuild the unity of the exploited and oppressed the world over, to overcome the crisis in the international communist movement which came to a head following the reactionary coup d'état in China after Mao's death, and to create the political expression of this unity, a Communist International of a new type based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. In this sense A World to Win has been inspired by the formation of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, announced on March 12, 1984, which has regrouped many Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations from around the world. A World to Win reports on the development of this movement and on its participating parties and organisations and will strive to assist this movement in becoming a more powerful force throughout the world.

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