

PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE



"The Communist's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but a tribune of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression."

Lenin

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Will There Be Peace In Vietnam?

The peace negotiations concerning the cessation of the imperialist war in Vietnam have stirred the hopes around the world of all decent and fair minded people. The glimmer of an end to the dirtiest and most aggressive war that USNA imperialism has waged, in which 15 million tons of explosives (more than were used by U.S. forces in WWII) were used in an attempt to annihilate the Vietnamese revolution (1), is certainly the center of attention in all corners of the world today. In its objective position as the apex of the

world wide revolutionary struggle, the Vietnamese struggle and the attitude of all revolutionaries toward it is of utmost importance.

With all the clamoring and ravings of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) and its lapdogs, such as the CPUSA, to support the "Nixon Doctrine for Peace" it is our internationalist duty as Marxist-Leninists to put this "peace-offensive" in the perspective of the material conditions from which it has arisen. Only in this way can we show

our support for the revolutionary aspirations of the Vietnamese people.

The cornerstone of recent USNA foreign policy has been to collude with the Soviet Union social-imperialists to strangle the revolutionary wave that is threatening their existence. As early as April, the USNA and USSR made agreements to try and force the Vietnamese into a robber's peace. The mining of Hiphong Harbor, which included the bombing of 2 Soviet ships, was carried out with barely a whimper from the Soviet chieftains. Soviet aid, which in the past accounted for close to 85% of certain war materials for the Vietnamese liberation struggle has been dwindling rapidly (from 1 billion dollars from 1965 to 1971, to 100 million in 1971, as compared to 350 million for Egypt alone in 1971). (2) At the same time, the USNA imperialists have greatly stepped up its training and supplies to the South Vietnamese puppet government's army and air force, making them the third largest army in the world, supported by over 2000 planes. (3)

With all of its relative strength, why are the USNA imperialists trying to force a "peace agreement" in Vietnam? The first and most obvious explanation is to be found in the imperialists timing. Why was
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Call For A Conference Of North American Marxist-Leninists

The preparatory committee of the North American Conference of Marxist-Leninists met in Toronto, Canada, November 18-19. Its main task was to issue the Call printed below for the Conference in Chicago in 1973.

As is pointed out in the Call, the major task in Chicago will be to lay the basis for building a new Communist Party in the USNA.

The meeting in Toronto was highly enthusiastic and represented all areas of the USNA and Canada. Of particular importance was the attendance of several organizations from the Negro Nation and surrounding areas.

Comrades and friends, the Communist League fully supports this motion and we feel that the time is right for all serious Marxist-Leninists and revolutionaries to come together and deal with the concrete problems of building a revolutionary party of a new type. This is not just a subjective wish on our part, but rather reflects the stirring of the advanced elements of the proletariat on the one hand and the growing

consolidation of fascism in the USNA on the other.

The preparatory committee also agreed to publish the North American News Service which will reprint articles and political positions that are relevant to the tasks of the meeting in Chicago.

We urge all our friends and comrades to prepare for the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists by publishing their views on building a revolutionary party of a new type and by contacting all organizations and individuals who will participate.

CALL FOR A CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN MARXIST-LENINISTS - ISSUED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE, NOV. 19, 1972

Proletarian revolutions and wars of national liberation are raging, and the struggle for socialism is being waged all over the world. While revolution is the main trend in the world today, we see throughout the whole world that fascism is increasing its attacks
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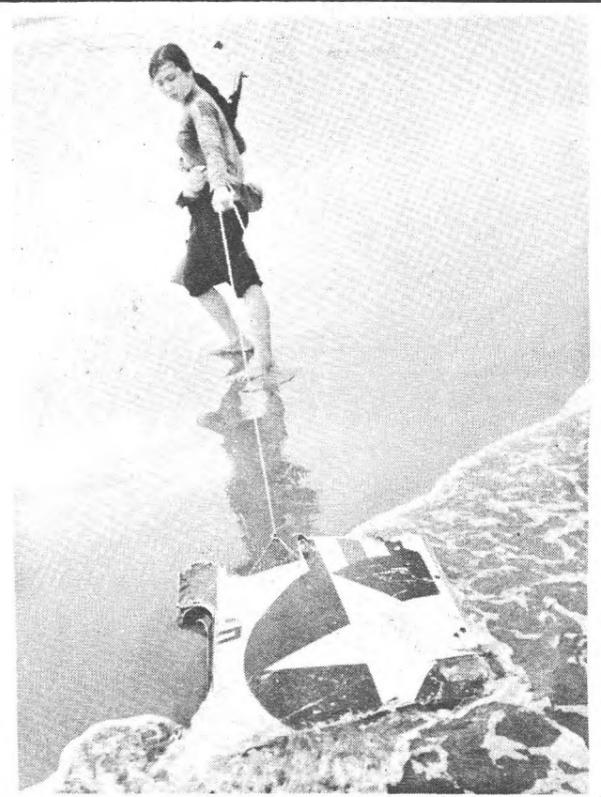
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it that only a week before the Presidential elections (when Nixon has had 4 years in which to end the war) a peace settlement was finally to be reached, the war was to be ended? Of course, the imperialists backed out of this agreement just as quickly as they had announced it but all the same, wasn't this clearly a tactic to win the support of the USNA proletariat and to make Nixon look like he's really trying to end the war? The answer to this question is obvious to all. However, there are other, deeper questions involved, that are not so obvious to many. The recent developments in the

Philippines, where USNA puppet Marcos has desperately ordered martial law, the imposition of martial laws in South Korea etc. have sent USNA strategists scurrying to figure out how to cover all of their bases at once. The Vietnamese people have so tied up USNA money and military strength in battling them to a standstill that they are faced with containing an overwhelming tide of revolution throughout their colonies. From this point of view, it is obvious what the real intentions of the imperialists are: with the massive air war proving ineffective and faced with the inability to mount a large scale land invasion at this time, why not use its super-power partner to help force a "rest period", a time to regroup and gather



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against the revolutionary class and the revolutionary movement in general. Internationally, we see this in the growing collusion of the U.S. imperialists and the U.S.S.R. social-imperialists in an attempt to crush the proletarian revolution and increase their aggression against the peoples of the world. Within the U.S. we recognize the seriousness of the situation that the imperialists are developing through their propaganda about the re-election of Nixon: the imperialists are carrying out a steady vicious advance toward an organized fascist drive against the working class of the U.S. In light of these conditions we view it as a very serious matter that the revolutionary movement in the U.S. is disunited and its forces are not monolithic but instead dispersed and scattered in the form of many different individuals, groups, organizations throughout the U.S.

In opposition to the growing forces of fascism and to the disunity of the revolutionary movement there is arising a struggle to develop unity among the revolutionary forces. This is expressed concretely in the writing of this call by several separate organizations in the U.S. as well as in Canada and Quebec. The organizations in the U.S. are working with the support of the comrades of the Communist Party of Canada, Marxist-Leninist, and the Communist Party of Quebec, Marxist-Leninist for the development of the revolutionary movement in the U.S.

On what basis have these organizations united? We can only be united on the basis of the interests of the whole working class, that is, on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, which is hostile to any struggle for personal interests or opinions. Marxism-Leninism is the theory of scientific socialism, that is, it is based in objective reality as opposed to a subjective fight for individual ends.

It is out of this struggle for scientific socialism, for correct line, that the real un-

ity of the revolutionary movement will develop in its highest form, a single organization that fights for the whole working class to overthrow imperialism. Lenin pointed out and history has confirmed that the Party of a New Type can only be built on the basis of the struggle against revisionism and opportunism (incorrect line). We don't want to unite purely for the sake of uniting, but for the sake of struggling for the correct line for the working class in the struggle against the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.

We are uniting on the basis of Marxism-Leninism to organize a conference to be held sometime in 1973, where all honest revolutionaries would be minimally united on the basis of wanting to struggle for Marxism-Leninism against revisionism, for a Marxist-Leninist party of the working class in the U.S.

The Preparatory Committee of the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists calls on all those who agree in the main with the above points to attend this revolutionary Conference. Those who call themselves Marxist-Leninists must hold themselves accountable in front of the people. There are many differences on the crucial task of building the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of a New Type. But these differences can only be aired in this mass democratic conference. All organizations whatever their size and experience have equal right as well as every obligation to present their views openly for discussion. For amongst Marxist-Leninists, there is no jockeying for position and fame. Let all Marxist-Leninists unite for the cause of proletarian revolution and the proletarian party.

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American Communist Workers Movement, M-L
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Communist League

its strength for a new offensive? Although we feel the prospects of any lull are slight, it is important for us to understand that even if there is a lull in the war, its only purpose would be to allow the imperialists to continue their present policies. Any "peace" at this time, could only be a robber's peace.

There is also no doubt of the relative strength of revisionism, led by the Soviet clique. Attempting to separate the war of national liberation in Vietnam from the world wide revolutionary upsurge, these opportunists are trying to open the back door to defeating the Vietnamese revolution by dangling the prospects of peace as a lure to counter-revolution. As Lenin said on the question of peace in the era of imperialism:

"Under capitalism, particularly in its imperialist stage, wars are unavoidable. On the other hand, Social-Democrats cannot overlook the positive significance of revolutionary wars...."

"A propaganda of peace at the present time, if not accompanied by a call to revolutionary mass actions, is only capable of spreading illusions, of demoralizing the proletariat by imbuing it with confidence in the humanitarianism of the bourgeoisie, and of making it a plaything in the hands of the secret diplomacy of the belligerent countries. In particular the idea of the possibility of a so-called democratic peace without a series of revolutions is deeply erroneous." (4)

The peace plan being pushed by the USNA and the USSR shows all of the signs of treachery. One example is the fact that there are no provisions for the freeing of the well over 100,000 political prisoners (by conservative estimate) being held and tortured in Thieu's Tiger Cages. (5) The imperialists have shown their "peaceful" intentions by, at least temporarily, allowing the "North Vietnamese" troops to stay in So. Vietnam. As is well known,

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C.L. Reply to R.U. Threats

Under the pressure of current events, the so called Left in this country is undergoing the dialectical process of splitting and turning upon itself.

The election of Nixon, the growing economic struggles, the grave fascist danger in this country have been answered by the growing struggle for unity amongst the Marxist-Leninist forces of North America. This motion is best exemplified by the recent consultative conference in preparation for the coming Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists.

This struggle for unity has, of course, produced a developing antagonistic disunity within the "Left". This trend became objective and clear when the Revolutionary Union published a slanderous attack against the Communist League. The Communist League has been and is using the occasion of the attack to clarify our position on the question of Party building as well as to clarify what is Marxism-Leninism and what is economism and great nation chauvinism within the movement in the United States of North America (USNA).

We have answered the slander of the RU with politics--with the struggle to clarify objective political realities in this country. These polemics have served to further isolate the RU within the Left movement. Incapable of arguing with Leninism, the RU has shown its true features as a gang and not a political organization. In several areas, and especially in Chicago, RU members have taken to the threat of violence as a substitute to political polemics.

The national leadership of the Communist League has called upon the national leadership of the Revolutionary Union to put a stop to the threats before they become a reality. This plea for peaceful relations and political struggle was met with vulgarity, curses and further threats on the part of the RU national leader.

What is the real meaning of this current motion?

First of all it means that the struggle for unity of the revolution is moving to a higher stage--because unity is unthinkable without disunity. Growth is the process of excreting the negative as well as assimilating the positive.

Secondly, this motion serves to deflect the fire from the real danger--the Communist Party of the United States. The CPUSA is quite safe as long as it (and the state) can stir up violent struggles within the groupings that profess to be anti-revisionist.

Thirdly, we consider this motion to be a skillful manoeuvre

on the part of the political police. It is impossible for the police to attack any Communist organization while at the same time funding and protecting the CPUSA. This protection and development of revisionism is absolutely indispensable to the international split in and the destruction of the world revolutionary movement. It has been on the basis of this analysis that the Communist League has felt relatively secure from any attack on the part of the police that would be directed solely against the CL. However, the historical experience of the communist movement shows that any grouping that threatens to break out of the revisionist--syndicalist bag is bound to be attacked. We have always seriously considered that it would be gangs, operating under the cover of "politics", rather than the police that would drive the League underground.

We very well understand that the "Left" is the nestling place for the FBI and every stripe of provocateur. It would be a simple matter for the provocateurs to trigger a situation

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these "North Vietnamese" are in fact South Vietnamese fighters who joined their comrades to carry out people's war. The idea of people's war being successfully carried out by strangers to the land and people shows the bankruptcy of this "concession".

The Vietnamese people have fought consistently and heroically against overwhelming odds for many years to gain their freedom. There is no doubt that this struggle will continue to be waged. As in every process, the dialectical laws of development, of backsliding-crisis-leap forward are the inevitable rocky path to be traveled. To overlook the dangers facing the Vietnamese people by blindly supporting the peace settlement is the right deviation nurtured by the Soviet Union and here by the CPUSA and its conciliators. On the other hand, to condemn the Vietnamese for "selling out the revolution" is the "left" form that is being pushed by the opportunists. The essence of both types of deviations are to aid imperialism at a time when the revolutionary Vietnamese must have the maximum support of all progressives and revolutionaries throughout the world.

To expect a "peace" with imperialism to last with all of history moving toward socialism is simply the belching of the opportunists. The imperialists want a Congo or Brazil kind of "peace", aided by the backstabbing of the USSR.

With the world wide offen-

where the entire "Left" would be drawn into a violent conflict within the "Left". The Revolutionary Union alone bears responsibility for the development of this situation.

The Communist League calls upon the entire Left to exert their influence to stay the hand of this gang. We call upon our members and friends to be vigilant, and to be prepared to take all necessary measures to defend the revolutionary movement.

sive of revisionism, as the handmaiden to imperialism, Marxist-Leninists and all honest revolutionaries and progressives must fight for the clarity of the Marxist-Leninist line. As dialecticians, we realize that the Leninist policies are always opposed by opportunism, and this battle is intensifying as imperialism becomes more and more isolated and desperate. The relative strength shown by the USNA imperialists can slow down, confused and mislead, but history is demanding revolution.

We don't know what events will occur in the future and we are not going to use our press to speculate. However, we do understand certain objective laws about imperialism. We know that even if the USNA imperialists should pull out of Vietnam in form, that they would still be present in content, that they would still remain the force behind Thieu, the So. Vietnamese puppet army and all reaction. We also know that any "peace agreement", "ceasefire", etc., could only be temporary and that as long as imperialism exists wars of aggression will remain an inevitability. We stand firmly behind the demands of the Vietnamese people as expressed by MME. Nguyen Thi Binh at the Paris talks: "So long as Mr. Nixon is not ready to disengage himself from Vietnam and maintains Thieu in office, there can be no settlement, and therefore no ceasefire." (6)

US IMPERIALISM OUT OF VIETNAM!!
VICTORY TO INDEPENDENCE AND
PEACE IN VIETNAM!!

- 1) Time Magazine, Nov. 6, 1972, p. 33
- 2) New York Times, Nov. 19, 1972, p. 4, Sec. 1
- 3) Newsweek
- 4) "Pacifism and the Peace Slogan", V.I. Lenin, Collected Works, Vol. XVIII, Int. Pub. New York, 1930.
- 5) Chicago Sun Times, Oct. 26, 1972, p. 10
- 6) Chicago Daily News, 10/25/72

Elections Strengthen Bourgeois Dictatorship in USNA

The election of Richard Nixon to a second term as President has been called a landslide, an overwhelming victory for his policies, a vote for peace. Not surprisingly the Soviet social-imperialists have hailed Nixon's election saying that it strengthens the prospects of world peace. The questions we must ask are 1) what does the re-election of Nixon signify and 2) what should be the position of the revolutionary proletariat.

The re-election of Nixon marks a move to the right by the USNA imperialists. Their international collusion has certainly strengthened their international position and the recent elections offer a domestic parallel. The process of re-organization of the government, of the courts, the increasing attacks on governmental social services linked with the obvious increased bribery, show that the capitalist class is saying that they intend to drive for maximum profits, they cannot afford class struggle at home and therefore, they intend to one, tighten up the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and two, are quite willing to share the crumbs with a large section of the population in return for endorsement of imperialist aggression.

In doing this the bourgeois news services have made much to do about the Nixon "landslide". But when we examine the figures we see that out of the 140,000 eligible voters, little more than half voted. The 46 million votes for Nixon represent about 29% of the possible voters. Yet the imperialists are striving to utilize this "landslide" as complete endorsement of their policies and without a revolutionary party of the proletariat this sham is largely uncontested. While on one hand this 46 million votes is far from a "mandate of the people", it does represent a large backward and fairly organized section of all classes which endorse and profit from the imperialist subjugation of the colonial and semi-colonial world.

This is indeed a contradictory and extremely difficult situation, and the masses of proletarians are left only with the interpretations from the bourgeoisie. These facts of life only further record the wretchedness of the Communist Party USA, whose complete subservience to the bourgeois has seriously hamstrung the proletariat. The CPUSA twisted two basic policies of Leninism in their position on the elections in order to make Leninism acceptable to the bourgeoisie. First, the CPUSA ran its own candidate Gus Hall, in name, while supporting the "left" imperialist candidate, McGovern. The strategy outlined by Hall himself was to "rip off" bits of political power, to influence McGovern to

the left, possibly to utilize the support of McGovern in the "anti-monopoly coalition". The elections formed a crucial part of the CPUSA program, but this program is in complete contradiction to Leninism. Lenin makes it clear that the communists, when unable to disband reactionary parliaments must participate in them, but for what reason, to educate the masses to the nature of bourgeois dictatorship, the need for socialist revolution and dictatorship of the proletariat. The attitude of Lenin was to utilize the reactionary parliaments to expose the reactionaries, not to beg concessions from them. Secondly, Lenin was quite clear on the fundamental content of bourgeois democracy, that is dictatorship of the bourgeois, and he was definite that the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie could not be overthrown through the bourgeois apparatus of state power i.e., the courts, the congress, etc., but only by abolishing these and the other parts of the state and building a new state power, the dictatorship of the proletariat. Lenin says on these questions,

"In mockery of the teachings of Marx, those gentlemen, the opportunists including the Kautskyites, 'teach' the people that: the proletariat must first win a majority by means of universal suffrage, then, on the basis of the voting of that majority, obtain state power, and only after that, on that basis of "consistent" (otherwise called "pure") democracy, organize Socialism.

"But we say on the basis of the teachings of Marx and the experience of the Russian revolution:

"The proletariat must first overthrow the bourgeoisie and win for itself state power, and then use that state power, that is, the dictatorship of the proletariat, as an instrument of its class for the purpose of winning the sympathy of the majority of the toilers."

And further,

"It was this dialectics that the traitors, block heads and pedants of the Second International could never understand; the proletariat cannot achieve victory if it does not win the majority of the population to its side. But to limit that winning, to polling a majority of votes in an election under the rule of the bourgeoisie, or to make it the condition for it, is crass stupidity, or else sheer deception of the workers. In order to win the majority of the population to its side the proletariat must in the first place, overthrow the bourgeoisie and seize state power; secondly it must introduce Soviet power and smash the old state apparatus to bits whereby it immediately under-

mines the rule, prestige and influence of the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeois compromisers over the non proletarian toiling masses." Lenin on Revisionism, pgs. 35-37.

There is no wonder then that confusion in the working class abounds and the fault lies squarely at the feet of the CPUSA. Instead of using the elections to educate the masses (particularly as Lenin points out, to educate the masses to scientific socialism and not to the facts of life of which they are already aware) they use them to gain political favors and "bits of power". Secondly, instead of plainly teaching that the revolution cannot be consummated in parliamentary reforms or through the state apparatus of the bourgeois the CPUSA attempts to gain a cabinet member or a "friend" in Washington as they had with Roosevelt. Sort of an inside man in the bourgeoisie who is burdened with the representation of the toiling strata. Such deception!

The CPUSA fiddles while the most counter-revolutionary alliance in history is being consolidated. The ruling circles offer us Nixon or McGovern, the only difference being, would you like a kick in the head or the stomach. Gus Hall is no alternative, third or otherwise. Gus Hall and the CPUSA are merely further spokesmen of the ruling bourgeoisie and their election policies have greatly aided the bourgeoisie in consolidating and disarming the proletariat within the USNA.

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Statement From Venceremos On Communist League

Several months ago, a statement was circulated among organizations participating in the "Third World Coalition" (no longer in existence), based in San Francisco. That statement was, essentially, a position on the Communist League. It stated that the Communist League was to be excluded from the Third World Coalition and listed a number of reasons.

The name of Venceremos Organization was mistakenly placed on the list of organizations who were in support of the statement. Venceremos informed the Coalition to remove our name, but somehow this was not done.

We would like to make it publicly clear that we had nor have nothing to do with that statement, or with any position on the Communist League. Though we have had very little contact, we consider our relations with the Communist League to be friendly, and hope that they continue to be so.

Venceremos Central Committee.

Carter G. Woodson Jr. High School, New Orleans

EDUCATION TOOL OF NATIONAL OPPRESSION

In the last decade the USNA monopoly capitalist class was treated to a dire warning of its future in the spontaneous uprisings and rebellions of the Negro national minority workers in the Anglo-American nation and the Negro people in the Negro Nation. The revolutionary aspirations of the people had to be safely channeled away from the capitalist class. Thus in opposition to the slogan "burn, baby, burn" raised in 1965 in the Watts rebellion was raised the reformist slogan "learn, baby, learn". "Education is the answer", they say.

The bourgeoisie in bringing forth the slogan "learn, baby, learn" appealed to individuals to turn their backs on the real contradiction of imperialist oppression and to redirect their energies to strive to get ahead within the imperialist system.

A good education is a just demand of the working class. But educational systems reflect the class which they serve, and because we live under the dictatorship of the monopoly capitalist class or bourgeoisie, the educational system serves their needs and not the needs of the proletariat and working class. The bourgeoisie utilizes this system to control and enslave the proletariat.

How is this control and enslavement carried out? An examination of Carter G. Woodson Junior High School provides a good example of how this is done in the Negro Nation. Woodson is located in Central City, New Orleans, Louisiana, one of the city's largest poverty areas. Across the street from the school stands the enormous Magnolia public housing project. This project is inhabited by 4300 working class

Negro people, mostly families supported by welfare. The remainder of the people in the neighborhood served by Woodson are also low income working class people. All the students attending Woodson are Negro.

The poorly constructed Woodson school plant, built in 1952 to house a maximum of 900 children, has at times in its history held as many as 2000 students. Present enrollment is 1364; the student body has never been less than 1200. Class loads have at times been as high as 60 students in classrooms designed for 25. Classes of less than 30 are extremely rare. The school board refuses to acknowledge this fact and provides chairs for only 30 students per classroom. What equipment there is at Woodson is in terrible condition with

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DE MAU MAU INCIDENT USED TO DIVIDE WORKING CLASS

The recent "De Mau Mau" incident involving a rash of murders in the Chicago area has quickly been elevated by the bourgeois press into a nationwide "conspiracy" that threatens the "safety of the whole country". The case involving eight young Negro national minority ex-soldiers has once again shown the ability of the USNA ruling class to use spontaneous outbursts within the working class to suit their own purposes.

As was clearly illustrated by the recent election farce and further exposed by the murder of two Negro students in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the bourgeoisie is hard at work consolidating their dictatorship that has moved sharply to the right. In order to develop and extend their imperialist grip around the world in this period marked by the rising strength of USNA imperialism, the ruling class must be free to operate with the assurance that the class struggle in the USNA is at a low ebb. It is in this context that the De Mau Mau incident shows itself to be nothing more than an effective weapon to divide and confuse the working class and render it defenseless to the bourgeois dictatorship.

The question of innocence or guilt in this case has never been raised by the bourgeois press. Instead, they center on the spectre of a "race war", on instilling the fear that the Negro people are planning to exterminate all "whites". This white chauvinist ploy fits hand in glove with the bribery and corruption that the imperialists have carefully fed to the more backward and privileged sections of the working class, and has been

tied in with the unleashing of such fascist gangs as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party to drum up violent attacks on the national minority workers and especially the Negro national minority workers. Throughout the history of the USNA, the oppression of the working class began with increased exploitation and terrorization of the two direct colonies, the Negro Nation and Puerto Rico, and therefore to these national minority workers in the Anglo-American nation.

What has been the solution offered by the Communist Party USA to combat these attacks by the imperialists? Instead of rallying to the defense of the Negro people and the whole working class, the CPUSA has once again proven itself to be an effective agent of the bourgeoisie within the working class. Instead of exposing the treacherous designs of the imperialists, the CPUSA has taken up the high sounding slogans of Justice and Democracy! But what type of justice and democracy do these goats have in mind? Nothing more than bourgeois democracy and bourgeois justice! As R. Palme Dutt pointed out in his brilliant essay Fascism and Social Revolution, "Fascism grows organically out of bourgeois democracy"... "The more workers place their trust in legalism, in constitutionalism, in bourgeois democracy, the more they make sacrifices to save the existing regime as the 'lessor evil' against the menace of fascism, the heavier becomes the capitalist attacks and the more rapid the advance to fascism. To preach confidence in legalism, in constitutionalism, in bourgeois democracy, that is, in the capit-

alist state, means to invite and guarantee the victory of fascism." (International Pub., New York, 1935, p. 299)

Is it not the revisionist CPUSA and the Jesse Jacksons and other opportunists who breach participation around the electoral process, and making "democracy" work?

A real solution to the problems is not so simple. To rely on the "good naturedness" of the bourgeois, or worse, to rely on the spontaneous revolts of the working class, is to disarm the proletariat and render them leaderless in the face of a well organized enemy. The Communist League raises the call for the formation of a multi-national communist party, a party to stand in clear opposition to the revisionists and opportunists, a party to stand for the defense of the Negro people and the whole working class. As Dutt states, "The fight against Fascism can only be conducted in the basis of the united class fight of the workers (leading all the exploited strata) against all attacks of finance-capital, whether these attacks are conducted through nominal 'democratic' forms or through open fascist forms." (ibid p. 296)

To argue the guilt or innocence of the De Mau Mau 8 can lead nowhere but deeper into the bourgeois morass of justice and democracy. There can be no real justice or democracy for the Negro people as long as the Negro Nation remains a colony of USNA imperialism! There can be no freedom for the whole working class as long as it allows the system of imperialism to continue!

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nails exposed in chairs and broken desks. Do the imperialists and their flunkies on the school board care about these definite dangers to our children? All they care about is getting a new generation of Negro workers to replace their old and broken parents in the most oppressive and demeaning jobs, as the cheapest source of labor in the economy, so they can continue to make their super-profits. They could care less that many windows and heaters at Woodson are broken and remain so for months, in fact in some classrooms students have had to wear their coats all winter, because of the school board's policy to simply ignore all pleas for repairs at Woodson. The children have but one water fountain and three bathrooms for the entire school. As to education, many classes have gone without textbooks for months because of the school board's blatant lack of interest in moving available textbooks from a nearby school. This shows how the school board carries out the policy of the bourgeoisie in its total contempt for the educational needs of our children.

The contempt in which Negro people are held by a society dominated by the imperialist ideology of white chauvinism has a deadly effect on many of our children. Some finally come to internalize the lessons of imperialism and form themselves into self-destructive delinquent gangs. Their self-contempt and contempt for others and their attacks and exploitation of those weaker than themselves are only the internalization of what imperialism is doing to them and the oppressed peoples of the world. These gangs roam the neighborhood of Woodson, enter the school building, interrupt classes, threaten small children, extort nickles and dimes, and push dope. Many girls, some as young as 12 years old, have been raped in the school or on their way home from school. The answer to the problem by the school has been to hire private guards, by the city it has been to form the fascist "felony action squad" with orders to "shoot to kill". Crime and delinquency like any other social phenomenon arise out of the material economic base of the society. The imperialists can't get to the causes of crime without getting to themselves. Rather than do that they have their hired guns, the police, "shoot to kill".

Forty-four years ago a Southern statesman said, "We have been very careful to obey the letter of the Federal Constitution--but we have been very diligent and astute in violating the spirit of such amendments and such statutes as would lead the Negro to believe himself the equal of a white man. And we shall continue to conduct ourselves in that way." (1) The New Orleans school board has

been faithful to this statement. In answer to the pressure to integrate schools here, they first denied that they operate segregated schools, basing their denial on the fact that schools such as Woodson had a nominally integrated faculty. Although 70% of the children attending public schools in New Orleans are Negro, the school board has implemented a policy of "50-50" racial balance in all faculties as of Sept. 1972. This has involved massive transfers of teachers of both Anglo-American and Negro nationality and a virtual end to the hiring of Negro teachers. Since teachers transferred were those with the least experience, Woodson's children are the ones who have suffered. Those teachers with experience at Woodson were replaced by teachers without any prior teaching experience or with very little experience. In fact two classes at Woodson went without teachers for more than six weeks even though teachers in those subject areas were available, because the assignment of those teachers to Woodson would have upset the "50-50" racial balance. Once again the bourgeoisie and its flunkies have taken a just democratic demand of the people for equality of education and turned it into a weapon to be used against us.

The general quality of education at Woodson school is so low that at times there is no education. The few good teachers who come to Woodson quickly learn that their job is not to teach but to discipline. The administration of the school is headed by a school board puppet who has made it clear that the good teacher never has problems that must be referred to the office. New teachers receive no help. This principal is a Negro man who is a complete sell-out to the white chauvinist school board. In collusion with the school board he sends glowing reports of the activities of the school to his supervisors and never mentions the unbearable problems in the school. This happens because this principal does not want to lose his quite lucrative job in aiding the school board to aid the bourgeoisie in its oppression of the working class. The principal, who is the only one with the power to withdraw money from the general fund, keeps money flowing into it from money-making schemes such as school dances, picnics, ballgames, locker rentals, and I.D. card sales. And although the general fund is seldom used to buy anything for the school, it is almost always empty.

Carter G. Woodson Junior High School represents just one area in which the school board operates its oppression against the poor people of the city. Federal funds to poverty areas are allocated by averaging incomes in each district. The district boundary lines are drawn so that the schools needing the greatest amount of monies actually receive the least. One school district where the average family income was be-

tween \$2000 and \$3000 per year receives no federal funds because the district was gerrymandered to include the income of the owners of the largest real estate agency in the city. Another school located in an Anglo-American minority suburban area where incomes average over \$12,000 a year does receive federal funds due to its inclusion with the St. Bernard public housing project area, although few students in this all Negro project attend the federally funded Kennedy High School. Woodson was cut from federal funds by inclusion of a large commercial area and its business incomes with the under \$3000 per year incomes of the families with children actually attending the school.

The education of the children at Woodson is typical of the educational systems for the Negro people in the Negro Nation. Why must this be so? Comrade Stalin, in dealing with the limitations of the rights of national minorities and subject nations such as the "restriction of schools," states that this "can only serve to retard the free development of the intellectual forces of the proletariat of subject nations:" (2)

Historically in this country the bourgeoisie has always sought to maintain the masses of Negro people in ignorance as a tool for their control. During slavery it was illegal to teach a slave to read or write. After Reconstruction, talk of educating Negro people was ended when it was realized that under the developing sharecropping system of exploitation, "an educated labor force would be a liability rather than an asset." (3) With the development of industry in the South the only education made available to the masses of Negro people was that which suited them for and channeled them into the industrial jobs. (4) This mis-education of the masses of the Negro people continues to this day. Added to this the so-called scientific fascist genetic "theories" like that espoused by Jensen and Shockley are being pushed by the imperialists as a conscious tool for the further enslavement of the Negro people and the Negro Nation. (See People's Tribune, Vol. 2 #5, May-June 1971, "U.S. Capitalists Copy Nazis")

In an attempt to divide the working class these fascist lies were made a mandatory part of the educational program of the Anglo-American minority students in the Negro Nation. In the early 1960's the Louisiana State Board of Education made the book Race and Reason, which promotes the "doctrine" of the innate inferiority of Negroes, required reading for all Anglo-American minority students and teachers. This book was used in conjunction with the required high-school course "Americanism versus Communism". (5) This clearly and concretely shows that the purpose of white chauvinism is to keep the classes divided.

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As stated in the People's Tribune, Vol. 3, #6, "White chauvinism is a leading and specific form of USNA national chauvinism. White chauvinism is the excuse for the brutal exploitation of the colored masses of the world--white chauvinism is the principle ideology of aggressive USNA fascism. In the USNA we also find the other principle of fascist ideology which is anti-communism. Anti-communism is tightly linked to and generally expressed as white chauvinism." (6) The imperialists know this better than we do. "...the only hope that the USNA fascists have is to unite the white (Anglo-American-ed.) people in the United States as white (Anglo-American-ed.) people. This is their only hope." (7) "The swamp's gift to Dixie" the notorious Leander Perez, has said "I am not obsessed with the Negro question... It was the Stalin conspiracy to stir up revolution in the Black Belt in this country, among the Negroes and the sharecroppers. It was the Stalin plan then to recognize this Black Belt as an independent state, or nation, and back it up with aggressive military force." (8) Demagogues like Perez clearly understood that the Negro Nation exists and is a colony of USNA imperialism, and that to maintain their colony they must maintain the division of the working class which is accomplished through the ideology of white chauvinism. What we need is a clear understanding of the role played by white chauvinism in maintaining the enslavement of the Negro Nation. "Chauvinism is linked with the conquest and enslavement of nations and peoples--not races. Chauvinism is linked to imperialism and as such maintains the domination of one nation over another." (9)

The revisionist Communist Party of the US (CPUSA) knows this full well and yet puts forward the slogan "fight racism" which denies the existence of the Negro Nation and its oppression by USNA imperialism. Isn't the implementation of a "50-50" "racial" balance in school faculties fighting "racism"? Isn't the hiring of Negro school principals fighting "racism"? Isn't the election of a Negro to the school board fighting "racism"? All of these things were done in New Orleans and what has been accomplished? Absolutely nothing! Why? Because the battle is not one of race against race but is a battle for the freedom of the Negro Nation from its enslavement by the USNA imperialists. "...our only hope is to unite the class as a class. In other words, our struggle is a life and death struggle that is expressed in terms of great nation nationalism and proletarian internationalism...It follows from this, that any act that unites white (Anglo-American-ed) people on the basis of being white (Anglo-American-ed)--on the basis of white chauvinism--

PHILIPPINES REVOLUTION ATTACKED BY U.S.-MARCOS GANG

The Philippines, USNA imperialism's prize colony in the Pacific, have once again erupted in revolutionary struggles. In the past few months, the imperialists, through their puppet Marcos, have used the heavy hand of fascist violence in an effort to contain the revolutionary Filipino people. Marcos, led off their counter-revolutionary offensive by declaring martial law. As Time magazine reported it, "Filipinos calmly observed a midnight to

is a criminal act against the working class....Everything in the history of the USNA is going to reinforce white chauvinism because the ruling class very well knows that they are secure so long as there is disunity in the working class and they know there will be disunity to the extent that there is white chauvinism." (10)

The fight for decent education for working class people is also a political struggle, part of the class struggle "...and therefore the working class must take the lead in this fight. You can't fight alone. We must fight for unity at the broadest possible level and we must build an organization, a united, political force." (11)

"Hence the necessity for a new party, a militant party, a revolutionary party, one bold enough to lead the proletarians in the struggle for power, sufficiently experienced to find its bearings amidst the complex conditions of a revolutionary situation, and sufficiently flexible to steer clear of all submerged rocks in the path to its goal.

"Without such a party it is useless even to think of overthrowing imperialism, of achieving the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"This new party is the party of Leninism." (12)

1) Liberty Magazine, Ap. 21, 1928, p. 10.

2) Stalin, J.V., Marxism and the National Question, International Pub., N.Y., p. 21.

3) Simpson, Geo. Eaton and Yinger, J. Milton, Racial and Cultural Minorities, Harper & Row, N.Y., p. 413

4) Ibid., p. 413

5) Ibid., p. 28

6) People's Tribune, Vol. 3, #6, July 1971, "What is White Chauvinism?"

7) Ibid.

8) Sherrill, Robert, Gothic Politics in the Deep South, Bantam Books, N.Y., 1968, p. 37

9) People's Tribune, Vol. 3, #6, July 1971, "What is White Chauvinism?"

10) Ibid.

11) People's Tribune, Vol. 4, #3, Ap. 1972, "Education Attacked in Chicago".

12) Stalin, J.V., The Foundations of Leninism, Foreign Languages Press, 1970, p. 103.

4 a.m. curfew, military camps outside Manila began to fill with detainees picked up by Marcos' police on charges ranging from smuggling and tax evasion to giving aid and comfort to Communist subversives. At week's end there were 98 in the camps, among them three senators, three representatives and at least ten prominent journalists. Elementary schools began to reopen, but university campuses remained closed, as were all but two of Manila's 15 newspapers, five of its twelve radio stations, and one of its seven television stations. The media that were left were reliably pro-Marcos." Marcos shot or imprisoned anyone who did not agree with his policies. He then rounded up any one that might sympathize with the New People's Army or Communist Party let alone the many communist fighters.

The intensity of this fascist drive is testimony to the strategic importance of the Philippines as a base of operations for the USNA imperialists. The Philippines are located a little above the equator and bounded by the Pacific Ocean, the China Sea and the Celebes Sea. It lies some 600 miles southeast of the coast of mainland Asia and is strung on a north-south axis, bounded by China to the north and Indonesia and North Kalimantan to the south. This geographic position of the Philippines makes the Filipino people literally close to the center of the world revolution, and part of a gigantic wave of powerful revolutionary movements in Southeast Asia.

The Philippines is a colony, and as such has been used as a reserve of USNA imperialism. The USNA imperialists have been able to use the Philippines as a base of action against the Indochinese peoples. "The Filipino people are literally in a large prison surrounded by strategically-located US land, air, and naval bases. The US Air Force hovers above them. The US Navy patrols Philippines waters as it pleases. As of 1969, apart from those in transit to or from the Vietnam war at least 50,000 US troops were reported to be stationed on US military bases." (1)

USNA imperialism has more than 20 military bases occupying close to 200,000 hectares. In 1954 the Manila Pact was formed or otherwise known as SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization). It included two puppet governments of US imperialism in Southeast Asia: namely, the Philippines and Thailand, and it is dominated by imperialist powers headed by the USNA. Under this treaty USNA imperialism can bring along the Philippines to its wars of aggression in Indochina. This pact "officially" allows the USNA chieftains to use its reserves, namely its puppet

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armies, to carry out the dirty work of conquering and containing its colonies under the banner of "mutual defense" against communism. And conversely, USNA imperialism can use other puppet troops to conduct subversion and aggression against the Philippines.

The Filipino people have been struggling against colonialism for a long time. Before the USNA imperialists they fought the Spanish colonialists. The Filipino people will not be defeated by USNA imperialism, no matter what tricks and brute force the imperialists use. Let us examine a brief history of the struggles that have taken place in the Philippines.

After hundreds of years of severe colonial oppression and exploitation under the Spanish the Philippine revolution broke out in 1896. "The Philippine revolution of 1896 was a national democratic revolution of the old type. Though Bonifacio (leader of the revolution) came from the working class, he was not in possession of proletarian ideology. The guiding ideology of the revolution was that of the liberal bourgeoisie. His classic model was the French revolution and Bonifacio himself was inspired mainly by its ideas. At any rate, the revolution asserted the sovereignty of the Filipino people, the protection and promotion of civil liberties, the confiscation of the friar estates and the elimination of theocratic rule." (2) But this revolution was sold out by Emilio Aguinaldo, and on June 12, 1898 Aguinaldo made the Kawit proclamation of independence which carried an unfortunate qualification "under the protection of the Mighty and Humane North American nation." With this the USNA troops arrived and the colonialists of the Spanish were replaced with USNA imperialism.

The struggle of the Filipino people continued but without the guidance of a Communist Party. However "the Communist Party of the Philippines was established on Nov. 7, 1930 by Crisanto Evangelista in response to the growing demand for national and social liberation. It strived to integrate the universal theory of Marxism-Leninism with the concrete conditions of Philippine society and raise the level of the Philippines revolution to a new type of national democratic revolution in the era of imperialism." (3) The people now led by a Communist Party continued their struggle against USNA imperialism. Under world pressure and due to the crisis of imperialism, the USNA granted sham independence in the form of the Hares-Hawes-Cutting Law in 1933.

With the rise of fascism throughout the world the party intensified the anti-fascist movement among the workers and peasants under the banner of the Popular Front. In an at-

tempt to increase its membership and mass support rapidly, the Communist Party of the Philippines merged with the Socialist Party of the Philippines to form the Communist Party of the Philippines in 1938. "In the congress that ratified the merger, agents of the bourgeoisie who had crept into the party and usurped authority therein while Party leaders were in prison succeeded in having themselves formally elected to responsible positions, especially in the so-called second line of



leadership. These remolded petty-bourgeois elements represented by Vicente Lava conspired with anti-communist elements in the Civil Liberties Unions and League for the Defense of Democracy in inserting into the 1938 constitution of the merger party counter-revolutionary provisions supporting the colonial constitution of the puppet commonwealth government." (4) Lava and Taruc, the imperialists agents within the party, continued to try and steer the Filipino people onto a course of reconciliation with USNA imperialism. They maneuvered to preoccupy the Party leadership with bourgeois parliamentarism, pacifism and civil liberties. Nevertheless, the revolutionary cadres and members of the Party succeeded in holding the Central Luzon Bureau Conference on Feb. 6, 1942 and decided to fight the Japanese aggressors with a people's army. Thus, the Party acquired the honor of being the only Party in the Philippines that decided to fight the fascist invaders and assert the sovereignty of the Filipino people. It created the Anti-Japanese People's Army (Huk ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon) on March 29, 1942 and rallied the people to armed resistance. The revisionist counter-revolutionary group in the Party continued to struggle against the correct line. "It spread the line of limiting the people's struggle to one exclusively against the Japanese and hailing the return of US imperialism and its puppet commonwealth government. At the height of the anti-fascist

war, it adopted the cowardly line of retreat for defense." (5)

"Despite the efforts of the agents of US imperialism to weaken them from within, the Party and the HUKBALAHAP distinguished themselves as the fiercest and most effective fighters against the Japanese fascists and their puppets. They made it difficult for the enemy to get their food, especially rice, from Central Luzon. They stood out as the strongest single guerilla force with the greatest popular support and widest territory after the war." (6) The USNA imperialists realized the strength of the HUKBALAHAP and as soon as it returned to power, they maneuvered to attack and disintegrate the HUKBALAHAP and other guerilla forces that were independent of their control. Upon their arrival back into the Philippines, the USNA imperialists unleashed a reign of white terror against the people. The people were outraged and wanted to fight back. But the revisionist gang of Lava and Taruc insisted that the people were tired of war and that a campaign for democratic peace be called for. The hidden traitors within the Party hailed the fake independence promised by USNA imperialism. Consequently the Party headquarters was moved out of the countryside into the city. They organized the Democratic Alliance so that it could help USNA imperialism put up a sham republic. They converted the HUKBALAHAP into the Huk Veterans League and thus put the people at the mercy of the enemy.

But the Filipino people did not give up the struggle and have continued to struggle against USNA imperialism. As has been shown there has been great inner-party struggle in the Communist Party of the Philippines. The counter-revolutionary line of the Lava's and Taruc's persisted for more than three decades within the party. The Filipino people have a great hatred for the USNA imperialists, but their hatred for the revisionists within the party is as great. The Lava and Taruc gang tried incessantly to put the people at the mercy of the imperialists and many times led the people to defeat. Realizing that the counter-revolutionaries had to be defeated the CPP was re-established under the supreme guidance of Marxism-Leninism. The Party was re-established on Dec. 26, 1968 after several years of criticism and self-criticism conducted by both old and young proletarian revolutionaries. The counter-revolutionary revisionist line of the Lava's and Taruc's was thoroughly criticized and repudiated.

"Under the leadership of the CPP, the people's guerrillas were transformed into the New People's Army on March 29, 1969. In the meeting of the red commanders and fighters, the Taruc-Sumulong gangster clique was repudiated as a counter-revolutionary remnant of the old black bourgeois gang of the Lava's and Taruc's." (cont. on p. 9)

On The Question Of Peace

PART THREE OF C.L. RESPONSE TO R.U. ATTACK

One of the major questions facing the proletariat today is the question of peace. Throughout the world the toilers yearn to be free from hardships, death, and suffering caused by war. It is precisely because this issue is so important that the revisionist betrayal on the question of peace is so dangerous. Recently the "Revolutionary Union", acting as the spokesmen within the "movement" for the CPUSA, attacked the Communist League and issued notice that we were not invited to take part in their "anti-war" movement, our participation, they said, would be "self-

defeating". What the revisionists overlook, however, is that what will defeat their opportunist position on the question of peace is the internal contradiction within that position, the fact that their position of bourgeois pacifism in the "anti-war" movement fundamentally opposes Leninism and the direction of history.

For the imperialists peace is only a continuation of war by other means. They accept peace when they think they can obtain their objectives through it and/or make further preparations for war. Joseph Stalin pointed out that the imperial-

ists "have only one aim in resorting to pacifism: to dupe the masses with high-sounding phrases about peace in order to prepare for a new war." (CV FLPH Moscow, 1953, V VI p. 297) Further, Lenin once said, "There are symptoms that such a turn has taken place or is about to take place; that is, a turn from imperialist war to imperialist peace." (Lenin on War and Peace p. 73) For the imperialists, "pacifism is an instrument for the preparation of war and for disguising this preparation by hypocritical talk of peace." (Stalin, Vol. 11, p. 209)

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The red commanders and fighters issued a document of rectification, 'The New People's Army' and promulgated the Rules of the New People's Army." (7) Since the re-establishment of the Party the Taruc-Sumulong gangster clique has lost all pretension and has offered to surrender to the Marcos puppet regime on the condition that it would retain its handful of goons and its wealth.

"The Communist Party of the Philippines today maintains its leadership on the revolutionary armed struggle and in the national united front. Since its re-establishment, it has heroically and correctly upheld the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and the leadership of the Filipino proletariat in the Philippine revolution. U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism can no longer ride roughshod over the Filipino people without being isolated and hit back by an invincible revolutionary mass movement of workers, peasants, students, intellectuals and all other patriots." (8)

In the recent years the Filipino people have been fighting the fascist policies of Marcos. Marcos has proved to be a willing puppet of USNA imperialism. He has sent Filipino mercenary troops to participate in the aggressive war against the Indochinese people. The Marcos puppet regime has echoed every "new" policy and followed every new step taken by USNA imperialism. It follows Nixon's "new Asia policy" of having Asians fight Asians. He has supported the revival of Japanese militarism and has encouraged Japanese monopolies to invade the Philippines. Under the guise of "this nation can be a great nation again" or "new Filipinism", Marcos has ruthlessly employed the state to suppress the broad masses of people through selective and mass terrorism. Under Marcos, private armies and official murder units have been constructed. These groups unchecked brazenly commit-

ted atrocities against the Filipino people. Massacres, mass arrests, kidnappings, assassinations, rape, arson, extortion and looting of homes have characterized the puppet regime of Marcos.

The Filipino people are a great people. They have fought against foreign intervention and imperialism for hundreds of years. The war of resistance that the Filipino people are waging is a just and correct war. They are fighting for national liberation under the leadership of a strong and politically correct communist party. We in the USNA and particularly Anglo-America must support the struggles of the Filipino people. As Lenin says, "The proletariat must demand the right of political secession for the colonies and for the nations that 'its own' nation oppresses. Unless it does this, proletarian internationalism will remain a meaningless phrase; mutual confidence and class solidarity between the workers of the oppressing and oppressed nations will be impossible;" (9) The best way that we can show our support for the struggling masses of the Philippines is to build a multi-national communist party, a real communist party that can lead the USNA to proletarian revolution. We are entering a new historic era in the development of this party. We can and must learn from the CPP in their struggle to build a Communist Party. We must be vigilant and fight against social-chauvinism, opportunism and revisionism in our ranks. We have many long years ahead of us in the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat. We must be patient and steadfast in our struggle. Lenin has taught us well, let us learn from him. "However, five, ten and even more years may pass before the socialist revolution begins. In that case the task will be to educate the masses in a revolutionary spirit so as to make it possible for Socialist chauvinists and opportunists to belong to the workers party and to achieve a victory similar to that of 1914-1916. It will be the duty of

the Socialists to explain to the masses that English socialists who fail to demand the freedom of secession for the colonies and for Ireland; that German Socialists who fail to demand the freedom of secession for the colonies, for the Alsations, for the Danes, and for the Poles, and who fail to carry direct revolutionary propaganda and revolutionary mass action to the field of struggle against national oppression, who fail to take advantage of cases like the Zaber incident to conduct widespread underground propaganda among the proletariat of the oppressing nation to organize street demonstrations and revolutionary mass actions; that Russian socialists who fail to demand freedom of secession for Finland, Poland and the Ukraine etc.--are behaving like chauvinists, like lackeys of the blood-and-mud-stained imperialist monarchies and imperialist bourgeoisie." (10) That is our task. We must not fail. We must lend every ounce of support that we have to the Filipino people in their struggle against imperialism. We the Anglo-American proletariat have a big debt to pay to the Filipino masses. We stood by once, as the USNA imperialists slaughtered them, we must not allow that to happen again. We must make the slogan Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Unite, a living slogan and not just a meaningless phrase.

GET IMPERIALISM OUT OF THE PHILIPPINES!!
BUILD A MULTI-NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY!!

- 1) Amado Guerrero, Philippine Society and Revolution, Ta Kung Pao, Hong Kong, 1971, p. 1-2
- 2) Ibid. pg. 27
- 3) Ibid. pg. 47-48
- 4) Ibid. pg. 52
- 5) Ibid. pg. 56-57
- 6) Ibid. pg. 57
- 7) Ibid. p. 111
- 8) Ibid. pg. 112
- 9) Lenin, Right of Nations to Self-Determination, Inter. Pub., New York, 1951, pg. 77
- 10) Lenin op.cit. pg. 83

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Historically the revisionists and opportunists have consistently masked themselves, relying on the proletariat's desire for peace, with the cloak of bourgeois pacifism to help the imperialists cover up the new danger of war and to blunt the fighting class consciousness of the people. Before the first World War, the revisionists of the Second International, led by Bernstein and Kautsky, tried to poison peoples' minds and prevent revolution by introducing bourgeois pacifism into the working class of Russia. They separated the question of peace from the class struggle, regarding it as a thing unto itself. They threatened the people with the fear that war would destroy mankind. They did not separate the just from the unjust wars but instead propagated the theory that weapons decide everything. Kautsky and Bernstein preached that disarmament would not only assure equality of nations but would save money so that the imperialists could aid the "backward" countries. Lenin replied to these characters that pacifists and their 'Socialist' imitators or followers, have always pictured, and now picture, peace as being something in principle distinct from war, for the pacifists of both shades have never understood that "War is the continuation of the politics of peace and peace is the continuation of the politics of war."... (War and Peace, p. 95)

Khrushchev and the modern revisionists brought back many of the former arguments of the Second International. Khrushchev, Tito, and Togliatti all sprouted the bourgeois trash of the reasonableness of the imperialists, the need for nuclear containment, the position that wars of national liberation should be curtailed for fear of starting a world war. Khrushchev took the concept of peaceful transition and used it to call for the halt of wars of national liberation. This was the opposite of the line of Stalin who said in Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR, that "To eliminate the inevitability of war, it is necessary to abolish imperialism." (p. 52)

Presently the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party USA have taken up the mantle of Kautsky and Khrushchev. The leaders of the Soviet Union and the USNA have recently accelerated their collusion to a formal basis. Based on "common interests", President Nixon and party leader Brezhnev have formally met, signed treaties, and made agreements and decisions on the division of the world. This is truly carrying on the designs of imperialism. One of the major planks in this collaboration of the super-imperialist powers is the issue of bour-

geois peace. Now each group is spreading through the world, backed by the other's agreement, trying to interject the questions of bourgeois pacifism into the national liberation struggles. This rapprochement of the social-imperialists and the imperialists is an extremely serious question facing the toiling masses of the world.

The CPUSA, faithful running dogs of the Soviet and USNA imperialists, bases all its hopes on the success of the "March Moscow agreements". They have for some time interjected into the USNA working class, not the Leninist position on the question of peace, but instead, bourgeois pacifism. They have attempted to take the revolutionary character out of the heroic war of National Liberation waged by the Vietnamese people and replace it with a question of "morality" and "ethics". They have not projected to the proletariat the need to struggle against the war of aggression by USNA imperialism as a fundamental task in turning the reserves of imperialism into reserves of revolution, but instead have whined about "inflation" and the "disillusionment of the youth" that the war has caused. Now, as the most counter-revolutionary alliance of imperialist forces ever seen is quickly consolidating, the CPUSA tries to focus the hopes of the masses upon this alliance, instead of pointing out the true character of the current situation. Instead of seeing the temporary strength both the USNA imperialists and the bourgeois rulers of the Soviet Union have gained from this entente, the CPUSA points to the collusion as "reasonableness" and "hope for the future".

Likewise, the "new left" revisionists, principally represented by the RU have clamored not to raise the consciousness of the most advanced sections of the proletariat, but to unite with the CPUSA in the bourgeois pacifism of the "anti-war" movement. These groupings represent the right and the left of the liberal bourgeoisie, but the liberal bourgeoisie all the same. What reasoning can they have for their "anti-war" movement? They can claim ignorance, a claim we fully grant them, but ignorance on the principle questions of Leninism is criminal at a time when clarity, clarity and more clarity is needed within the revolutionary proletariat.

It is clear that the world situation is rapidly changing and that the collaboration between the Soviet Union and the USNA is one of the most significant events in current history. The CPUSA attempts to lull the USNA proletariat with false hopes in the Soviet leadership and the line that USNA imperialism is growing weaker and weaker, approaching a point when a "united front" of anti-monopoly forces can be voted into power. The leadership of the RU makes

basically the same projections. One of the keys to this counter-revolutionary scheme is the blocking of any efforts of the advanced proletarians to build a party or to spread the fundamental positions of Marxism-Leninism within the proletariat. This is why their united front efforts are always toward the banal, the slogans and positions which are most acceptable to the bourgeoisie and least acceptable to the proletariat. Their "united fronts" and "anti-war movements" do not in quality represent anything different than the Youth for McGovern, despite their tremendous financial backing, with the proletariat just as disinterested in one as the other.

What then is the position of Marxist-Leninists on the question of war? Marxists despise war, for it is the toilers who bear the suffering during war. We denounce war as a means to settle political differences, yet we realize that as long as classes exist the exploiters will begin and perpetrate war to maintain their exploitation. War is a continuation of politics by other means. While we are opponents of war we are not unqualified opponents of all war, for us the fundamental question is the class content of the war and the advantage for the proletariat of the world. The hideous crimes of the imperialist wars invariably revolutionize the masses and likewise the will of the masses in the final analysis will determine the outcome of the wars. It is the duty of the communists to point out the class nature of the wars, and to rally the proletariat in their own interests and against the interests of international capital.

Modern war is born of imperialism. It is the imperialists who start and perpetuate modern wars. War is a natural and inevitable outgrowth of imperialist development. For the imperialists, peace is merely a continuation of their war policies. The role of the opportunists is to cover and conceal these facts under a blanket of "peace" as an abstract and declassified issue.

For the socialists, both those within the socialist and capitalist countries, the unwavering position is to fight against imperialist war until it is impossible to carry out the struggle against imperialism without it. At certain times in history it is necessary to make peace with the imperialists. Lenin clearly outlined the difference between this position and opportunism when he stated concerning the Treaty of Brest Litovsk,

"Here, by the way, there arises the question of opportunism. Opportunism consists in sacrificing basic interests while making temporary, partial gains. Here, if one takes the theoretical definition of opportunism, is the essence.

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Overthrow the U.S.-Marcos Dictatorship to Achieve National Freedom and Democracy

THE FOLLOWING IS PART I OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES. THIS SEGMENT TALKS CONCRETELY ABOUT MARTIAL LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES AND WHAT IT HAS MEANT FOR THE FILIPINO PEOPLE. MORE OF THE STATEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE ISSUES OF PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE. - Ed.

The essence of the formal declaration of martial law through Proclamation No. 1001 is the brazen imposition of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship on the entire Filipino nation and people. This proclamation is in effect the formal declaration of civil war by the U.S.-Marcos clique against the broad masses of the people. At the same time it is in the final analysis the

death sentence for its criminal authors because the people shall win in the end through revolutionary struggle.

As a result of the complete self-exposure of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, the conditions for the rapid advance of the Philippine revolution against U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism have become far more excellent than ever before. The ranks of the revolutionary movement have rapidly broadened and the various forms of revolutionary struggle, principally armed struggle, have further intensified.

A new level of revolutionary struggle has come about. All over the country, the people are brimming with revolutionary hatred for the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, the violent opposite of national freedom and democracy which they cherish. It is starkly clear to every one that a fascist dictatorship, seeking to perpetuate itself through counter-revolutionary violence, can be overthrown only through revolutionary violence. The U.S.-Marcos clique has only dug deeper its grave.

The Usurpation of Absolute Power by the U.S.-Marcos Dictatorship

With an autocratic arrogance reminiscent of absolute monarchy in feudal times, the U.S.-Marcos clique has converted Article VII, Section 10, Paragraph 2 of the reactionary constitution into an overall license to suppress the sovereign rights of the Filipino people in violation of every concept of republicanism. It is the absurd stand of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship that it can declare and implement an "unlimited form of martial law". If the fascist logic of the dictatorship were to be followed, this particular constitutional provision should have merited being the preamble, Article I or Article II, but never lower than Article III entitled "Bill of Rights" of the reactionary constitution. Indeed, fascist dictators themselves wantonly violate the priority of principles laid down hypocritically in bourgeois constitutions and pick constitutional provisions out of context in order to suit their tyranny.

Without bothering to get any authorization from Congress, Marcos highhandedly signed Proclamation No. 1081 on September 21 and subsequently signed corresponding general orders, letters of instruction and a presidential decree on September 22 and September 23 before finally making them public at 7:15 on the evening of September 23, 1972. In his

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Many have gone astray on this. At the peace of Brest we sacrificed precisely those interests of Russia, as they are understood in the patriotic sense, which were secondary from the point of view of Socialism. We made gigantic sacrifices, but still they were sacrifices of secondary things." (Lenin on War and Peace, p. 47-48)

For Marxist-Leninists peace can only be won through struggle. Lenin stated that "Now, the struggle for peace has begun. This struggle is hard. Whoever thought that peace can be achieved easily, that one has only to start mentioning peace for the bourgeoisie to bring it to us on a platter, is a completely naive person." (LWP p. 53) This concrete expression of Leninism is well known to the Vietnamese people, who for decades have struggled against the aggressive policies of the USNA imperialists and who have continually fought for a peaceful reunification of their country.

Contrary to the position of the opportunists, which is that the National Liberation struggles must be limited in order to prevent world war, the position of Marxist-Leninists is that the National Liberation movement is an active factor in the struggle for peace and for the overthrow of imperialism. Finally, it is not the collaboration nor the "reasonableness" of the imperialists which will prevent war but the elimination of imperialism by the victorious proletariat.

We offer the modern revisionists and opportunists the same words Lenin reserved for the Second International. "Marxism is not pacifism. It is necessary, of course, to fight for the speediest termination of the war. But only if a revolutionary struggle is called for does the demand for 'peace' acquire proletarian meaning. Without a series of revolutions, so called democratic peace is a philistine utopia. The purpose of a real programme of action would be served only by a Marxian programme, which gave the masses a full and clear explanation of what has occurred, which

explained what imperialism is and how to combat it,...." (Lenin On War and Peace, Three Articles, FLP, Peking, p. 43)

It is this question of the Marxist position on the question of peace which the opportunists are trying to mask. Joseph Stalin, in an interview with Pravda Correspondent in 1951 (FLPH Moscow) described the position of Marxists:

"How will this struggle between the aggressive and peace loving forces end?"

"Peace will be preserved and consolidated if the peoples take the cause of preserving peace into their own hands and uphold it to the end. War may become inevitable if the warmongers succeed in enmeshing the popular masses in a web of lies, deceiving them and inveiling them into another world war.

"Hence a broad campaign for the preservation of peace, as a means of exposing the criminal machinations of the warmongers is now of paramount importance.

"As to the Soviet Union, it will continue unswervingly to pursue its policy of preventing war and preserving peace."

Regardless of the boasts of the opportunist leadership of the CPUSA and the RU, their actions are sharply hurting the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam have consistently displayed steadfast allegiance to the principles of Lenin and to the struggle against the USNA imperialists. The recent negotiations for peace in Vietnam may yield an end to the direct armed aggression of the imperialists. But the role of revolutionaries within the USNA is not to confuse the issue of peace, but make it clear, is not to support the CPUSA but to struggle to build a proletarian communist party which will lead the struggle against imperialism. In this light we of the Communist League pledge unwavering support to our comrades in Vietnam and unwavering opposition to the tricks, maneuvers, falseness and aggression of USNA and Soviet imperialism.

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"background" speech for his prior acts, all essentially calculated to usurp and concentrate absolute governmental power in his hands and suppress every kind of democratic and revolutionary opposition to his regime, he boasted of wanting "to save the republic and to reform society" and of doing so in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the reactionary armed forces alone. In this regard, the puppet dictator Marcos keeps repeating "I" and "me personally" to his autocratic pretensions.

Proclamation No. 1081 lays down at length the pretexts for martial law and dictatorship, such as that there is not only a "state of rebellion" and "subversion" but even "an actual state of war" throughout the country, including the Greater Manila area. This is supposed to be due to a "criminal conspiracy" of such diverse groups of men as the Communist Party of the Philippines; the Liberal Party; certain sections of the Nationalista Party; the publishers, editors and other journalists; members of the constitutional convention; Manila TV-radio broadcasters; leaders and members of mass organizations of workers, peasants, students, teachers and professionals, women and others, the national minorities, especially those of Mindanao; and even such unwholesome groups as crime syndicates, petty warlords and the lava revisionist renegades. Then, the proclamation orders the reactionary armed forces to put the entire country under martial law and detain indefinitely at the whim of the commander-in-chief all those deemed opposed to his fascist puppet regime.

The promulgation of Proclamation No. 1081 immediately violates Article VI, Section 26 of the reactionary constitution which clearly states that "in times of war or other national emergency, the Congress may by law authorize the President, for a limited period and subject to such restrictions as it may prescribe, to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out a declared national policy". This constitutional provision points out the authority of Congress and the necessity of having a declared national policy-making body of the reactionary government before signing his fascist proclamation. He even went farther by issuing General Order No. 1 and Presidential Decree No. 1 which put Congress to naught.

General order No. 1 proclaims that the entire nation and the entire government, including all its agencies and instrumentalities, are under the absolute authority of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Under this order, both the legislative department and the judi-

cial department, coequals and coordinates of the executive department under the constitution, are arbitrarily rendered inutile and even nonexistent. This order also carries with it the implication that the commander-in-chief of the reactionary armed forces can at whim disregard and violate anyone's right to public office by virtue of election or civil service rules. In effect, the fascist dictatorship has torn to pieces the very same constitution which it pretends to defend and draw authority from.

The promulgation of Presidential Decree No. 1 clearly shows that Marcos has arrogated unto himself the prerogatives and functions of Congress or the legislative department. Under this decree, the "Integrated Reorganization Plan" is simply declared 'part of the law of the land' despite the fact that this is a pending congressional bill. The fascist dictator has even seen it fit to berate Congress for not having had enough sense to pass this bill before. By way of confirming the dissolution or absorption by him of Congress, he invited a number of congressmen on September 25 only to tell them to become "models in their communities" and to threaten them veiledly with dispossession of their property by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. To stress the point that he has assumed fascist dictatorial powers, he has ordered the detention of several members of Congress in military camps or placed them under house arrest or under threat of detention and other punitive measures.

General Order No. 3 clearly puts all actions of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship above civilian courts, including the Supreme court. It takes away from these the prerogative of trying seven categories of cases of vital importance, such as those involving; 1) the validity, legality or constitutionality of any rules, orders or acts issued, promulgated or performed by the dictator himself or his duly designated representative; 2) the validity, legality, or constitutionality of any rules, orders or acts issued, promulgated or performed by public servants pursuant to decrees, orders, rules and regulations issued and promulgated "by me" or by "my duly designated representative" pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081; 3) crimes against national security and the laws of nations; 4) crimes against the fundamental laws of the state; 5) crimes against public order; 6) usurpation of authority, rank, title and improper use of names, uniforms, and insignia; and 7) crimes committed by public officers.

The abovementioned cases are put within the exclusive jurisdiction of military commissions or military courts created by the chief of staff of the reactionary armed forces under the direction of the dictatorship. In other words, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and its fascist minions can commit every crime with abso-

lute impunity. Marcos himself has scorned the petition of detainees for the writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court as an exercise in futility since he claims now to be the sole authority on judicial matters as commander-in-chief of the reactionary armed forces. He has also declared that he will remove and replace public officials in any government department, including the judiciary; in fact he has already demanded the resignation of all judges of the lower civilian courts and special courts like the Court of Industrial Relations and Court of Agrarian Relations. The scope of authority given to the military courts is so comprehensive that all civilian courts, including the Supreme court are left with no more cases to try, except a few kinds of a marginal nature.

General Order No. 3 orders that the present officers and employees of all executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, government-owned or controlled corporations, as well as all governments of all the provinces, cities and municipalities and barrios can remain in office only at the pleasure of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and can no longer consider as sufficient basis for tenure previous elections or civil service eligibility.

Provincial governors and town and city mayors are now so much threatened that some of those who were previously critical of the U.S.-Marcos clique, especially those from the Liberal Party, have started to sing paeans for Marcos as if the criminal character of this scoundrel can be appeased by capitulation. Presidential Decree No. 1 emphasizes the threat of dismissal against appointive officials and employees even without due process and due cause. The real intention of the "Integrated Reorganization Plan" is to effect mass dismissal of civilian employees so that their salaries could be used for the purposes of the fascist military, although the avowed intention of the dictatorship is to reduce the costs of government by "weeding out" those whom it categorizes as "corrupt, inefficient, ignorant and useless".

By acting on the sole basis that he is the commander-in-chief of the reactionary armed forces and by implementing his line of "unlimited martial law" above and beyond the entire constitution, Marcos has supplanted "civilian authority" with "military authority", notwithstanding his previous declaration on September 23 that there was "no military takeover", and has calculated to perpetuate his dictatorship, notwithstanding his oft-repeated claim that he wants the "national emergency" to end "as soon as possible".

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itary lapdogs on September 26, the dictator himself declared: "...by and large, the military in the Philippines have demonstrated their capacity to govern, rule and exact obedience... This is the first new principle or manifestation in the New Society which we would like to create: that there is a breed of men capable not only of ruling others but of governing themselves... we must thank you and the men under you, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men, all the way down to the lowest level, have shown and demonstrated that this principle in which we believe, that is that the military can be given all the power..."

For all intents and purposes, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is hell-bent on employing an armed minority of men (at the moment only about 65,000 including noncombatant personnel) to ride roughshod over the people. This is absolutely necessary as the dictatorship intends to perpetuate itself for "two years or more" (as revealed by top C.I.A. agent Alejandro Melchor in a press interview in the United States, after making a special report on the Philippine situation to his U.S. imperialist masters). This is far beyond the one year and three months that is left of the constitutional tenure of Marcos.

The Suppression of the Basic Democratic Rights of the People

In line with the vile scheme of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship to perpetuate itself in power, General Order No. 2, General Order No. 4 and General Order No. 5 are all aimed at directly intimidating and actually curtailing and suppressing the basic democratic rights of the broad masses of the people. Of course, these are closely related to General Order No. 3 which, elaborating on Proclamation No. 1081, subjects the people to final judgment by their fascist persecutors.

General Order No. 2 reiterates the order for mass arrests and mass detention immediately embodied in Proclamation No. 1081. It orders the fascist troops to arrest and detain for as long as it pleases the dictatorship "such persons as may have committed crimes and offenses in furtherance or on the occasion of or incident to or in connection with the crimes of insurrection or rebellion, as well as persons who have committed crimes against national security and the law of nations, crimes against public order, crimes involving usurpation of authority, title, improper use of name, uniform and insignia, including persons guilty of crimes as public officers, as well as those persons who may have violated any decree or order promulgated by me personally or promulgated upon my direction".

Under this order, anyone can be blacklisted by the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, blackmailed or actually put through sham trial in the military courts and punished arbitrarily. In the first wave of nationwide mass arrests, conducted from 9:00 p.m. of September 23, several thousands of leading personalities in various legal endeavors and common people were apprehended and thrown into military camps and many of these were brutally tortured or even murdered. So far, only a little over a hundred detainees in the Manila-Rizal region have been reported through the Marcos-controlled government radio stations and the Marcos-owned Kaalaon Broadcasting System (KBS) and Daily Express.

General Order No. 4 orders the maintenance of a daily curfew throughout the Philippines from 12:00 midnight to 4:00 in the morning. This has immediately resulted in the disruption of the livelihood of a great number of people, including workers on the night shift, fishermen, market vendors, transport workers and businessmen, restaurant employees, street peddlars and so many others. To disregard this order infringing on the free movement of the people is to suffer brutal treatment and indefinite detention in a military camp and subsequently in a prison camp. Exemptions to this order can be taken only from a military commander-in-charge in the given area. That military officer acts as the overlord in the area. Within or outside curfew time, it is now the fascist troops roaming the streets who commit all sorts of crimes, frequently extortion, robbery, maulings, drunken behavior and rape. Anyone who complains can easily get accused of slandering the dictator Marcos and the fascist military.

General Order No. 5 orders the suppression of the basic democratic rights of free assembly and free expression. This is directed against the workers, peasants, youth and all other sections of the population, including political parties, trade unions and other mass organizations. It prohibits under pain of fascist punishment all rallies, and demonstrations and other forms of mass actions, including strikes and picketing by workers and others, in vital industries such as in companies engaged in the manufacture or processing as well as in the distribution of fuel, gas, gasoline and fuel or lubricating oil, in companies engaged in the production or processing of essential commodities or products for export, and in companies engaged in banking of any kind, as well as in hospitals and in schools and colleges.

It is clear by this order that while he acts as a dictator towards the broad masses of the people, Marcos is a despicable puppet of the big bourgeoisie, especially the U.S. imperialists. He is specially

interested in suppressing protest mass actions against the U.S. oil monopolies and their arbitrary price hiking. At any rate, he is violently opposed to all forms of democratic assembly and expression. He has gone as far as to issue a special order to the armed forces, particularly his secret agents, to eavesdrop on ordinary conversations in order to catch people for "rumormongering".

Letter of Instruction No. 1 also involves the suppression of the democratic rights of free expression. It orders the Press Secretary, now called the Secretary of the Department of Public Information (D.P.I.) after Presidential Decree No. 1, to take over all newspapers, magazines, radio and television facilities and all other media of communications, wherever they are. The closure of the major Manila newspapers and radio and TV stations has disrupted the livelihood of printing workers, journalists, staff employees, radio-TV talents, newsboys, newspaper dealers and so many others. Pursuant to letter of instruction No. 1, the D.P.I. secretary has started to issue his own department orders. Department Order No. 1 orders, among others, that all materials for publication in the newspapers or broadcast on Radio and television shall have to carry the approval of the Department of Public Information and that these shall have to fall in with the fascist dictatorship and strictly avoid expressing the true national and democratic interests of the Filipino people. Department Order No. 2 orders that no printer may print any newspaper, periodical, news sheet, pamphlet, leaflet, or any publication for mass dissemination of any kind without approval of the Department of Public Information and that these shall also have to conform with Department Order No. 1. Because of bureaucratic run-around involved in getting approval for printing orders, the livelihood not only of the press owners but also of the printing workers are adversely affected.

The U.S.-Marcos dictatorship wants to monopolize all channels of information with the vain hope of controlling the minds of the people with its lies. Its fascist totalitarianism leaves no room for such other channels of information as those owned by the Rocesses, Lopezes, Locsins and the like though these have never gone beyond legal criticism of the obvious excesses of the U.S.-Marcos clique, and have as a matter of fact given utmost space to Halacangang press releases. In the meantime, it is only those channels of information that are owned by the fascist government (like Radio Philippines Network, Philippines Broadcasting System and the like); those that are owned directly or indirectly by fascist dictator Marcos (like Kanlaon Broadcasting System, Daily Express, Liwayway, Pannawag, Hiligaynon, Bissya

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This new development is what Marcos calls fighting "subversion" with "sophistication". This is what we call the crudeness of fascism, the complete unmasking of the ugly face of a fascist dictatorship. Unwittingly, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has only convinced the broad masses of the people of the necessity and urgency of putting out and distributing underground publication and resorting to other forms of mass communications (including secret meetings in urban areas and mass meetings in the rural areas). It must also be pointed out that it is impossible for the fascist authorities to guard all medium and small printing presses in the country, but to mention some small presses securely kept in the underground.

Gone berserk in its attempt to suppress every kind of opposition to its unjust rule, the U.S. Marcos Dictatorship has as one of its initial acts suspended classes at all levels. Though the initial suspension of classes is only for one week, this has been extended indefinitely at the high school, college and graduate levels. School teachers in primary and elementary schools are now under threat of being dismissed if they disobey strict orders to wage a hysterical campaign of anti-communist indoctrination and propaganda for the fascist dictatorship. Progressive teachers and students, including officers of student governments, are being apprehended or threatened with detention. Such fascist tactics have only served to increase the number of men and women who are very articulate in denouncing the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. The indefinite closure of all private high schools and colleges have angered all the teachers whose livelihood has been unduly disrupted and the students' parents who are acutely concerned about the time and living expenses of their children going to want.

General Order No. 6 and General Order No. 7 are both intended to consolidate control by the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship of firearms and ammunitions in the hands of the reactionary armed forces and police forces and also those in the hands of security agencies and warlords. The first order prohibits the carrying of firearms by private persons and orders the arrest of all persons doing so unless they are authorized by the dictatorship. Marcos himself has declared in his "background" speech that carrying of firearms outside the residence, even if covered by licence but without permission of the reactionary armed forces, is pun-

ishable by death. The second order requires all high-powered firearms in the hands of private security agencies, public or private corporations (including gun stores) and private individuals, and those under the temporary custody of the Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Posts and clerks of courts (apart from those in pending court cases) be turned over immediately to the firearms and explosives units of the Philippine Constabulary.

To camouflage its real intention of controlling arms for its fascist purposes, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has raved mad about "peace and order" and has even pretended to arrest and confiscate token numbers of arms from notorious warlords who are close to it, like Ablan, Bocalan, Crisologo, and the like. But the warlords and crime gangs are actually not surrendering their arms. Only some police forces, private corporations and individuals opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship are being forced to turn over their registered arms to the Philippine Constabulary. As a result, these entities are being rendered helpless before the fascist gangsters, warlords and ordinary armed criminals.

Letter of Instruction No. 2 orders the Secretary of National Defense to "take over" the management, control and operation of the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (P.L.D.T.), the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA), the Philippine National Railway (P.N.R.), the Philippine Air Lines (PAL), Air Manila, Filipinas Orient Airways, and other public utilities. Once more, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship deliberately refuses even only to mention the U.S. oil companies and other U.S. owned public utility firms in the Philippines.

The "takeover" of public utilities is neither to achieve nationalization nor to crush an armed opposition in the premises. The NAWASA and P.N.R. are government corporations long under trusted military appointees of Marcos. The P.S.D.T. and Air Manila are private corporations controlled and owned by Marcos himself through dummies. The Pal and Filipinas Orient Airways continue to be private corporations under ownership and control of Marcos' big-bourgeois confreres. The real target for spite of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is MERALCO and the Lopezes who are owners of controlling stocks. The military-takeover management here really makes it a point to boss around, go over the company accounts and meddle in the operations. Though Marcos himself is a noncontrolling co-owner of this public utility firm, he wants to once more tighten the screw against the Lopezes whom he wants to support his dictatorship completely, especially with the use of the Lopez-owned Manila

Chronicle and ABS-CBN radio-television network.

Letter of Instruction No. 3 orders the Secretary of National Defense to take over the possession, control and operation of all privately owned aircraft and water craft of Philippine registry and also to control the movement of non-military foreign-owned and foreign-registered aircraft and watercraft of whatever make. The avowed intention of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship in this regard is to prevent the escape of his reactionary rivals for power either by sea or by air in their private yachts or private planes. Letters of Instruction Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank, respectively, are also openly intended to prevent the "escape from the country" of the enemies of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. But, of course, the instructions, from Instruction No. 3 to Instruction No. 7, are all meant to curtail the free flow of information regarding the despicableness by which the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has come about. Only after assuring itself of complete control of the mass media and also the detention of a sweeping range of critics has the dictatorship allowed, under guard of troops, spies and censors, the transmission of messages via international and domestic carriers and communication firms.

In a vain attempt to deceive the peasant masses, the big landlord and landgrabber Marcos has announced that he has issued Presidential Decree No. 2 proclaiming the whole country as a "land reform area". This is plain drivel of a demagogue. Since the law to be applied is basically the old Agricultural Land Reform Code, which is reactionary both by origin and amendments, nothing will come out of the decree except that it will serve to worsen the plight of the peasant masses as has been proven in previous "land reform areas". The code is essentially nothing more than a set of instructions for the landlord class to exploit the peasantry further. In making his decree, Marcos even fails to conceal his malice as he sternly warns the tenant peasants to "respect" and be "fair and just" to the landlords. The dictatorship is hell-bent on preventing the peasant masses from forming their own associations and is busier than ever in criminally assaulting and rounding up those who have their own militant associations. The reactionary armed forces are now frenziedly attacking the peasant masses and accusing them of being guerilla fighters of the New People's Army. Thus, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has become isolated not only in the urban areas but also in the countryside where the flames of people's war are rapidly spreading.

CPUSA'S Line Pro Deportation Laws

Recently the Communist Party U.S.A.'s local "defense organization" in Los Angeles, (Los Angeles Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights) held a conference. Deportations was one of the main subjects of the conference.

There are two lines which have arisen on the question of deportations. One line is the revolutionary proletarian internationalist line. This line calls for the Anglo-American workers to rise to the defense of the Mexican national minority workers who are being attacked. This line realizes that the only way to achieve equality and freedom for the Mexican national

minority in the Southwest is through regional autonomy. This line fights for the unity of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world against the imperialist system.

The second line is the line of the imperialists which has been taken up by various chauvinist traitors such as Cesar Chavez (head of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee). Chavez has come out with open calls for deportation of "illegals" and support for the fascist Dixon Arnett Law, a law in California blaming unemployment on so-called "illegals".

As for the CPUSA, one minute they call for deportations, the next minute they mumble reformist garbage about "due process of law". Let us explain further.

At this conference, the CPUSA supported Chavez's line on deportations. The CPUSA sunk to the lowest kind of chauvinism by calling Mexican national minority workers "scabs" and so on. When it came time to discuss the direction of work around deportations in East L.A., the CPUSA proposed this program:

- "a) That there should be no deportation of anyone without Due Process of Law. Any person arrested to be granted a full hearing.
- b) An attorney to be made available, or a public defender.
- c) A translator be present, if needed.
- d) Bail be made available.

Does the CPUSA ever call for the abolition of the deportation laws? Does the CPUSA ever say the deportation laws are fascist? No! Their program only asks that these fascist laws be enforced "fairly" and with "Due Process of Law".

And further they state:

"To organize a Southwest Conference that would hammer out a program on immigration for the non-documental people; this program to be made available to every candidate running for public office."

When the CPUSA was faced with explaining this difference between its blatant support for deportations when it comes to farmworkers and its rotten reformist position when it comes to the barrios of East L.A., they could only say that they're dealing with a different situation in the countryside. Different in what way, we ask?!

As the People's Tribune Vol. 3 No. 9, p. 6 explains it, "...the CPUSA classically fits Lenin's description of the opportunists 'wriggling like a snake between two mutually exclusive points of view.' First

they were imperialist, then anti-imperialist, then pro-imperialist again; wriggle, wriggle, wriggle. But this is nothing but a disguise, their words are anti-imperialist and their deeds are pro-imperialist."

In the Farmworkers' struggle the CPUSA divides and wrecks the workers movement through open attacks against Mexican national minority workers. In the Barrios of East Los Angeles they are misleading the Mexican Peoples' movement into reformism. In both places, their role is counter-revolutionary.

Another incident of the CPUSA's rottenness occurred at a conference held recently in San Jose, Calif., of La Raza Unida Party. Cesar Chavez threatened to picket the conference if an anti-deportation position was taken. The CPUSA sat by and supported a resolution taking a "neutral" position on deportations.

We must clearly see the CPUSA for exactly what it is. It is not misguided, it is an arm of the imperialists purposely used to wreck the revolutionary movement.

In conclusion, the imperialists and their faithful allies, the CPUSA, say that the question of deportations is a question of who's going to get the jobs - "American" or Mexican national minority workers. The C.L. completely rejects this "logic". The increase in deportations and the propaganda against the Mexican people, is an attack on the working class. History has shown us that an attack on one section of the working class is an attack on the whole class. We must defend any and all workers, no matter what their nationality or where they live, against the fascist attacks of the bourgeoisie.

We communists and all workers face a common enemy, USNA imperialism. The CPUSA stands like a rock in our path. We will clear them from our path. We will build a Communist Party. We will win Regional Autonomy for the Southwest! We will free the Negro, Puerto Rican and all oppressed nations; and build Socialism in the USNA.

REGIONAL AUTONOMY FOR THE SOUTHWEST!

STOP FASCIST ATTACKS ON MEXICAN WORKERS!

SMASH THE CPUSA AND BUILD A REAL COMMUNIST PARTY!

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The "show window of democracy in Asia" which was much touted by U.S. imperialism and its puppets in the past has completely proven to be more soap bubble. It is now completely gone. Because of its boundless greed for power and wealth, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has forced on everyone in the Philippines the choice between armed revolution and armed counterrevolution. The people's revolutionary struggle for national freedom and democracy has become ever more vigorous and fiercer. In this regard, it is worth taking up C.I.A. agent Melcher's description of his criminal accomplice Marcos as one who has put his head on the block. This description is very apt. The Filipino people are going to literally chop off Marcos' head in due time, unless his U.S. imperialist masters will first do so in the manner that they did to the abominable Ngo Dinh Diem. At any rate, the Filipino people will continue to maintain their armed strength and fight on even as some other dog would be groomed as one more puppet dictator by U.S. imperialism. In the face of the present fascist tyranny, the broad masses of the Filipino people know how to fight for their freedom.

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