

## PROGRESS OF THE RISM

In the first weeks of the new semester, the Rhode Island Student Movement has clearly drawn the line between the revolutionary trend and the opposite trends such as Trotskyites who call for "a united Left" and broadest possible 'anti war' front, "radicals" who moan that scientific language is 'jargon' while uttering all sorts of rhetoric divorced from their practice. What's Left? There is an old Left composed of revisionist parties allied with the Moscow gang whose revolutionary heroes are the Algerians and a Castro style insurrection.

There is a New Left composed of youth culture types, The Movement, which is principally supported by the imperialist media from Ramparts Evergreen Review to Guardian, NY Times and Life.

In over 50 countries a revolutionary storm is raging. The reason for the conditions of fertile soil for revolution is precisely the historic new era, the era of Mao-Tse Tung Thought. Before 1965, The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the question of what class leads a revolution and how a revolution is consolidated after the exploiting classes have been overthrown had not been settled. Now the path is clear. The profound lesson that China under the leadership of Chairman Mao has taught the world's people is in this era the proletariat must lead the revolution. To base the effort on the national bourgeoisie is to take the road of the tragedy of the Soviet Union, and fall into the pit of neo-colonialism as the Castroites and Algerians have done. The Cultural Revolution never developed in these states and consequently they are in considerable difficulties. The principal method the "Left" in this country uses to deflect revolutionary sentiment and prop up imperialism is to impose mass bureaucracy on the masses and slander and double dealing to concoct various events for people such as "peace marches". In the process of going out among students, RISM has discovered various examples of these snakes attempting to hide among the people and poison the genuine sentiment of the masses. RISM in order to oppose the bureaucratic method has brought into play the mass dem-

ocratic method. The revolutionary ideology this is based on is Mao Tse Tung thought, so RISM has been distributing the works of Chairman Mao. This is clearly opposite to the "roving rebel band philosophy" of the Che Guevara types and the result is not sensational kidnappings or other patently criminal acts but a loose forging of links with the people. To serve the people is the basis of all our work. Thus RISM is presently doing a great deal of study of the counter-revolutionary trends, particularly the Castroite trend, the anarchist trend, and the Trotskyite trend in order to bring the struggle to a higher level. As Ho Chi Minh said (1939) "There can be no concession to the Trotskyite group. We must bare their faces as henchmen of the fascists and annihilate them politically."

The trotskyite trend is the reflection of the vacillations that the petty-bourgeois undergo. On the one hand they can join the world's people and bring about a new era. On the other hand, they can develop careers, become pro-imperialist mouthpieces and thoroughly degenerate. The contradiction still is not completely resolved and cannot be until the overthrow of imperialism. Some petty-bourgeois serve imperialism by masquerading as "radicals". But their careers betray their promises. All their frantic activity cannot conceal their fundamental role; to obscure the world particularly as to motion change and development and continually block any activity that leads to a material change in their own lives. It is the attempt to freeze the contradiction at a particular level. Inside the movement, it attempts to discredit organization of any sort, a wrecking tendency, and obscurantism to avoid struggle and movement.

RISM will denounce these agents and lay the basis for their expulsion from the ranks of the people by continuing dissemination of Mao Tse Tung Thought and having summing up meetings in the course of actual struggle against them wherever they appear.

Revolution is the main trend in the world today. This is indisputable. The basic anti-imperialist nature of present-day armed struggles cannot be denied.

The spread of revolution and revolutionary thought has naturally given rise to its contradiction: counter-revolution and counter-revolutionary thinking. Counter-revolution takes many forms; none of these unrecognizable, none invincible. When detected, they simply further demonstrate the bankruptcy of fascist ideology and tactics, they further strengthen the people's will to struggle with and to overthrow imperialist oppression.

Alongside the growing genuinely revolutionary movements of this era have emerged parasitic opportunist organizations whose main task has been to throw dirt in the eyes of every class conscious person by diverting his attention from primary societal wrongs and by attempting to channel his energies away from struggle with calls to "come together" and to "do it through the system". These groups are parasitic in their insidious sporting of revolutionary phrasology in efforts to cash in on, to live off forthright popular revolutionary struggle. They are opportunist in their snapping up public situations for counter-revolutionary self-aggrandizing propaganda. Two local Rhode Island groups to be dealt with in light of opportunist parasite counter-revolution are the Students for a Democratic Society and the Socialist Workers Party/Young Socialist Alliance.

The immediate goal of all current revolution is the destruction of U.S. monopoly capitalist imperialism and Soviet social imperialism. What comprehensive treatment of imperialism do these groups offer; what is their theory, what is their practice?

SDS will speak of being a type of united front, some communist membership but not entirely. Several lines are held within the organization with factional agreement on secondary issues. The Progressive Labor faction claims recognition of the Chinese revolution but denies in practice the basic Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tse Tung Thought of ideological struggle on the classroom front. Instead they seek to aid the plight of the campus worker who supposedly is unable to come to any awareness of capitalist exploitation on his own. The stand on imperialism remains one of so many words. The Weatherman faction makes use of criminality and terrorism to be heard. These are sensationalist outbursts with only negative consequences. They serve only to hasten fascist measures of popular repression.

The SWP/YSA is a Trotskyite organization. Historically, the mentor of the group, Leon Trotsky, demonstrated no actual faith in the masses; he spouted idealism concerning "spontaneous" revolution; he controlled the Left Opposition in the new soviet state of Russia, which was anti-Bolshevik, counter-revolutionary. In his hunger for political dominance in Russia, he carried out efforts to subvert the success of the revolution under Lenin and then under Stalin. The SWP with its youthful companion and cohort of counter-revolution, YSA, remain as followers of Trotsky's renegade path. Members will theorize the official party line to be "socialist", but ambiguously so. They come out with a suspiciously weak anti-capitalism. Why is this? It is because they know that they cannot sell people a benign capitalist bill-of-goods. People know the exploitative nature of capitalism. So the Trotskyites offer a watered-down and impotent truth--a mild and harmless banner that no one would care to rally under.

Although the Trots echo the worldview of power-aspiring petty bourgeois intelligentsia, their methods of attacking those who will expose them are ruthlessly fascist. Several members of RISM who on separate occasions in the course of selling Rhode Island Student met with Trotskyite disapproval were able to summarize these tactics and to see in them their fascism. With a chip-on-the-shoulder "convince me first" condescension, YSA-ers halted the dissemination of RISM literature to engage in clever debate, to throw out a barrage of historical facts, concocted to prove truth, that stated only name of event and date.