

OOPS! CHINA SAYS RUSSIA IS "SOCIALIST"!!

The Chinese bourgeoisie continues to be in a political crisis which will throw the world's Maoist and "Three Worldist" advocates into more of a crisis. If one follows the most recent Chinese revisionist politics, then according to it, half, if not more of the capitalist world is "socialist."

According to an article which appeared in the *New York Times*, Nov. 10, 1979, p. 3, the Chinese Communist Party has been circulating an important document which claims that the Russian Party is no longer revisionist, that the USSR is no longer imperialist, but in fact has always been "socialist". (sic!) This document (which is said to be a summary of debates in Deng Xiaoping's braintrust, the Academy of Social Sciences) states that the USSR is still socialist because its means of production are owned by the state. Well according to this logic, all the sectors of the U.S. economy which are controlled by the state (e.g. Post Office, Railroad, welfare, etc.), all the industries nationalized in the imperialist countries such as in England (with a supposedly "labor" government), Austria, etc. are all examples of socialism. Goes

to show how in fact the Chinese and Russian socialism is nothing more than state capitalism embellished in socialist phraseology. Since the late 1950's and early 60's, when the Russian imperialists cut all aid and ties with China and Albania, both these countries from their social nationalist perspectives hurled cries of Soviet revisionism and Soviet social-imperialism. They were never able to show how capitalism was restored in the USSR. Their claims of a "peaceful degeneration" of the USSR is a convenient way to cover up the great conspiracy which led to the restoration of capitalism. Hence, their incapacities of exposing the restoration of capitalism, for to do so would have exposed their role in this great conspiracy and the real character of their economies.

Now, due to recent negotiations between the Chinese and Russians, they both have agreed to call each other "socialist" to try and deceive the proletariat of the world. In these negotiations, China seeks renewed trade and cultural exchanges with Russian imperialism. However, there is more than just this. The Russians have proposed to withdraw some of their military forces from Mongolia

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(i.e. on the Sino-Soviet borders) in exchange for Chinese consent to join a "non-aggression pact." And why are the Russians interested in such a "non-aggression pact"? Knowing that China is in alliance with the U.S. imperialist bloc, the Russians seek to lessen the tensions with the Chinese imperialists in the east, knowing that its semi-colonial ally, Vietnam, will keep China busy, while the Russian imperialists can concentrate their military forces in the west to be able to cope more with the military buildup of the U.S. imperialist bloc. For the Chinese war-mongers, who have been hoping for imperialist war to breakout in Europe, rather than in South-East Asia (to no avail), the Russian proposal gives it something to think about. Thus, if one notices recent *Beijing Reviews*, indeed the Chinese have dropped the terms Soviet revisionism and Soviet social-imperialism, and instead just refer to Russia as a "hegemonist" superpower, bent on military expansionism. Nevertheless, the Russian proposal to withdraw its forces to the limit that existed in 1964 is not enough for the Chinese imperialists. The Chinese want the Russians to withdraw all their troops thereby (a) ensuring that any Russian initiation of war will start in Europe and (b) will make the Chinese imperialists that much more sure that in their confrontation with the Vietnamese for the seizure of territory in south-east Asia, it will assure them, if at least for a short while, of no direct Russian intrusion.

Of course, history has shown what "non-aggression" pacts amongst imperialists bent on war mean. It's like a sheet of bounty towels trying to hold together under the Niagara Falls.

It will indeed be interesting to see how the social-chauvinists and all the "Maoists-in-a-mess" will explain this one. How will CP(M-L) and LRS(M-L) explain that their "socialist" China who is in a bloc with U.S. imperialism views their main rival, "Soviet hegemonism", as a "socialist" country! ★