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"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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MAY DAY: Call For Proletarian Internationalism

May 1st is May Day, a holiday of the international proletariat. The first May Day was held in 1886 in Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, New York and many other cities of the USNA. It started as a day of general strike and struggle by the working class of the USNA for an 8 hour working day and was taken up by the proletariat internationally. Why was this struggle so important?

In the 1800's the working day around the world was from 14 to 16 and even more hours for men, women and children alike. The struggle to shorten the work day to 8 hours was important to the international working class not only for its physical well-being, which was breaking down under the strain of long working hours, but also for its intellectual and political development in struggling against capitalism.

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, the founders of scientific socialism, stood as leaders of the international proletariat, giving it theoretical clarity and guidance. It is necessary for the working class to understand the capitalist system to overthrow it. Marx analyzed capitalist production showing its historical development and discovered that the foundation of capitalist production is surplus value. This is key to the working class and must be studied so that we may understand the political significance of the fight for an 8 hour working day.

Of capitalist production Marx has taught us that its specific end and aim is the extraction of surplus value. How is surplus value created? First of all we must understand that as capitalism developed, labour power became a commodity, a very important commodity as it creates value. Under capitalism individual labourers are forced to "sell" themselves, their ability to work, to the capitalist class just in order to survive. For this they receive a fixed wage depending upon the value of labour power

at the time. This depends on how much it costs to educate, train, maintain and reproduce the labourer and his family. The wage that he receives, therefore, is not dependent upon how much value he produces for the capitalist during the day. For example, in five hours a worker produces the value of his labour power which he receives as his wage. But the capitalist has hired him for 10 hours; that was the "deal" struck between the two. So all the value that is created during the last five hours belongs to the capitalist; the labourer is not paid for these hours at all. Therefore, the capitalist receives five hours of surplus labour. This is the extraction of surplus value.

The capitalists' thirst for surplus labour power, for surplus value, is revealed in their tendency to extend the working day to its utmost limits. Therefore, the longer the day is extended, the more absolute surplus value the capitalist is able to extract.

The creation of "8 hours of work, 8 hours of rest, and 8 hours of recreation" was the result of a protracted struggle between the capitalist class and the working class. Today, the USNA capitalist class either keeps us ignorant of or distorts the true history of struggle.

"In the United States of North America", wrote Marx speaking to the situation of the workers here around the 1860's, "every independent

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High Prices Bring Maximum Profits

Since the end of the wage price freeze, we have seen the highest rise in food prices since the early 1950's. The imperialists tell us that there is a food shortage, and especially, a shortage of meat. In actuality, the rise in food prices is due to 1) overproduction, not underproduction, 2) the monopolization of production and 3) devaluation. The rise in prices is a temporary manipulation of the market by the imperialists to maintain maximum profits.

The bourgeoisie cannot afford to let the working class know the truth behind the high prices so they place the blame elsewhere. Women have been told by government officials that high meat prices are because of eating too much, i.e., that the "consumer's demand has outstripped the supply." The bourgeoisie tells us that inflation and the resulting high prices are caused by the workers' increasing demands for higher wages. But, while the average wage today is a measly \$3.78 per hour, many working men and women are still making only \$1.65 per hour and less. Unemployment is still on the nation wide average 5%, although in areas like East Los Angeles and Watts, unemployment is as high as 30-40%.

The imperialists push white chauvinism by blaming the "beef hungry Japanese" who are taking all the meat away from American supermarkets. They throw the blame on the Negro national minorities: the Vice President of Ralph's supermarkets in Los Angeles is quoted as saying, "Meat sales in South Central Los Angeles account for the higher percentage of total store sales than any other areas of the city. People with food stamps can afford to buy

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

WHERE IS THE PEACE ?

Since the signing of the "peace agreement" in Viet Nam, it is clear that there is not now nor has there been peace in Southeast Asia. The USNA imperialists have steadily continued their atrocities against the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. In fact, the signs indicate that the war may be soon escalated to far greater heights than were achieved before the "cease fire."

As of March 26, 1973 over 16,000 Vietnamese were reported killed and nearly 13,000 wounded. In fact there have been over 200 air strikes a day in Vietnam since the "cease fire." The USNA imperialists pour out \$1.5 to \$2 million a day to keep the fascist regime of Nguyen Van Thieu in power. Though advised not to, President Nixon is still saying that the Thieu government is the only legitimate government in Vietnam. Thieu has announced that he will not support any elections. This of course is in flagrant violation of the "peace agreement." The USNA imperialists have stopped the mine sweeping operations in the harbor of Haiphong, having only detonated 3 of thousands since the operations began. This leaves the harbor, as well as many of the rivers, still a death trap. The plans for economic assistance promised to the peoples of North Vietnam have been halted until there are "no more violations of the 'cease fire.'" And the USNA imperialists are again making aerial reconnaissance missions over North Vietnam.

To hold up the puppet Lon Nol government, B 52's have been mercilessly pouring bombs over Cambodia killing thousands of innocent people. The atrocities committed by the USNA imperialists have heightened the hatred of the Cambodian people towards imperialism and now only Phnom Penh stands as a last stronghold of oppression. The USNA will use all means to keep Phnom Penh under its control. Recently, Gen. Alexander Haig was sent on a mission to all of the countries in Southeast Asia. The result of this mission in Cambodia was the total reorganization of the Lon Nol government to strengthen his fascist dictatorship.

The imperialists resumed bombing over Laos on April 15 for the first time since February 23. This was at a time when the Royal Laotian government was making plans to further the effort of the "cease fire." It is questionable whether the Laotian government was even consulted about the renewed bombing.

The USNA has moved its

base of operations in Southeast Asia from S. Vietnam to Thailand. Many troops and B 52's are stationed there. In addition they are in the process of building a large Thai mercenary army. The building of colonial mercenary armies is an imperialist tactic to keep oppressed people divided and throw the toll of war totally on the backs of the colonial peoples, away from its own working class. These Thai troops will probably be used on the ground against the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia while the USNA imperialists continue their massive air raids.

The peoples of Southeast Asia are not standing still against this continued aggression. They have fought valiantly for years and will continue to struggle until they are free from imperialist oppression. The Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam have not been fooled by the "peace agreement." The Vietnamese people are a peace loving people but will not live under the domination of USNA imperialism. Because of the genocidal policies of the Lon Nol regime backed by USNA imperialism, the resistance forces of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia have mushroomed. As stated earlier, only the city of Phnom Penh remains in the control of the imperialists. The Pathet Lao in Laos honored the "cease fire," but now that the imperialists have violated the agreement, armed resistance is high. And the forces of revolution are growing daily in Thailand.

With the aid of the Soviet revisionists, the USNA had been able to temporarily hold back the forces of resistance to imperialism in most other parts of the colonial world. They had formed fascist puppet regimes in many countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. And where this did not work, they had undertaken the wholesale slaughter of millions of peoples, such as in Indonesia. This gave the imperialists a position of relative strength in world politics. Having been beaten in Vietnam both militarily and politically, the "cease fire" was an attempt by the imperialists to impose an imperialist peace, a robber's peace.

Though forced into the "cease fire" agreement by the militant struggles of the Vietnamese people, the imperialists also found themselves politically isolated at a time when new alliances needed to be made, for example, the grain deals

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steaks." (1)

The bourgeoisie wants to place the blame on the small independent farmers and ranchers who have been made the target of the meat boycott. However, the small farmers are constantly being squeezed out by the monopolies and most of the profit they make is used to maintain the farm. For example, in 1972 the expense of fuel was up 25% in Iowa and Nebraska, cost of machinery was up, taxes on land were up 48% in Nebraska and the cost of farm land which is needed to expand farming operations was up by 11%. This was the largest one year rise since the boom of the 1920's. (2)

During the first week in April, a nation wide meat boycott was called in response to the skyrocketing food prices. The boycott was obviously started by the bourgeoisie and pushed by the CPUSA to head off the rising anger of the masses. The most exploited and oppressed sections of the working class have always felt the pinch of high prices. This is now cutting across class lines. The upper strata of the working class and sections of the petty bourgeoisie who two years ago could afford to eat meat every night are also being forced to go without.

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Communist Party of the Philippines

Part IV

The following is the fourth and final part of a statement issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines. This statement was taken from a public document which was given to the Communist League with the request to distribute it as widely as possible.

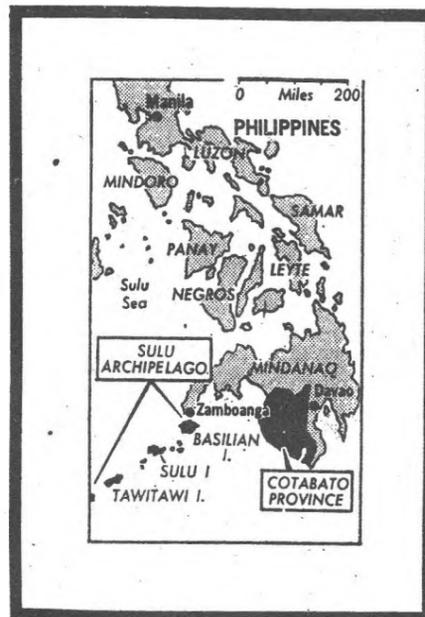
The struggle for the liberation of the Philippine people from the yoke of USNA imperialism and the Marcos fascist dictatorship has developed to new heights. This important statement reveals the concrete aspects of the treacherous rule imposed by the US-Marcos gang and clearly shows the Marxist program developed by the Communist Party of the Philippines to unite the revolutionary and progressive masses to fight for their liberation.

The intensity of the revolutionary struggle has advanced even more since the initial publishing of this document. Recent developments have shown that the struggle has grown into full scale revolutionary war, especially on the island of Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago. Statements in the bourgeois press are making two points: First, they say that this is not a revolutionary war but simply a conflict with the Muslim minorities. This is an attempt by the imperialists to carry out the bourgeois policy of covering up the class struggle. Second, they say that Marcos' armed forces are no match for the highly trained and well armed "insurgents", who are "better fighters than the Viet Cong". The imperialists are setting the stage to use USNA ground troops as cannon fodder against the revolutionary struggle of the Philippine people.

It is in the interest of the proletariat of the USNA to fight against the sinister plans of imperialism and fully support the just struggle of the Philippine people for liberation. The Communist League fully supports the struggles of the Philippine people and the program of the Communist Party of the Philippines:



To satisfy its greed and bloodthirstiness, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship will become even more rabid in suppressing the democratic rights of the people. The workers will not only be prevented from launching strikes and maintaining their unions to raise their depressed real incomes and to assure themselves of job security but they will also have to suffer the unjust accusation that they are the cause of spiraling prices. The peasant masses will continue to be subjected to the most brutal military operations ostensibly



Because it has seized absolute power without so much pretenses about having support of a broad range of political groups, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is exceptionally isolated at the moment and has to rely completely on its fascist troops. This extreme reliance on a parasitic and nonproductive military is bound to deepen the bankruptcy of the reactionary government. The present number of military personnel and equipment is not enough to maintain the fascist dictatorship for very long. Only 32,000 to 34,500 men or only about half of the present total of military personnel are combat effectives. Therefore, it is expected that it will increase military expenditures in order to increase the number of military personnel and equipment. The official 1972-73 military budget of \$1.2 billion has already been superceded. Even at the present troop level, military expenditures have already increased tremendously since the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship has started to bribe the military personnel, from the rank of private first class upwards, with salary increases and allowances. The fascist dictatorship will certainly create more inflation through huge military expenditures. It will also have to increase taxes and its foreign debts by leaps and bounds.

against the armed revolutionaries and will be forced to accept the dictates of the big landlord class of which fascist puppet chieftain Marcos is the outstanding representative. The students and their parents will be commanded to accept the rising cost of education and cost of living; student movements will continue to be the target of hysterical anti-communist propaganda, as in the case of trade unions and peasant associations. Teachers and other professionals will have to pay more taxes and will have to suffer more indignities in the hands of the military overlords who dictate on them what opinion to take on issues. Higher government taxes and special extortations from the military will bedevil all businessmen that are not in the good graces of the dictatorship. These are only some of the concrete evils that will plague the country as a result of Proclamation No. 1081.

With absolute power in the hands of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and its military minions, unbridled corruption and brutality will go hand in hand to exacerbate the people's suffering. The dictator Marcos himself has long set the example of enriching himself in office more than any other puppet president and of exculpating his agents from the most heinous crimes, including massacres of workers, peasants, students, national minorities and even religious groups. With the suppression of democratic rights, every person and every group is now under blackmail by the fascist dictatorship and its agents. The dictatorship has not only seized every major legal channel of communications and suppressed democratic organizations but it has even outlawed the ordinary conversations of people regarding the present situation and has branded these as "rumormongering".

At present, the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and its military minions can simply accuse anyone of being a "subversive", "conspirator" or "rumormonger" and extort anything from him at gunpoint. Through sheer coercion, the dictator Marcos will be able to acquire more stockholdings and landholdings. At every level of the reactionary government, his fascist minions will continue to do their own grabbing with more impunity. In the streets, the fascist troops will exact tribute more than in the past to the great annoyance of the local police

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Message From Comrade Dougher — A VETERAN COMMUNIST

The following letter is from Comrade Joe Dougher who is a great Communist of some 40 years in the Communist movement. Comrade Dougher grew up in the struggle against capitalism as his father, a coal miner, was a member of the famous Molly McGuires. Following in his father's footsteps, Comrade Dougher was very active in mine and steel workers' organizations, especially in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and was a leader in the formation of the steel workers' union.

Comrade Dougher was a member of the CPUSA for 31 years and at one time on the National Committee. During this time he fought valiantly in the Spanish Civil War as an officer in the Loyalist Army.

After Stalin's death, Comrade Dougher was one of the first to realize the revisionism into which the CPUSA had fallen, as brought out at the 16th Convention of the CPUSA. He was a founder of the Provisional Organizing Committee to Reconstitute a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the USA (POC) and was its first chairman.

We are proud to announce that Comrade Dougher has now joined the Communist League, bringing with him his many years of experience in the Communist movement. In this spirit we are printing excerpts of his letter for membership which follow:

Dear Comrades:

Those of us from the Left and the people of the United States and the World can be thankful for Mao Tse-tung, the Communist Party of China and the Chinese People, because through their struggles and their exposure of revisionism, they have saved the world Communist movement from sinking into the swamp of revisionism, and maybe worse - Social Fascist Imperialism on a world scale. This could have set the Communist movement back many years, causing tremendous misery. Lenin saw that as the Soviet Union gained the benefits of Socialism, the Bolsheviks might become self-satisfied; opportunism might creep into the Party, and the USSR might become a backward country; and another country like China, led by their Communist Party, could become the accepted leaders of the world Communist movement. And that is exactly what has happened.

Mao Tse-tung is the greatest dialectical and historical materialist living today. He and the Communist Party of China have succeeded in establishing a cooperative society with the workers, peasants and

members of the Peoples Army (which is made up of ninety percent workers and peasants) in charge of the country, studying to be dialectical and historical materialists. They have dealt a heavy blow to revisionism and are an example to the rest of the world.

Long live the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!

Mao Tse-tung has stated that without a Communist Party the workers have nothing, and without a Peoples' Army, the people have nothing. And these are the reasons why workers and intellectuals must build a Communist Party in the United States.

At present the conglomeration who call themselves Communists in the USNA is ever-ridden with CIA, FBI agents and stool pidgeons who will play a very bad, misleading, splitting, and compromising role. If necessary, the CIA will organize Santa Clauses to finance them.

It does not require a mass of people to organize a Marxist-Leninist Party. It should be remembered that Mao Tse-tung and twenty-five comrades organized the Communist Party of China which had a population of between 4 and 5 hundred million people at that time. Whoever will be building a Communist Party must be able to withstand the attacks and onslaughts of capitalism, whose representatives will lie, frame you and murder you. When they believe it is necessary, they will, if they can, organize fascism, which is capitalism plus gangsterism - an open dictatorship to enslave the people. Under these circumstances, it is obvious that you cannot afford to have a stool pidgeon amongst the founders. The organization must be based on all the tenets of Leninism, including iron discipline, democratic centralism, criticism, and self-criticism. The more centralized it is, the more democratic it must be and ruled by the membership through majority control at all times along with a dialectical and historical materialist understanding.

The Negro, Puerto Rican, Mexican and Indian national minority workers must be well represented amongst the top leaders of the Party, who because of their extreme exploitation, oppression and their concentration in the semi and unskilled sections of the class are the most class conscious of the proletariat.

The United States came into being through a peoples' revolution and is a revolutionary country. The Revolutionary

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MAY DAY

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movement of the workers was paralyzed so long as slavery disfigured a part of the Republic. Labour cannot emancipate itself in the white skin where in the black it is branded. But out of the death of slavery a new life at once arose. The first fruit of the Civil War was the eight hours agitation, that ran with the seven-leagued boots of the locomotive from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from New England to California. The General Congress of Labour at Baltimore (August 16, 1866) declared: 'The first and great necessity of the present, to free the labour of this country from capitalist slavery, is the passing of a law by which eight hours shall be the normal working day in all States of the American Union. We are resolved to put forth all our strength until this glorious result is attained.' At the same time, the Congress of the International Working Men's Association at Geneva, on the proposition of the London General Council, resolved that 'the limitation of the working day is a preliminary condition without which all further attempts at improvement and emancipation must prove abortive...the Congress proposed eight hours as the legal limit of the working day.'"(1)

On the first May Day thousands of workers held a general strike that was centered around the demand for an 8 hour day. The center of the strike movement was Chicago where tens of thousands of workers laid down their tools at the call of the organized labour movement in an effective demonstration of class solidarity. "The state attempted to contain the strike by arresting the strike movement and harrasing it. On May 4, 1886, a demonstration was held in Haymarket Square. It was called to protest the murder and beating of people at a meeting of striking McCormick Reaper workers, where 6 workers were killed by the police and many injured. The demonstration was about to be adjourned when police launched an attack against the workers and threw a bomb into the crowd. Four militant labour leaders were framed and hung over the incident. Two of them, Parson and Spies are still remembered as militant fighters and heroes of the working class. The Haymarket Affair as it became known, is still a symbol of the militant struggle of the working class and the brutal attempts by the bourgeois state to repress the working class movement. In 1889, at a meeting in Paris, May 1st became international and stands as a symbol of the militant struggle for the 8 hour day and for the struggle to overthrow capital.'"(2)

On the significance of the first International May Day, Engels wrote on May 1, 1890, "As I

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whose most crooked members exact much less. In the campaign to seek out those who oppose the dictatorship, the most brutal measures will be taken such as those which have made the U.S.-Marcos clique notorious. Kidnapping, torture, murder, arson and massacre have long been the political style of the Marcos fascist puppet gang. These can be committed by fascist troops with more impunity, in both cities and countryside under Proclamation No. 1081.

The propaganda of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship keeps on harping about the sudden "peace and order" and "elimination of crime" as a result of Proclamation No. 1081. The truth is that fascist dictatorship is the biggest crime and cause of disorder. In the present "new society", people are massacred or arrested and detained indefinitely on false charges and manufactured evidence. There is no more safety in one's own home. Anytime, the fascist troops can barge in anywhere to dispose of persons and property in any manner they wish for their criminal ends. These minions of the dictatorship, together with their criminal associates, (gangsters, informers, BSDUs and "Monkees") arrogantly engage in extortion, robbery, torture, rape and other vicious crimes. And these do not get into the police blotter, simply because the victims do not want to become the accused before their abusers. By official record, there appears to be "peace and order" and "elimination of crime". But crime and disorder, products of an exploitative and oppressive society, do not cease to exist just because the fascist-controlled media do not wish to report them.

Despite all attempts of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship to suppress the truth, the facts of fascist abuse are so widespread and so blatant. The fascist dictatorship will become even more hopelessly isolated by the stench of its lies. The broad masses of the people will only be further angered by mendacious propaganda prettifying the fascist dictatorship as having eliminated crime, lowered the prices of basic commodities, busted graft and corruption and rid the country of filth and pollution, whereas the contrary is the truth.

Deceptions even among a few people do not last long. The "new society" of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is nothing but a phrase that will go the way of all previous slogans of deception spewed out by the U.S.-Marcos clique. So long as the basic sources of evil in Philippine society are not eliminated, the manifestations of evil will always crop up. Marcos is nothing but

the general representative of the big bourgeoisie and the big landlord class. What makes him even more distinctively so is that he has chosen to become a fascist dictator, a vicious running dog of U.S. imperialism, under conditions when the political and economic crisis of the ruling system is getting more and more acute everyday. In the "new society", the basic sources of evil that are U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism will persist but will increasingly be under powerful assaults by the broad masses of the people. With a target as easy to hit as the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, the Filipino people will rapidly become even more aware of their revolutionary strength, use it to destroy their enemies one by one and aim for a new Philippines that is genuinely and completely independent, democratic, united, just and prosperous.

Tasks of the Communist Party of the Philippines in the New Situation

The setting up of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship through the declaration of an "unlimited form of martial law" and under the fascist principle that "all power can be given to the military" has brought about a new situation. Through the crude employment of armed coercion, dictator Marcos as commander-in-chief has arrogated unto himself and concentrated in his hands all executive, legislative and judicial powers. All of these powers are used not only against the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army but also against the broad masses of the people and all opposition to the perpetuation of a fascist dictatorship. Upon the setting up of this fascist dictatorship, the objective conditions for a civil war of a national scale have arisen. The entire Filipino people vehemently condemn the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship as an anti-national, anti-republican, anti-democratic and decadent and are more determined than ever before to struggle for national democracy and, therefore, for a genuine republic that belongs to them.

It has long been pointed out and stressed to the U.S.-Marcos clique that people's war is the answer to martial law. Now that martial law is here, large masses of revolutionary militants and allied leaders of various forces all over the country have gone underground or have gone to the countryside from cities and towns and are resolutely taking every possible and necessary step to overthrow the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Many times more than the previous suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, the setting up of the fascist dictatorship has resulted in an increase of men and women eager and ready to do their share of fighting in the battlefield. With

every national and democratic right suppressed, the broad masses of the people have more deeply realized the need to support or participate in people's war. The revolutionary stand of the Communist Party of the Philippines that armed struggle is the principal form of struggle at the present national democratic stage of the Philippine revolution has never before been clearer than now.

In the new situation, there are three things that stand out. First, the Communist Party of the Philippines is the most prepared to lead the revolutionary struggle that calls for the armed overthrow of the fascist government. Second, the Party has the strongest and most experienced revolutionary army, the New People's Army. Third, the ranks of the revolutionary movement have greatly expanded and fighting cadres as well as allies are all over the archipelago determined to conduct people's war. These things would not have stood out as clearly as now were it not for the fascist viciousness of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship.

The Communist Party of the Philippines is the party most prepared to lead the revolutionary struggle because it is the most prepared to do so ideologically, politically and organizationally. By virtue of its adherence to and practice of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought, it can be relied upon to fight steadfastly in a protracted people's war and to deal with the problems of the Philippine revolution in the most comprehensive and correct manner. By virtue of its revolutionary politics, it can be relied upon to serve the toiling masses of workers and peasants, respect the legitimate interests of the petty bourgeoisie and national bourgeoisie and mobilize the biggest mass force to overthrow the tyrannical regime. By virtue of its organizational strength, it has emerged practically unscathed from the vicious blows so far made by the enemy under Proclamation No. 1081.

In so many years, the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army have been the target of all kinds of enemy operations and task forces and yet they have not only managed to preserve themselves and destroy the enemy part by part but have become even stronger through revolutionary struggle. To ensure the growth and development of people's war as a mass undertaking, the Party has indefatigably created Party branches and groups, organs of political power, mass organizations, people's organizing committees and various forms of fighting units such as the militia, the local

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Call For A Conference Of North American Marxist-Leninists

We are again printing this **CALL** as an invitation to all revolutionary groups and individuals to attend the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists which will be held this spring in Chicago. Since the **CALL** was last published, many groupings from all sections of the USNA have begun to express their support for and desire to attend this Conference.

In planning for the Conference, we must heed the words of Dimitroff: "...it (the prevention of the victory of fascism, ed.) depends on the existence of a strong revolutionary party, correctly leading the struggle of the toilers against fascism. A party which systematically calls on the workers to retreat in the face of fascism and permits the fascist bourgeoisie to strengthen its positions will inevitably lead the workers to defeat." (Dimitroff, Georgi, United Front Against Fascism, New Century Publishers, New York, 1950, p. 22.)

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 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 unity 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 his-

tory 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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Red Collective, New Orleans, La.
Red Star, Tampa, Fla.
Communist League
M-L Cadre of Durham, N.C.

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These are the people who with help from the CPUSA and other Left groups are leading the movement around the food boycott.

As Marxist-Leninists we cannot afford to cover up class contradictions. We must expose them and see the food boycott as a clever attempt on the part of the bourgeoisie and the revisionists to hide the main contradiction of capitalism. This is the contradiction between labour and capital whereby all commodities are produced collectively by the working class, but the ownership of the means of production is private, in the hands of a very small number of finance capitalists.

The rise in prices and the resulting crisis being felt by the working class throughout the world is part of the world wide crisis that imperialism has been in since 1917. The glorious Bolshevik Revolution took away 1/6 of the world's markets from the imperialist camp. The opposition to capitalism became external and the world was divided for the first time into two camps, the imperialist and the socialist.

Unlike what the bourgeoisie wants us to believe - capitalist crisis does not result from a lack of supply caused by too little production, but by too much production. Commodities cannot be absorbed on the market because of the impoverishment of the masses of workers and peasants throughout the imperialist world.

Stalin describes the overall effects of capitalist crisis: "It means that more textiles, fuel, manufactured articles, food-stuffs have been produced than can be bought for cash by the mass consumer, the mass of the people - whose income remains at a low level. And as the purchasing capacity of the mass of the people in conditions of capitalism remains at the lowest possible level, the capitalists leave the 'surplus' commodities, textiles, grain, etc. in store or even destroy them - in order to maintain high prices. They reduce production, dismiss their workers, and the mass of the people are forced to suffer privations because too many commodities have been produced." (3)

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guerrillas and the regular mobile (or several guerrilla units concentrated at appropriate times for big operations or a campaign of several battles). In the countryside, the Party is at the core of the New People's Army and is also in the localities and has gained wide support from the peasant masses and inhabitants of towns, provincial capitals and small cities. In the cities, the Party has carefully developed an underground for the worst of emergencies and has at the same time developed unbreakable links with the workers, the urban petty bourgeoisie and others.

While we consider the present situation far more favorable to the revolutionary movement than ever before, we should not relax in the false belief that the objective conditions are enough to carry us forward. We have to build up the revolutionary forces courageously, not only by waging the principal form of struggle which is armed struggle in the countryside but also by employing effective underground methods in the cities and towns and by using every possible means, legal and otherwise, to facilitate coordination of efforts, propaganda work, intelligence and internal communications as well as communications with allies throughout the archipelago. We should avoid rashness in our actions because the fascist dictatorship carries with it the license to do the worst possible harm against the Party, people's army and the people. We should advance carefully and steadily.

The Communist Party of the Philippines is determined to join hands with all those who are opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. All those who are interested in achieving national freedom and democracy are welcome in joining with the Party in a broad national democratic front. Those who may participate in this united front are the democratic classes and strata, parties, groups and individuals. Independence and initiative are enjoyed by participants in this united front. But the single common objective of all is to overthrow the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and institute a truly national and democratic regime. The success of the national democratic front can pave the way for a national coalition government where the working class, peasantry, urban petty bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie are fairly and justly represented. The Party's Programme for a People's Democratic Revolution and also the ten-point guide drafted by the Party in connection with the drawing up of the programme of the National Democratic Front should be referred to as guide for forming a

national alliance or local alliances or revolutionary forces.

In addition, we are hereby making a pledge to ourselves, to all our allies and to all our countrymen in the context of our programme for a people's democratic revolution:

1. To join up with all forces that are opposed to the fascist dictatorship of the U.S.-Marcos clique and conduct a firm revolutionary struggle to overthrow it;

2. To strengthen the New People's Army, boldly organize guerrilla units all over the archipelago and draw all possible cooperation from everyone opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship;

3. To help re-establish the democratic rights of all anti-fascist forces, including individuals, political parties, trade unions, mass organizations, mass media, religious organizations and all other people, and to take all steps towards a democratic coalition government;

4. To fight for the nullification of all acts of the fascist dictatorship that favor U.S. imperialism and the Marcos fascist clique, and to make possible the abrogation of all unequal treaties and agreements with the United States, especially those pertaining to direct investments, military bases, military assistance, military aggression and cultural aggression.

5. To pave the way for the arrest, trial before a people's court and punishment of the dictator Marcos and his diehard accomplices for the setting up of a fascist dictatorship, bloody crimes against the people and enrichment in office, and make possible the confiscation of all ill-gotten wealth (capital holdings and landholdings) of the Marcos fascist clique and likewise those of all U.S. imperialist firms and agencies collaborating with it; and

6. To welcome to the revolutionary cause those officers and men of the reactionary armed forces who turn at any time against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, provided they are not a mere faction of the military directed by U.S. imperialism to groom another puppet dictator.

Hereunder are a number of guidelines for developing or dealing with the various forces opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship:

1. The Party should vigorously fulfill its 1972 organizational and educational plan. Despite what appears to be the tightening of the situation due to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, the fact is that the entire country has been made far more fertile than before for revolutionary

seeding and growth. There is a great need for cadres and their nationwide deployment. So, the Central Committee is seeing to it that cadres are dispatched from certain regions to other regions. The correct relationship between expansion and consolidation and between the number of cadres in urban areas and that in the rural areas must be settled from time to time by regional Party committees in their respective territories. They must take more initiative in building the Party, the New People's Army and the united front. Stress must be laid on mass work. The gauge of achievement is the quantity and quality of Party branches and groups, fighting units of the New People's Army, organs of political power, people's organizing committees and mass organizations of workers, peasants, youth, women and cultural activists. Due to the emergence of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship, special attention must be paid to improving underground methods, especially in cities and towns, and in maintaining links over extensive areas.

2. The Party should assign more cadres of worker as well as petty-bourgeois background to the New People's Army. Those who can no longer conduct legal work or underground work in cities and towns should be dispatched to the people's army through the various regional Party committees. The people's army is the Party's principal form of organization and should be built as such. Party branches should be established at the company or platoon level as the case may be and Party groups at the squad level and, in addition, Party branches should be established in localities. The main objective of the fascist dictatorship in the countryside today is the suppression of the Party, the New People's Army and the revolutionary masses. We should be good at preserving ourselves by destroying the enemy (fascist troops, spies, local tyrants and bad elements) on the wider scale of the countryside. The New People's Army is based mainly on the peasant masses, the majority class in Philippine society. Special attention should therefore be paid to realizing a genuine land reform programme among them. Nothing will ever come out of the decree of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship proclaiming the implementation of the reactionary "land reform" code all over the country, except intensified feudal and semi-feudal exploitation and oppression and, therefore, intensified resistance by the peasant masses. Whenever possible, land should be distributed free to the tillers who do not own land or who do not have enough. The nonpayment of land rent and other related

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This overall capitalist crisis has its effects both in industry and in agriculture. One of the most important factors which accounts for the agricultural, as well as the industrial crisis is the law of the concentration and centralization of capital. This is the monopolization of the means of production under the control of finance capital. As the productive forces become concentrated in the hands of a relatively few finance capitalists, they can increase their profits tremendously by driving their competitors out of business and by simply raising the prices of their commodities. The basic law of monopoly capital is maximum profit.

The whole development of capitalism has been the victory of large-scale production over small-scale production, or the concentration and centralization of capital. As Leontiev says, "In the process of competition, the strong crushes the weak. In the competitive struggle all the advantages are on the side of the large enterprises. (4) We can see this in both industry and agriculture. In agriculture, the farm population has gone from 31,974,000 in 1920 to 9,712,000 in 1970 or from 30.1% of the total population in 1920 to 4.8% in 1970. While the total number of farms went from 6,518,000 in 1920 to 2,876,000 in 1971, the total acreage of farms was increased from 956 million acres to 1,118 million acres. The average acre per farm went from 147 to 389 acres from 1920 to 1971. (5) This shows that while the farm lands became more concentrated and centralized under the control of finance capital, many of the small and independent farmers were squeezed out because they could not compete with large scale production. Small farmers are forced to buy new, high priced machinery to keep in competition. Rent on their land goes up, taxes go up, fuel to run the machines goes up. In addition, before the agricultural commodity reaches the market, it has to pass through the hands of dozens of middlemen, wholesalers, who are united into large monopolies which make sure the prices remain high. The small farmer is forced to sell his products at extremely low prices which do not cover his operating expenses and the cost of his labour. The brunt of every agricultural crisis lies on the back of the small independent farmer.

The effect of the high prices is also being felt by the small businessman who is being run out of business. The effects of the boycott did not hurt Safeway or A & P which are controlled by finance capitalists like Rockefeller, but the small meat man on the local corner was driven out of business by this crisis consciously

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Dissension Grows In Armed Forces

Throughout the duration of the USNA involvement in the war in Vietnam there has been dissension within and around the armed forces. Increasingly in the past few years we have witnessed countless incidents of sabotage, protest and desertion. The armed forces are an integral and indispensable component of the USNA state and cannot afford to be plagued with breach of discipline and subversion, if the state is to adequately fulfill its role in bourgeois society, i.e., to preserve the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie over the working class and other oppressed strata of society. Thus, it is imperative, particularly at this time when the USNA imperialists have partially and temporarily withdrawn their forces from Vietnam and when contradictions with other capitalist countries are ever rising, that the USNA imperialists strive to "...get rid of men who can't cut the mustard" (1) and consolidate their forces.

In recent months, the events of sabotage and protest in the Navy aboard the aircraft carriers, Constellation and Kitty Hawk, have caused much alarm among top military officials. Uncovering corruption and chauvinism, these growing internal conflicts have served to help tarnish the "immaculate image" of the armed forces.

In 1971 there was a mass movement in Southern California, particularly in San Diego, where the Constellation was docked. It was in protest of the Constellation's participation in the Vietnam war. This issue was taken up by a broad section of the San Diego community. It involved sailors, workers, churches, activists and students. It is well known that a good deal of the crew did not want to participate in war operations and this opposition was multi-national in character.

On October 12, 1972, while the carrier, Kitty Hawk, was in Southeast Asian waters, what the press called a "Racial Disturbance" broke out. It lasted through the night and involved 100 crewmen. 46 men were injured. Charges were filed against 27 crewmen and 21 were sent back to the USNA to await court martials. All of them were Negro national minority. The crew was ordered to remain silent about the incident.

A few days later a similar uprising occurred on the Navy oiler, Hassayampa, in the Philippines, resulting in the arrest of 12 Negro national minorities.

Then on November 5 there was a sitdown strike by 132 men on the carrier, Constellation, to protest "racial discrimination." 120 of these men were Negro national minority and 12 were Anglo-Americans. The bourgeois press very skillfully left out any word of the Anglo-American sailors' participation until it was able to rationalize their claims of "racial discrimination" against Negroes and the whole situation as a matter of one group of dissidents against another. These sailors were put ashore, it was said, at first to insure their rights, but later the Captain was reported as saying that it was because "they would tear up the ship." (2) While the Constellation had been operating off the coast of Vietnam, it experienced acts of sabotage. The Captain charged that equipment had been thrown overboard that was essential to flight operations. He said he had learned of plans of men to lay themselves down on the flight deck to prevent flights and that he knew that the saboteurs were at work when the sitdown occurred. (3)

All of these incidents have been attributed merely to "racial strife" and to the supposed fact that the men who participated in these events were of "inferior intelligence." In reality what all of these incidents reflect is the bourgeoisie's skillful use of white chauvinism to divert common grievances against the war and against overwork to national discord, to pit one nationality against another. One sailor attributed the disturbances aboard the Kitty Hawk "as much to tensions built up over long periods of intensive duty as to racial or discipline problems." (4)

Among many of the sailors, there is a deep-rooted hatred both for the war in Indo-China and for the anti-democratic and white chauvinist practices within the Navy. The imperialists cannot afford this resistance within the armed forces, especially at a time when they have tried to paint the picture of a progressive navy under Admiral Zumwalt. Long hair and beer on ship are attempts to convince the sailors that life will not be bad for those who support the wars of aggression and fight for Uncle Sam. In order to maintain this image the high command comes in, proclaims a "race riot" and discharges the protesting sailors, allowing the fascists to escape scott free.

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Army grew out of the Peoples Militia, and when the war was won the People retained the right to their militia and organized it whenever and wherever needed. Historically, the American people have earned the name of a truly democratic people. This can be seen in the valiant struggles waged by the working class to build a trade union movement, especially the mine, steel and auto workers and the longshoremens. This culminated in the formation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) when the Negro workers could no longer be disregarded as they were in the building of the American Federation of Labor (AFL). In World War II the bravery and self-sacrifice shown by the American soldiers in the fight against fascism will never be forgotten.

Based on new conditions which create a new situation we must re-evaluate and consider a new approach to revolution. The whole government from top to bottom, country-wide, state-wide and locally is corrupt, moribund, decaying and rotten to the core, and now people are learning who the real conspirators and subversives are. We cannot believe the President, Vice-President, and with very little exception, Senators and Representatives in Congress. They are demagogues and liars. The Administrators, or so-called watch dogs of the law, set up by the administration in power, after receiving their appointments grow rich by not enforcing the law.

Some of the results of imperialism are: pollution of the air, streams, lakes, and now the oceans and seas; nuclear radio active poisoning, injection of poisons into animals and fowl to make them produce meat faster; using poisonous chemicals as additives, and preservatives in our food that give us cancer; corrupt police forces who protect gangsters and dope pushers; riding rough-shod over the people, violating their rights; and now the Administration is packing the Supreme Court with reactionary, white chauvinist judges; interfering with and striving to control the organizations of the people; forcing permanent arbitration upon the unions, using injunctions to break their strikes, sending CIA agents all over the world to interfere with the developing governments, murdering their leaders, corrupting their armed forces, setting up military dictatorships to control the raw material and the people for USNA imperialism. When a dictatorship cannot be sustained the state of the USNA which acts as their executive sends in armed forces, getting our sons and soon our daughters killed, fighting wars that cannot be won because the developing

people all over the world have learned how to fight peoples' wars using guerrilla tactics.

Our new Party must organize caucuses or fractions in all mass organizations. When there is no fight on important issues, a mass organization must be built. The Party must organize a United Front of the People to save our country from the white chauvinist, rapacious, genocidal imperialists. The working class is over 75 percent of the people and have the democratic right to establish socialism. Socialism must be established under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

When it is said that the dictatorship of the proletariat is necessary to build socialism, that does not mean it is against the masses of people. It is against the bourgeoisie to prevent them from ever again taking power. It is possible for the change to come relatively peacefully. That will depend on how the capitalists and their henchmen act. If they persist in using violence, then they will feel the wrath of the people on their skins. They can have a place in the new society if they can learn to live as decent people in a cooperative society.

As Mao Tse-tung said, the imperialists are paper tigers. They can no longer have effective organization. The youth are no longer willing to volunteer or be drafted into the armed forces, many are using dope, and in Vietnam, some of the soldiers are refusing to fight, sometimes even killing their officers.

Communism or a Marxist-Leninist Party is not a conspiracy. Its organizational structure, policy and program must be taken to the people for their support. When the Party is under attack, it must not expose all its leadership or members, but it must continuously fight for its legality, and constantly cleanse itself of wrong elements, who worm their way into the membership and corrupt the Party. A small minority of the middle class and intellectuals can be members and leaders providing they can understand that to carry the revolution through to the end, the proletarian workers must be the leadership. One of the sicknesses of the Communist Party of the United States was that an organization of professional revolutionaries was never built. The middle class members just called themselves proletarian workers and were the leaders of the Party.

The imperialists are utilizing our country and all its resources for superprofits and the benefit of themselves and their henchmen at the expense of all other people, including all the lesser industrialists, small businessmen, professionals, scientists, educators and public administrators. Under these

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write these lines, the proletariat of Europe and America is holding a review of its forces; it is mobilized for the first time as One army, under One flag, and fighting One immediate aim; an eight hour working day, established by legal enactment...The spectacle we are now witnessing will make the capitalist and landowners of all lands realize that today the proletarians of all lands are, in very truth, united. If only Marx were with me to see it with his own eyes!"(3)

Upon examining the situation of the workers and oppressed people around the world today, we see that they are no longer mobilized as "one army, under one flag and fighting one immediate aim." But on the other hand, conscious forces are developing and are given powerful support by the socialist countries of China, Albania, North Vietnam and North Korea and the national liberation struggles and revolutionary movements around the world. The call for proletarian internationalism, for unity of the workers and oppressed peoples of the world in the struggle against imperialism is being heard more and more.

Speaking to May Day and the need for proletarian internationalism, Lenin wrote in 1904: "Comrade workers! May day is coming, the day when the workers of all lands celebrate their awakening to a class conscious life, their solidarity in the struggle against all coercion and oppression of man by man, the struggle to free the toiling millions from hunger, poverty and humiliation. Two worlds stand facing each other in this great struggle; the world of capital and the world of labour, the world of exploitation and slavery and the world of brotherhood and freedom."(4)

The international struggle against imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism will not be without hardships and setbacks. But as class conscious leaders of the working class we understand that it is inevitable that the working class will smash the bourgeois state and attain political power, establish socialist relations of production and do away with all exploitation and oppression.

There are many battles yet to be waged by the international proletariat. In regards to the 8 hour day, there are many countries where the working day is still 12-16 hours,

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conditions the Party should have many allies and be able to organize a gigantic United Front to sweep all the imperialists out of power.

Denver: POLICE TERROR STRIKES

Throughout the USNA, the police are continuing their fascist attacks on the working class. As the forces of resistance to imperialism grow in the colonies, the markets of the imperialists continue to shrink. To maintain their super profits the imperialists must throw more and more of the vicious oppression that exists in the colonies onto the backs of its own working class, especially the national minority sections of the class.

At 11:30 the morning of March 17, 1973 the Denver Police Department launched another of its brutal attacks on the Denver Mexican national minority section of the working class. To anyone watching, it was clear that such an incident was bound to erupt. The Denver police have been pursuing a policy of posting a squad car in the near vicinity of any gathering of Mexican national minority youth in order to provoke, harass, and intimidate such gatherings.

The incident began with a youth refusing to bow to the intimidation of the police in a squad car outside a party. It ended with the youth dead, five young workers wounded, 12 police wounded and 36 people in jail. The police riddled the building where the party was held with shotgun fire and shot out all the street lights on the block. A direct result of this is that a 17 year old Mexican national minority woman is listed in critical condition in Denver General Hospital with a chest wound. The Denver police claim

they just do not know how she was shot. They might consider indiscriminate police shotgun fire as a possible explanation!

When faced with these fascist attacks on the working class, the CPUSA asks workers to unite with the liberal bourgeoisie and put our faith in bourgeois "democracy" and bourgeois "justice." It asks us to petition for a grand jury investigation, calling for an "impartial federal investigation." We must understand that the bourgeois state is an instrument of bourgeois class oppression, a tool used against the proletariat, the primary weapon in the hands of the imperialist ruling class. Bourgeois "democracy" is democracy for the bourgeoisie, not for the workers. Bourgeois "justice" is justice for the bourgeoisie and a railroad to prison for workers. What will be the result of an "impartial federal investigation"? More workers arrested, the police terrorists exonerated and even commended for their brutal dirty work.

We must see that historically the fascist drive has only been defeated by a militant united working class movement led by a real Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. The Communist League sees clearly that the major task of all revolutionary individuals and groups today must be to build such a party that can unite and lead the working class to stave off fascism, establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and build Socialism and Communism.

and peace is the continuation of the politics of war.'... Neither the bourgeois pacifists nor the socialist pacifists see that if the bourgeois governments are not overthrown by revolution peace now can only be an imperialist peace, a continuation of the imperialist war." (1)

Lenin tells us that we must split peace into two and ask the question, "peace for whom? the exploiters or the exploited?" He guides us in stating, "Absolutely everybody is in favour of peace in general....for everyone of them wishes to end the war. The trouble is that everyone of them advances imperialist (i.e., predatory in relation to other peoples), oppressive peace conditions for the benefit of 'his' nation. Slogans must be advanced in order to make clear to the masses, by means of propaganda and agitation, the irreconcilable difference between Socialism and capitalism (imperialism); they must not be advanced in order to reconcile two hostile classes and two hostile political lines by means of a little word that 'unites' the most divergent things." (2)

The revisionists cried for peace without showing the irreconcilable difference between Socialism and imperialism. Peace for the imperialists would have meant the establishment of a successful neo-colonialist regime throughout Vietnam and peace for the National Liberation Front would have meant the total expulsion of imperialism. Neither of these was achieved. The peace movement led by the CPUSA was based on the ideas of bourgeois pacifism. With no dialectical analysis of "peace," the working class in the USNA was "lulled to sleep" believing that the war had ended.

What is the response of the revisionists as it becomes more and more obvious that there never was any peace? They say that "Only a resurgent mass peace effort in the U.S. can stop it." (3) After aiding the imperialists in taking the wind out of the peace movement in the USNA, they now try to put it back together again, still calling for peace in the abstract!

It is our internationalist duty to expose the true nature of the imperialists and the revisionists to the working class in the USNA. We must follow Lenin's guidance and call for a peace that will free the oppressed peoples of Southeast Asia from the tenacles of imperialism. Only then can we sincerely advance the slogan "Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Unite!"

- 1) Lenin on War and Peace, FLPP, 1966, p. 32.
- 2) Ibid., p. 34.
- 3) Daily World, 4/19/73, p. 1.

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with the Soviet Union. In carrying out their aggressive acts, USNA imperialism had gained the reputation of being the most brutal and vicious predator in the history of mankind. The atrocities committed by the imperialists in the undeclared war against the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand horrified the workers and other oppressed peoples of the world. Cries of "Stop the War" came from all corners of the globe, including the working class within the USNA. The announcement of "peace" allowed the USNA imperialists to contain the rising anger of the working class over their aggressive policies.

More importantly, however, it allowed the return of the POW's, many of whom are trained pilots, desperately needed for the war effort. Though in top physical condition, the imperialists have gotten the most reactionary of the POW's to tell lies of atrocities committed against them in the North Vietnamese prison camps. It is interesting to note that most all of these stories are being told by career soldiers who

obviously want promotions. Already some have been promoted to the rank of General. In addition the idea of court-martialing the POW's who spoke against the war is continually being tossed around. The imperialists are trying to build resentment against the Vietnamese in particular and Communism in general to provide an ideological base for the re-institution of full scale war. They must have a free hand to force the unconditional surrender of the Vietnamese people.

The revisionists, represented here by the CPUSA, consciously aided the imperialists by channeling the cries of indignation against the war expressed by the working class into abstract cries of peace. Lenin accurately describes the social motion of these traitors to the working class: "Bourgeois 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

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measures can easily be effected when the peasant masses have been sufficiently aroused, organized and mobilized on a wide scale. This is also the best way of creating stable base areas. Wherever the guerrilla units of the New People's Army are, the least that should be done for the welfare of the peasant masses is to reduce land rent, eliminate usury and initiate mutual aid and exchange of labor. Peasant associations, with poor and lower middle peasants prevailing, would be established. Local militia units and guerrilla units should also be raised from the peasant ranks so as to defend their democratic gains. From the ranks of the guerrilla units, we draw the Red fighters for the regular mobile forces of the New People's Army.

3. The Party should continue to build revolutionary trade unions and other suitable organizations (including open associations and secret workers' organizing committees) among the workers in workplaces and communities, despite the fascist ban on mass organizations and strikes. However, care must always be taken to prevent the enemy from identifying Party cadres and members. The more the fascist dictatorship madly goes after all kinds of workers' organizations, the more it will aggravate its already isolated position. The longer the workers' rights are suppressed, the more will the workers become fearless of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Their wages are buying less and less. They are also under greater threat of unemployment. The fascist dictatorship is mad enough to prevent the workers indefinitely from demanding through their unions and through strikes better working and living conditions. The violent suppression of workers' unions and strikes can only yield more determined fighters for the revolutionary cause, provided the Party does well its duty of arousing and mobilizing the workers. The Party should organize the workers in factories, mines, haciendas and other areas and raise their political consciousness in the light of the current political and economic crisis. Workers are quick in grasping the Marxist-Leninist ideology, provided this is properly communicated to them by Party cadres. The Party should accelerate its efforts to build Party branches in the workers' places of work and communities. Trade union work should always be combined with ideological and political work.

4. The Party should vigorously arouse and mobilize the student masses against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Although the democratic cultural revolution has already brought out a high degree of militance among them, the student masses should be further guided by

the Party in the new situation so that they can link up with the broad masses of the people and deliver the most effective blows against the fascist dictatorship. If it were not for the fear of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship of the student masses, the schools should have been opened on the Monday following Proclamation No. 1081. But the closure of schools for some time cannot stop the student masses from mass actions. First, the probing mass actions and other propaganda activities; then increasingly bigger mass actions. Various forms of open student organizations and underground coordinating committees can be set up to defy the fascist ban on basic democratic rights. In the case of quite a number of student leaders and other youth leaders, who are black-listed and who will only be immobilized upon arrest, it is the Party's policy to dispatch them to the countryside or the underground, so long as they are already Party members or are willing to become Red fighters even if they are not yet Party or even candidate-members. Party groups which are in the midst of the student masses should systematically deploy groups of students to various provinces and towns to condemn the fascist dictatorship and arouse the people.

5. The Party should encourage not only the student masses but also all other sections of the intelligentsia to assert their national and democratic rights and speak out their views against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. It is anti-national to allow foreign-owned mass media like those owned by the Sorianos to make propaganda in support of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and at the same time prevent the Filipino people from speaking out their minds. It is anti-democratic to have only those reports and views supporting a fascist dictatorship disseminated. Teachers at all levels should be persuaded to propagate the national and democratic line among their co-teachers, students and the people and not to make anti-communist propaganda which would only serve to prolong the life of the fascist dictatorship in the country. Special efforts should be exerted to get the motive support of public school teachers. All government civilian employees should resist attempts of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship to shift public funds to the military from their departments, disregard their civil service eligibilities or turn over their functions to military personnel. Like the teachers and ordinary government civilian employees, all professionals (doctors, nurses, engineers, journalists, lawyers and others) should be won over to the anti-fascist united front. If positive and progressive, their political influence on many other people is of great value to the revolution. Their

direct services and material contribution to the revolution are much needed. The most progressive elements in the ranks of the intelligentsia can become Party members.

6. The Party should, aside from the intelligentsia, win over other sections of the petty bourgeoisie. In many various ways, they can extend practical support to the revolutionary cause. They can help spread the correct political line against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and they can also extend material support to the revolutionary movement. They are hard-pressed by the political and economic crisis worsening under the fascist dictatorship. The Party should consider the entire petty bourgeoisie as a basic motive force in the national democratic revolution and win it over in order to tilt the balance securely in favor of the revolutionary side.

7. The Party should win over members of the national bourgeoisie, in the cities and in the countryside, to give political and material support to the revolutionary movement. Since they themselves cannot be expected to bear arms against the enemy, they can extend to the revolutionary movement support in cash or kind or allow the use of their facilities. The Party should protect their legitimate interests against the wanton assaults of U.S. imperialism and the puppet dictatorship. The national bourgeoisie can join the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist united front and it will be amply represented in the national coalition government to be set up in the future.

8. The Party should support the struggle for self-determination or autonomy and also for democracy among the national minorities, especially those of Mindanao who have taken up arms. The armed struggle of the Maguindanaos, Maranaos, Tausugs and others is very significant. Efforts should be exerted in developing revolutionary forces in various parts of Mindanao, especially those outside of the "Muslim" areas; and unity between the national minorities and the poor settlers everywhere should be aimed for in accordance with the general line of national democratic revolution. The armed struggle in Mindanao can be so coordinated with the revolutionary armed struggle in Luzon and the Visayas that the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship would become exhausted from running to and fro, from far south to far north of the archipelago and vice versa. It should be the general policy of the Party all over the country to welcome all national minorities into the ranks of the revolutionary movement and to develop Party cadres and Red fighters among them.

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where the conditions of the workers and oppressed peoples are much worse than those for the Anglo-American working class. In internationalist solidarity we support all of the just struggles around the world being waged against imperialism.

In the USNA, we see the bourgeoisie trying to reverse the gains the proletariat has made over the last 87 years. This year, many union contracts are to be negotiated. These include the electrical workers, Teamsters, Auto workers, garment, rubber, Maritime and other workers. Over 5,5 million workers are involved. The Steel workers have already settled. The labour aristocracy, who is the present leadership of the labour movement, is not acting in the interest of the working class. The recent signing of the steel contract says that steel workers cannot strike for four years! For this they get a one time bonus of \$150. Further, Auto workers are being forced to work 6 and sometimes 7 days a week.

But the biggest section of the working class, the unorganized and unskilled labourers, have it even worse. The new minimum wage does not apply to large sections of the class and cannot possibly keep up with inflation. Taxes take 36% of the average worker's paycheck. This means you work from January 1 to May 2 for the government. In the midst of this the monopolization of production is continually raising the prices of commodities to record levels.

The working class of the USNA cannot effectively fight against capitalism on any level without an independent political party, a Communist Party to lead it. The building of such a party, the training of political leaders to influence the class in its struggles and to bring it class consciousness, is an urgent need of the working class.

On this May Day the Communist League raises these slogans in the interests of the international proletariat:

LONG LIVE MAY DAY!

BUILD A MULTI-NATIONAL PARTY IN THE USNA!

We urge the comrades to seriously study the science of Marxism-Leninism, to get out and establish and consolidate ties within the working class; to develop the fractional method of work, to study the People's Tribune and use it more and more as a collective organizer.

- (1) Marx, Capital, Progress Publishers, Moscow, 1965, p.301.
- (2) People's Tribune, Vol.4 No.4, p.3.
- (3) Tractenburg, History of May Day, International Pub., 1947, p.45.
- (4) Lenin, CW, Vol. 7, "May Day", Progress Pub., Moscow, 1965, p.199.

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brought about by the monopolies themselves.

Furthermore, the government has been forced by the monopolies to take certain measures to keep the prices of agricultural commodities high. Since World War I the government has subsidized the large farmers not to grow. They have bought up the land to prevent it from being used. They have stockpiled grains in storage bins to keep it off the market. Today there are 230 million bushels of government held feed grains in storage. (6) The government under order from the monopolies has enlarged its markets for agricultural products through surplus disposal of farm commodities by sending food overseas in times of war and through domestic welfare donations.

Today the USNA is in a temporary boom because they have been able to place the burden of the crisis on the backs of other capitalist countries and the colonial world. Other countries like Japan, the Soviet Union, as well as Europe, are being forced into buying USNA commodities because of the recent devaluation of the dollar. In addition the forced revaluation of other countries' currencies makes USNA commodities cheaper while making commodities of other countries more expensive. In 1973, 400 million bushels of wheat were sent to the Soviet Union and Japan raised her USNA meat imports from 500 tons to 1500 tons per 6 months. Inflation in Europe, Japan and the colonies is much higher than in the USNA. Even though workers in the USNA cannot afford meat, workers and peasants in the colonies are suffering and dying from malnutrition and vitamin deficiencies.

However, with the intensification of competition and the battle for markets among the imperialist powers, the markets here will again become glutted with too many agricultural as well as industrial commodities. The factories will be forced to shut down. The small farmers will be squeezed out and thousands of workers and small farmers will be thrown out into the street. Workers will starve because too much food was produced for which they cannot pay. There will be a further deepening of the entire capitalist crisis. Marx stated, "And how does the bourgeoisie get over these crises? On the one hand by enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other, by the conquest of new markets and by the thorough exploitation of the old ones. That is to say, by paving the way for more extensive and more destructive crises and by diminishing the means whereby crises are prevented." (7) With each new crisis the workers and peasants are thrown deeper into poverty.

The only way out of crisis for the imperialists is imperialist war, to destroy commodities and redivide the world for new markets. The only way out for the workers and other oppressed peoples of the world is revolution. Unlike what the revisionists tell us, capitalism will not die of itself. Stalin makes clear that, "The victory of the revolution never comes by itself. It has to be prepared for and won. And only a strong proletarian revolutionary party can prepare for and win victory."

BUILD AN INDEPENDENT MULTI-NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY!!

- (1) L.A. Times, March 24, 1973
- (2) U.S. News and World Report, April 23, 1973
- (3) Stalin, J., Report of the Work of the Central Committee of the CPSU 17th Party Congress, p. 7
- (4) Leontiev, Political Economy, International Publishers, New York, p. 194
- (5) Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1971, pp. 572, 573
- (6) LA Times, March 16, 1973
- (7) Op. Cit., Leontiev, p. 189
- (8) Op. Cit., Stalin, p. 17

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To further their implementation of white chauvinism, the military officials have only court martial and discharged Negro national minority servicemen for "race riots." The charge that all of this strife has occurred within the Navy because these men were of "inferior intelligence" was further heightened when Navy officials revealed February 2, 1973 that 2,959 men were discharged when their records were said to reflect "marginal performance or sub-standard conduct." (5) Another 3,000 men were discharged later in February. This purge represents an attempt to quell the wide spread discontent in the Navy.

The proletariat must support the progressive sections of the sailors in every way possible. These events within the Navy point out that the imperialists must rely upon fascist attacks to continue their policies of aggression. The struggle of the proletariat in the armed forces, as well as the factories, lacks definite leadership. A Communist Party with sections in the armed forces would greatly strengthen all working class struggles.

- 1) San Diego Evening Tribune, 2/3/73.
- 2) San Diego Union, 11/15/72.
- 3) Ibid., 11/17/72.
- 4) Wall Street Journal, 12/7/72.
- 5) San Diego Evening Tribune, 2/3/73.

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9. The Party should seek and develop an anti-fascist united front at every possible level with the Liberal Party, with certain sections of the Nacionalista Party and various political groups and figures who are opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. The attempt of the Marcos fascist puppet clique to monopolize power in the country has seriously harmed or put a serious threat to the interests of other reactionaries. The violent split developing among the reactionaries has been obvious since the second Plaza Miranda massacre. Although the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship will try to create the myth of "bipartisan" support for the "Marcos party", the political and economic contradictions among the reactionaries cannot be erased. There are various ways of cooperating with other political groups and figures. Since the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is bent on disarming them at any cost, they might as well contribute or merely lend their arms to the New People's Army. They can also advise their following to cooperate with the people's army and they can give other kinds of material support. In return, such legitimate interests of theirs as those which do not harm the people can be protected. In cases where there are already armed groups fighting or determined to fight the fascist dictatorship, the New People's Army should be willing to reorganize them or integrate them into its ranks or simply coordinate with them as the case may be.

10. The Party should seek and develop an anti-imperialist and anti-fascist united front with religious and semi-religious groups that are opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. It is noteworthy that there are a considerable number of patriotic and progressive priests and ministers who have merited being in the fascist blacklist. It must be always borne in mind that there are religious people who do not agree with the Party's ideology but who would agree with the Party's political programme and line.

11. The Party should draw all possible support from Filipinos abroad, especially the half a million Filipino immigrant workers, professionals and students in the United States. Together with their American and other foreign friends, they can form committees and associations, engage in mass actions and raise funds for their own propaganda activities all in support of the revolutionary struggle of the Filipino people against the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Eventually friends of the Filipino people all over the world should also be encouraged to initiate committees and associations in support of the Filipino revolutionary struggle. The Filipino people should get



all possible international support in the same spirit and manner as other peoples have done for their own revolutionary struggles. The peoples of the world are profoundly interested in the victory of the Philippine revolution against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs. The Party should be guided by the lofty principle of proletarian internationalism in this regard.

12. The Party should perseveringly conduct by various means revolutionary propaganda among the officers and troops of the reactionary armed forces. Quite a number of them are opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. As a matter of fact, there are three definite trends in the reactionary armed forces: the first one consists of those who support the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and who are gloating at the chance to abuse the people; the second one consists of those who oppose the Marcos fascist gang but who wish to have it replaced by coup d'etat with another reactionary regime which they consider "democratic"; and the third one consists of those who oppose the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and who agree with the principles of the Corpus-Tagamolila Movement. The second trend can be subdivided into two: one is biding its time for the near-collapse of the Marcos fascist clique and will move only with assurances from U.S. imperialism; the other has various notions of anti-imperialism. Enemy officers and troops who are opposed to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship should be encouraged to take the people's side and take the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and anti-fascist line. They can bring over their arms and join the New People's Army or temporarily establish and lead guerrilla units until such time that they can establish relations with the people's army. The Party should also see to it that the policy of leniency is taken on captive enemy officers and men in order to disintegrate the reactionary armed forces. As the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship conscripts more troops and the people's suffering becomes even

more unbearable, there will be more enemy officers and men who will recognize what is right and what is wrong and will gladly turn their arms against the people's exploiters and oppressors.

The Communist Party of the Philippines, together with the New People's Army which it leads, declares that conditions for revolutionary armed struggle in the countryside have been tremendously enhanced by the emergence of the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship. Whereas before Proclamation No. 1081 only certain limited parts of the country were battlefields, these can now be boldly expanded throughout the archipelago. Furthermore, whereas before this proclamation it was not yet timely to launch certain limited forms of military operations in urban areas, these can now be done with due consideration given to the strategic line that the revolutionary forces will seize the cities from rural base areas.

The broad masses of the people know how to deal with a mad bull like the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship and they are determined to encircle it with the flames of people's war. The day will surely come when the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship is turned to ashes and is finally consigned to the garbage heap of history. By that time, the comprehensive revolutionary movement against U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism shall have become a gigantic force, capable of carrying out the Philippine revolution through to the end.

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