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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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## Zionists Launch New Attack on Arab Peoples

Just as this issue of the People's Tribune is going to press, the Israeli Zionists are launching an attack upon Egypt and Syria. While this is yet a few days old, we would like to point out some fundamental points concerning this aggression.

First of all, the situation in the Mideast is an extremely complex one. It is complex because no single factor is in complete leadership of the events. While the USNA and the USSR are colluding for the time being in order to advance their own imperialist aims, they have set into motion forces which potentially are

out of their direct control and may move against their interests.

Israel is a creation and political pawn of imperialism. Israel has been for the last 26 years the tool by which the USNA has terrorized and exploited the Arab masses, particularly the Palestinians. However, the bourgeois nationalists who head the Israeli state have ideas of their own; they would like to see Israel as a major power and they dream of being the dominant force in the Mideast. These dreams of the Zionists to be more than puppets can possibly conflict with the overall tactics of

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## Coalminers Strike!

FROM A WORKER CORRESPONDENT

The coal miners of Harlan County, Kentucky are continuing to struggle valiantly against exploitation and oppression. Earlier this year a militant struggle was begun to get rid of the "open scab" company union, the Southern Labor Union (SLU), and to bring in the United Mine Workers of America (UMW) to the Eastover Mine Company. After several "wildcats" the miners at Eastover located at Brookside, Ky. succeeded in ridding themselves of the SLU and voted in the UMW as their union representative. Since August 1 of this year these workers have been on strike to get the company to sign a contract. This strike has turned into one of the biggest in the country and may become one of the most significant in the history of mining in this country.

Eastover Mine Company is owned by the coal operated Duke Power Company based in N. Carolina. The Duke Power Company is the second largest coal consumer in the country. In 1972 Duke bought up 15 million tons of coal, 2 1/2% of the total industry output. In Harlan County, Duke owns two mines, one at Brookside and the other at Highsplint. At Brookside they own 57 million tons in coal reserves and mine 4,000 tons of coal daily.

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## CHILE - Lessons in Counter-revolution

President Salvadore Allende's government in Chile was overthrown by a military coup on Sept. 11, 1973. Because of the strategic importance of Latin America to the USNA imperialists and, therefore, the absolute necessity of close solidarity between the revolutionary movements of all the Americas, we must analyze and look at what has caused the setback in Chile.

Latin America is the stronghold of USNA imperialism. Without it the whole edifice of USNA imperialism would crumble. The USNA has \$13.8 billion invested in Latin America, and over \$1 billion in Chile alone. In the last 15 years USNA corporations have taken \$16.4 billion out of Latin America. And that does not include interest paid by those governments for so-called aid loans.

In the fall of 1970 Chile was entering a revolutionary crisis. The USNA backed regime of Eduardo Frei was becoming increasingly bankrupt and unable to control the masses of workers and peasants. The Chilean people were demanding nationalization of the

USNA mines and other interests. Land reform was desperately needed by every peasant in Chile.

It was in this atmosphere that the Socialist Party, headed by Allende, formed an electoral bloc with the Communist Party of Chile, headed by the arch-revisionist, Luis Calvaran. The Communist Party of Chile's main stated goal in this coalition was to show that the peaceful road to socialism is possible. (See People's Tribune, Vol. 5, No. 1, p. 17.)

Allende won the election. The Chilean comprador bourgeoisie and the USNA imperialists would have rather that he did not. But given the mood of the working classes, they had to allow him to assume office. Even at that, Frei and the Christian Democrats were able to wring every possible concession out of the Allende government. For example, before the Christian Democratic Congress allowed his government to take office, Allende had to promise not to introduce a radical land reform. Further, he was made to promise not to

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act outside the constitution nor to nationalize any property without compensation. In other words before the "Marxist" government could take office, it had to promise not to do away with capitalism. It had to agree not to establish a dictatorship of the proletariat. And most important, it had to agree not to dismantle the main weapon the USNA and their lackeys have in Chile, the Army.

A Marxist analysis of the State and particularly, the modern bourgeois State, shows that the army is the main organ of state power. History has proven that the main task any revolution has in order to be successful is to first dismantle the apparatus of State power, i.e., the army, police, courts, prisons, etc.

The Allende government, which was composed of "socialists" and "communists", completely ignored this basic law of revolution. Not only that, the government actually allowed the USNA to continue arming and training the Chilean armed forces. In the past year alone 13 million dollars in aid was given by Nixon to the army. And yet this government has been touted by every revisionist in the world for the last three years as an anti-imperialist government.

What better situation could Nixon have asked for? The imperialists are faced with a crisis in one of the key countries in South America and along comes a popularly elected "Marxist" government who not only agrees not to disarm the imperialist lackeys in its country, but agrees to strengthen them. This "Marxist" government not only does nothing to free the working class from bourgeois political control, but actually condones it under the guise of "unity against reaction".

USNA policy toward Latin America has not changed noticeably in the last 100 years. The imperialists have been successful in keeping the Latin American masses choosing between the "gorilla" (dictator) or the "democrat". The pattern is clear: first a government of out and out compradors like Frei; then when the revolutionary crisis starts developing, a petty bourgeois democrat comes forward to "free" his people from Yankee imperialism. Allende in Chile, Arbenz in Guatamala, Goulart in Brazil, etc. Then after a few years of sapping the revolutionary zeal of the people, a military "gorilla" is installed. This then lays the basis for the whole cycle to start over again.

The only other essential ingredient necessary is the modern revisionists. And of these, there are plenty to go around, both in North and in

South America. They chime in just like clockwork praising the Allendes, the Goularts, etc.

Every petty bourgeois radical and revisionist in the world came forward to praise the Allende government's "struggle" against imperialism. Of course, the Communist Party of Chile called for all out support of its policies. Right up to the very end they called upon the people to support the "patriotic" armed forces. Fidel Castro called his visit to Chile, "the meeting of the two historical processes," i.e., the parliamentary and the revolutionary. The Soviet revisionists constantly pointed to Chile as a "model" of the peaceful transition to socialism. In the USNA everybody from Gus Hall and the CPUSA to the Revolutionary Union and the October League (Marxist-Leninist) praised the "fierce battles" the Allende government was carrying out against the USNA imperialists.

In general, these people who call themselves Marxist-Leninists put forward the projection that an elected "Marxist" government in Chile posed a serious threat to USNA imperialism. They said that in order to support the Chilean revolution we had to have all out support of that government. They completely ignored two fundamental Marxist-Leninist theses. 1) Under the conditions of imperialism, voting socialism into power is impossible. In order to secure state power, the proletariat must dismantle the previously existing apparatus of violence and replace it with its own. And 2) the proletariat cannot achieve this without its own vanguard political party, independent of the bourgeoisie.

Allende's government was doomed from the beginning. Nixon and the imperialists are no fools. They waited until Allende proved himself unusable to both the bourgeoisie and the working classes and then stepped in to reestablish full control over Chile. From an eyewitness report, the result is the estimated death of at least 20,000 people and the wounding of numerous others.

Now is the real test of our proletarian internationalism. We must support our Chilean comrades in every way possible and take their case to the USNA working class. We must popularize and learn the lessons they are paying for with their lives. And we must see to it that the next time such a situation arises in Latin America, we are ready with our own Communist party to materially aid it.

We have no doubt that the Chilean people will eventually triumph and win their independence and socialism. We also have no doubt that despite Castro's betrayal, the Andes will become the Sierra Maestras of South America.

Victory to the Chilean People!

# JOHN BROWN

October 16 and 17 mark the 114th anniversary of John Brown's historic raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859. In celebrating this anniversary, we remember that the bourgeoisie is the enemy of the proletariat. They steal our labor, our homes, our land and our culture. Through the schools and television the bourgeoisie also takes our history away from us. The ruling class tries to hide the fact that the history of the USNA and of the whole world is filled with the heroism and self-sacrifice of men and women dedicated to democracy and independence. In the "Introduction" of the Negro National Colonial Question, the Communist League points out that, "We must begin by clarifying history and taking it out of the hands of the capitalist class and making it into a weapon of the proletariat." (1) Further, the document emphasizes that, "Above and beyond all other considerations, the Civil War was as Marx wrote, 'a war of conquest for the extension and perpetuation of slavery.' It is in this sense of the word that Marx and Engels point out that the Civil War was a war between two social systems. Marx and Engels point out how the Union was of service to the slave oligarchy only so long as it served the slave system. As the contradictions between the system of slave labor and the system of free labor intensified and the balance of political power tilted against the slave system; it became clear that 20,000,000 free men would no longer submit to the dictatorship of the 300,000 slave masters who controlled the country." (2)

During the period leading up to the Civil War, many Negro ex-slaves both in the North and the South carried on agitational and organizational work against the evil system of slavery, often at the risk of their lives. Furthermore, on the plantations the slaves themselves fought against slavery. Here, however, the slaves faced the organized terrorism of the slaveowners and so the struggle was much more dangerous and difficult. Despite this, the history of the period preceding the Civil War is full of slave insurrections and revolts - two such insurrections were led by the courageous Denmark Vesey and Nat Turner.

Not only were the Negro people fighting and dying to end slavery, many Anglo-Americans also gave their lives for this cause. John Brown is an outstanding example of the courage, determination and foresight of many Anglo-Americans. Although he was not a Marxist, John Brown is a true hero of USNA history.

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# Detente: "A Mailed Fist in a Velvet Glove" !!

Within the past several months world politics has revolved around the policies of detente. These programs, which have mainly developed from the collusion between the Soviet Union and the USNA, represent a grave threat to world peace. Both superpowers have been using the "peaceful" plans of detente to further their counter-revolutionary interests; USNA imperialism to expand its exploitative position in the world, and Soviet social-imperialism to prepare for a nuclear pre-emptive strike against the People's Republic of China.

The situation in the world today is very similar to the conditions that were present before both World War I and World War II. Everyone is talking "peace" while preparing for war; heads of state are rushing from capital to capital in frantic efforts to gain allies before the storm; old treaties and programs are quickly being sacrificed for the new emerging relationships.

For some time the disastrous policies of the opportunist leaders of the Soviet Union have been exposed to the world by the sharp and correct polemics of the Chinese Communist Party and the Albanian Party of Labor. These exposures have been most threatening to this rotten gang of bandits. Since their rise to power in the Soviet Union, these opportunists have worked singlemindedly to destroy the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the bourgeoisie has mounted a savage attack upon the socialist economic basis, all of which has greatly sharpened the class struggle within the

Soviet Union.

An example of the moves to destroy the economic basis of socialism can be found in the agricultural field. While privately owned land represents only 3% of the total acreage, it accounts for 63% of the total potato crop, 38% of the vegetables, 35% of milk production, 51% of the meat herds and 21% of wool. The Soviets spent as much on importing food last year as importing machinery in the last five years. The tremendous amount of foodstuffs in the hands of private entrepreneurs has caused tremendous anarchy and food shortages. The crisis in agriculture is just one part of the disruption of the Soviet economy by the bourgeois interests. Thus, the opportunist leaders have had to grasp at the straw of detente in order to save their increasingly difficult position.

The sharpening class struggle has moved the Brezhnev clique to carry out a massive purge of the armed forces and of the Communist Party to remove all remaining vestiges of Marxism-Leninism and install faithful lackeys in their place. Arch-fascist Grechko, the Minister of Defense who master-minded the purge of the army, was recently awarded with a seat on the political bureau. The scum was thickened with the appointments of Andropov from the Leningrad section of the political police (KGB) and A. Gromyko, the diplomatic leader of the detente. 8 of the 15 voting members of the political bureau of the party are Brezhnev's allies or his personal appointees.

The People's Republic of China along with Albania have unremittently defended the dictatorship of the proletariat and have been a socialist example that has exposed the betrayal of the Soviet revisionists to the rest of the world. It is from this light that the rising tensions along the Sino-Soviet border must be seen. The restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union is dependent on the destruction of China, the main example of socialism. And the social-imperialists are making obvious preparations for war against the People's Republic of China. Large scale military manoeuvres began last spring with the Soviet troops and the armed forces of the revisionist government of the People's Republic of Mongolia. As far back as February, the Soviet rocket experimentation channeled all but token funds and research into developing the mobile land to land assault missiles, which have already been test fired this summer. It is no accident that the Soviet space flights, sputniks, etc. are lagging where before, they were in the lead. The reason is plain and simple; the Soviet armed forces have shifted in conjunction with the space program to quickly develop tactical and strategic offensive weapons.

It is well known that within two years China will have enough missiles and rockets to effectively counter an attack on its country. This fact, along with the developing economic and political crisis, is compelling the Soviet opportunist leaders to mount an attack on China much sooner than they

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## CHINA HOLDS 10th PARTY CONGRESS

The 10th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held in Peking from August 24 to 28, 1973.

The Communist League salutes our comrades of the Communist Party of China and we wish to reaffirm our support and great respect for the Chinese people, the Communist Party of China, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the true Marxist-Leninist leadership of the Communist Party of China and their great leader, Mao Tse-tung.

The 10th Congress of the Communist Party of China marks the consolidation of the Party in the face of the serious threats from the Soviet Union and reaffirms China's position as the leader of the World Communist Movement and the leader in the struggle against international revisionism and reactionary imperialism.

The People's Tribune would like to reprint a section of the Report to the 10th National Congress of the Communist Party

of China given on behalf of the Central Committee by Comrade Chou En-Lai.

"The present international situation is one characterized by great disorder on the earth. 'The wind sweeping through the tower heralds a rising storm in the mountains.' This aptly depicts how the basic world contradictions as analyzed by Lenin show themselves today. Relaxation is a temporary and superficial phenomenon, and great disorder will continue. Such great disorder is a good thing for the people, not a bad thing. It throws the enemies into confusion and causes division among them, while it arouses and tempers the people, thus helping the international situation develop further in the direction favourable to the people and unfavourable to imperialism, modern revisionism and all reaction.

"...Lenin said that 'an essential feature of imperialism is the rivalry between several Great Powers in the striving for hegemony.' Today, it is main-

ly the two nuclear superpowers - the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. - that are contending for hegemony. While hawking disarmament, they are actually expanding their armaments every day. Their purpose is to contend for world hegemony. They contend as well as collude with each other. Their purpose is to contend for world hegemony. They contend as well as collude with each other. Their collusion serves the purpose of more intensified contention. Contention is absolute and protracted, whereas collusion is relative and temporary.... China is an attractive piece of meat coveted by all. But this piece of meat is very tough, and for years no one has been able to bite into it. It is even more difficult now that Lin Piao the 'super-spy' has fallen. At present, the Soviet revisionists are 'making a feint to the east while attacking in the west,' and stepping up their contention in Europe and their expansion in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean and every place their hands can reach. The U.S.-Soviet contention for hegemony is the cause of world intransquillity." (1)

1) Peking Review, #35 and 36, Sept. 7, 1973, p. 22.

# The Aleut People

The Aleut people in Alaska are some of the greatest victims of systematic, brutal genocide and cultural destruction. Let us examine their history.

Under Tsarist Russia, countless Aleuts were taken as slaves. Many were taken from their homes on the Aleutian Chain to Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska, and as far down as California, to harvest sea otter furs. Unable to live off the land in their own fashion in these strange surroundings, many starved to death or perished from such things as clam poisoning.

In many cases, the Aleut people were unable to cope with the diseases brought by the Russians, and, denied medical attention, whole villages were wiped out by such things as measles, small pox and venereal disease.

Further, Aleut slaves were forced to fight the Tlingits and other native people who resisted Tsarist oppression. Rebellion by slaves was punishable by mass slaughter.

And in the latter part of their bloody rule the Russians made an attempt to destroy the Aleuts through inter-marriage. All new born Aleut males were ordered murdered. Many Aleuts, although escape, fled deep into the woods of Alaska, where their children were raised in secrecy.

Throughout their enslavement, the Russian Orthodox Church was forced on the Aleuts which taught them pacifism. Almost every trace of Aleut culture except for a few foods was obliterated. And today, their culture consists mainly of their Anglo-oriented way of village life.

The sale of Alaska to the USNA capitalists came as an additional blow to the Aleut people. They and the other native peoples were sold as serfs along with the land. USNA capitalists replaced the Russians as the exploiters of the Aleut people.

The Aleuts were then forced to depend on fur companies for their living. They traded in a language that was unknown to them, and even more strange customs were introduced that further alienated the Aleuts from their own customs. In the segregated canneries, the Aleuts were forced to suffer the worst working conditions. While Anglo-American and Asian workers were given bunk houses and cook houses, the native workers had to live out of tents.

The Aleut language which survived hardship after hardship is now disappearing. It is not taught in any school and only a handful of people still speak it. Only in the last

generation has schooling been made available to large numbers of villagers. And again these schools are bent on indoctrinating native children in the Anglo-American way of life and language. "Respectable" organizations like the "Pioneers of Alaska" do not allow "native blood" in their organization.

The chauvinism towards the native people of Alaska is an economic necessity for the imperialists. It keeps the working class divided and provides a cheap labor force for the capitalists.

The traitorous Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will not help them. It tells the Aleuts to be patient and passive and to try to better themselves through education. The Native Land claims is a farce. While the BIA and the running dog "Native" associations stuff their pockets, give high paying jobs to non-natives and bellow constantly about some "native cooperation", the natives continue to starve, to live in shacks without utilities, heat or proper ventilation, and without proper food and clothing. The "Native" associations make big promises but keep the native people ignorant as to what is going on. Millions of dollars have been 'allocated' for the Aleuts, but each native will only get \$300 over a period of 6 years. All the rest will go to some corporations, the proceeds of which the Aleuts will never see. Where will all the money go? No doubt to support the further imperialist exploitation and oppression of the Aleut people. Of course, only those who were willing to accept bribes were given any say in the land claim matter.

"Native" associations cannot serve the people. The BIA must be abolished and the native peoples must be given the power to decide their own destinies.

With the Aleuts and other native peoples of the Alaskan area, as well as with many other distinct peoples and nationalities dominated by the USNA imperialists; their oppression began with the theft of their land and thus their livelihood. And the key to the elimination of their exploitation and oppression begins with returning that which was stolen. In this light we put forward a call for regional autonomy for all such people; the return of their land and the right to control it.



## BUSING

# False Solution to False Problem

In Memphis, Tennessee, in the heart of the Negro Nation, the USNA imperialists are making a major effort to foment white chauvinism and co-opt the Negro people's strivings for liberation by again bringing the issue of forced busing before the public. The imperialists recognize that in order to keep the Negro Nation under colonial domination, their overall strategy must include two major tactics. First, the unity of the Negro workers and the Anglo-American minority workers in the Negro Nation must be prevented at all costs. White chauvinism is the tool used to create and maintain such disunity. Imperialism thrives on inequality and division in the working class, for only if the proletariat is divided can the capitalist class maintain its hegemony. Secondly, the imperialists must maintain political sway over the Negro people's strivings for independence and prevent the proletariat from gaining an independent political position.

The busing law is directed at working class children, involving whole families in ugly white chauvinism. It is a fascist tactic which forces children away from their communities into others under the guise of achieving "racial integration." It sets Negroes against Anglo-American minorities, playing upon white chauvinist fears. Busing is presented by the imperialists through the federal courts as a "liberal reform." But it is obvious that busing is just one more part of the overall imperialist strategy of exploitation and oppression - pretending to solve a problem imperialism itself creates while actually fomenting division in the working class and squelching all efforts at independence on the part of the proletariat. There are nowhere near enough decently equipped and staffed schools for all the children in the Negro Nation - the result of years of imperialist oppression. The imperialists are utilizing the busing issue to promote fighting among the Negroes and Anglo-American minorities over who gets the good schools. What the proletariat must realize is that there is no possibility for quality education under capitalism.

The current controversy in Memphis was kindled in August by the city government's announcement that it could not obtain enough gasoline to carry out its busing program this year. Memphis Mayor Wyeth Chandler was trying to use the bogus gasoline shortage to stop school busing, which he has consistently opposed. Then the imperialists stepped in to whip the controversy into major pro-

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## Famine in Ethiopia

Recently the Imperialist press has been issuing some tidbits of information on the current grave and alarming situation in the drought and famine stricken countries of Africa. The Imperialists are shedding crocodile tears for a situation for which they, and their stooges are directly responsible. The unbalanced economic relationship between the imperialist countries and the dominated African countries is the main cause of sufferings and deprivations of the African peoples.

The famine stricken countries reported so far are: Ethiopia, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta. According to recent reports, it is estimated that out of the population of 25 million of the six West African countries, (with the exception of Ethiopia--we will deal with that region later) 13 million or half of the population are threatened with famine and half of these people are children younger than 15. Besides the human suffering, the loss of livestock in the drought stricken regions is estimated up to 80-95%. Even the League of Red Cross Societies which gave the above figures reported that the estimates "as received from Red Cross delegates in Africa are conservative." (see San Francisco Chronicle, August 9th 1973). It is also estimated that 6 million people will die by October 1973 if relief is not found. Already in Chad the situation is so desperate that the people in Aslamat are "eating leaves and roots" to staly alive. (San Francisco Chronicle, August 17th 1973)

The situation in Ethiopia is equally desperate. The famine stricken area is not limited to "a few members of the population" as the puppet Ethiopian government or as its imperialist master "disclosed" after stating for a long time that "there is no famine."

The famine extends over a large area including: Wollo, Eritrea, Shoa, Wollamo, Bale and Western Harrar. Contrary to the 1 million estimate given by the imperialist media for the whole of Ethiopia, 1 1/2 million are threatened in Wollo province alone.

What then has been the Ethiopian government's response to this situation? The corrupt servants of imperialism after denying the existence of the famine for so long were forced by the exposure campaign of students to admit after a lot of double-talk that there is indeed famine in a "few localities". They were stating this despite the fact that the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Human Resources Development had denied earlier attempts by Parliament repre-

## Perón: "Gorilla" in Sheep's Clothing!

The election of Juan Perón to the presidency of Argentina has been hailed by some as a return to democracy in that country. Although this election comes on the tail of open military rule in Argentina, it is hardly a case of the military bowing to democracy. The following letter from a comrade from Argentina describes current conditions and the real meaning of Peron's return to power. (Ed. note)

It is unquestionable that the growing militancy and organization of the Argentinian proletariat and peasant masses, and their allies, the more progressive elements of the impoverished middle class, have contributed to the change of tactics employed by the repressive organs of the state, i.e., the army, the police and various other repressive groups. The criminal aggression of the military government in the past only brought about the further consolidation of the unity of the popular vanguards. These vanguards, for the first time in history of the nation, are presenting an effective front against reactionary aggression and at the same time are consolidating the road to socialist revolution.

This mass upsurge is leading to the heightening of socialist consciousness which in turn should lead to the formation of a real Marxist-Leninist Party, the only organization which can insure the victory of the revolution.

This is known by the USNA imperialists, since every time they face a people under the leadership of a real Marxist-Leninist Party, they fail, despite all their war materials and their criminal collaboration with local comprador bourgeois traitors.

The USNA imperialists and their allies in the subjugation

representatives from Wollo, who alarmed by the situation, had asked authorities to set up a philanthropic organization. While the Ethiopian people are dropping off like flies from hunger, the government is lavishly spending twelve million dollars for beautifying the streets of Addis Ababa and organizing dinners for visiting dignitaries of the Organization of African Unity. The government is so worried about appearances to foreign dignitaries that refugees were barred from going further after 20 days of travel and their cattle were left for beasts of prey by a beast in human disguise (the Shoan Police Chief)--all this so they would not offend tourists. In its token relief administration, the government is extracting 50¢ for registration from the famine-stricken populace. The shameless government is even demanding Eth. \$5.00 Agricultural tax from refugees leaving

of Latin America, the European and Japanese finance capitalists, must use diversionist tactics to destroy or at least retard the consolidation of popular unity. In Argentina the possibility of bloody repression has been temporarily discarded. It has been discarded not because the method is displeasing to the imperialists, the most criminal butchers in the history of humanity, but because their representatives, the army, police, etc., have failed in their mission to hold back the spontaneously growing anti-imperialist resistance. Unlike the Brazilian fascists who have found favorable ground for permitting direct intervention by the imperialists, the present conditions in Argentina do not allow their Argentinian colleagues the same alternative. The military formulas of the 1950's and 1960's do not work simply because the masses, through suffering the blows of necessary experience, have converted disorganized anti-imperialist spontaneity into a growing and organized socialist oriented resistance. In response, the imperialists are now trying to counterpose the bourgeois concept of nationalism.

Unfortunately for the revolutionaries, the capitalists in Argentina found an ally in the figure of the popular bourgeois "caudillo", Juan Perón, the master of the art of demogogy. Perón knows how to use the neo-fascist tactics of deception and bribery to control the masses with maximum effectiveness. These tactics consist in taking the minimum demands of the socialist programs and deforming them so as to render them inoffensive to the interests of capital and then using them as reforms of the new administration. Really, Perón is only a loyal representative of the most fascist army in Latin America.

The simple demagogic tactics of Perón attracted almost complete support from the inexperienced masses of the forty's and fifty's (when he was previously in power) and placed them behind the most retrogressive elements of society in the struggle for control of the state.

In the case of Chile, the erroneous popular administration was discredited through all kinds of economic pressure. This further led to the discredit of the mass movement and the subsequent terror and counter-revolutionary attack by national bourgeois reactionaries. In the case of Argentina the imperialist pendulum is swinging the other way towards the "democracy" of Perón. In either country as well as in the rest of Latin America, the only way that the masses will be able to break away from the imperialist see-saw of "democrat" then "gorilla" (dictator) will be through the leadership of real Marxist-Leninist Parties.

USNA Imperialism  
Get out of Latin America!!

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# PUERTO RICO FREE THE NATIONALIST PRISONERS!

On Nov. 1, 1950, Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torresola, members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico led by Albizu Campos, made an armed attack on Blair House, the residence of President Harry Truman. This desperate and heroic act, in which Torresola was killed by the police, was part of a general armed uprising by the Nationalist Party in Jayuya, Puerto Rico, which had begun the day before and which was brutally crushed by the USNA National Guard.

Four years later, on March 1, 1954, four more Puerto Rican patriots with guns attacked the USNA Congress in Washington. They were Lolita Lebrón, Irving Flores, Rafael Miranda and Andres Figueroa Cordero. This armed attack, like the first, was meant to bring to the attention of the world the slavery Puerto Rico was (and still is) suffering at the hands of USNA imperialism.

Puerto Rico is still a colony. Collazo, Lebrón, Miranda, Fegueroa and Flores are still in jail. They have been offered amnesty in exchange

for repentance and have refused.

October 30, the anniversary of the Jayuya uprising, has been chosen as a day to demonstrate in Washington and in other parts of the country for the unconditional release of the five Nationalist prisoners. Many organizations including the Communist League are participating to help make the demonstration a success.

The Marxist-Leninist forces within the coalition are taking the issue of the five prisoners and the larger question of the USNA imperialist enslavement of Puerto Rico to the most exploited and oppressed Anglo-American workers of all nationalities. Puerto Rico's enslavement is a matter of vital concern to the entire USNA working class. The struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico cannot be separated from the day to day struggles of the vast majority of the proletariat against the rapid decline in our standard of living and against the sharpening fascist offensive Nixon and the rest of the USNA imperialists are waging against us. The question of Puerto Rican

independence cannot be separated from our crucial and immediate task - the construction of a real Marxist-Leninist communist party strong enough to lead the entire class in the brutal days ahead.

For Marxist-Leninists, the path to the abolition of the poverty, oppression and rape of the colonies, and in particular, Puerto Rico, is the unity between the proletariat of the oppressor nation and the peoples of the oppressed nations. As Stalin points out, "The interests of the proletarian movement in the advanced countries and of the national liberation movement in the colonies require the fusion of these two aspects of the revolutionary movement into a common front against the common enemy, imperialism; (f) the victory of the working class in the developed countries and the liberation of the oppressed peoples from the yoke of imperialism are impossible without the formation and consolidation of the common revolutionary front; (g) the formation of a common revolutionary front is impossible unless the proletariat of the oppressor nations renders direct and determined support to the liberation movement of the oppressed peoples against the imperialism of its own country, for 'no nation can be free if it oppresses other nations.'" (1)

## Welfare: Relief for Whom?

In his article on Basis and Superstructure, Konstantinov points out the role of the superstructure, i.e., "the political, legal, religious, artistic, philosophical view of society and the political, legal and other institutions corresponding to them." (1)

"The active nature of the superstructure can manifest itself in the defense and protection of an obsolescent basis, or social system and its ruling class. This is precisely the function performed by the superstructure in present-day capitalist society, where it shields from ruin the utterly decayed, outmoded capitalist basis. It plays a reactionary role by retarding the development of the productive forces." (2)

One example of this motion to protect capitalism is the streamlining of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on the federal level in Washington, D.C. This government agency, under direct orders from the bourgeoisie, has destroyed the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) "war on poverty projects" as well as implemented forced work welfare programs and other so-called "welfare reforms". California and the Negro Nation are testing grounds for the carrying out of these fascist programs. Ronald Reagan's whole claim to fame in the state of California has been his consistent lying attacks on "lazy" welfare recipients who "refuse" to work.

Oakland, California has seen the combining of the departments of health, probation, and welfare along with the courts into the "Human Resources Agency." The fascist policies of this agency are coming down particularly hard on welfare recipients, the core of the unskilled and unemployed proletariat. Recent developments indicate that the bourgeoisie will go to any lengths to maintain and protect its capitalist economic basis, the oppression and exploitation of the working class. For example, the flat grant system has been instituted in many states. This system has taken away any possible extra funds which could be gotten by recipients from the Welfare Department. In California, a ruling has come down that no matter what dire conditions a family may be in, if the "head of the household" is on strike, he is totally ineligible for welfare for his family. Moves are also being made to begin implementing a forced work program for both "food stamp" and "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) recipients.

An example of these moves occurred recently. A 27 year old Negro national minority woman with five children, in connection with driving her car with a "faulty tail light" was cited for "giving false information to a police officer." When she went to the Alameda County Traffic Court in Oakland, she was fined \$160 for this misdemeanor and first offense and told to pay up on the spot. She was unable to pay since the mere \$360 per month AFDC check

the Welfare Dept. forces her to live on barely covers the cost of feeding herself and her children. Upon hearing that she was a Welfare recipient, the Traffic Commissioner stated, "Oh good, then you can work the fine off." He then ordered the woman to report to the "Volunteer Bureau of Alameda County, Court-Referral Program" where she was forced to work for 8 hours a day for 8 days in a convalescent boarding home in East Oakland, emptying bed-pans and doing other janitorial tasks. For this hard labor she was paid absolutely nothing!!!

A further example of this fascist move on the part of the bourgeoisie has been to force welfare recipients receiving General Assistance (GA), i.e., between \$80 and \$90 per month, to report for farm labor work at 4:30 A.M. in downtown Oakland from 5 to 7 days per week. The Welfare Dept. has selected a "liaison worker" between itself and big farm owners near Oakland (such as Amarine and Gonzales in San Jose and Davis in Brentwood and Hollister) to assign GA laborers for work in the fields.

The Welfare Dept. itself admits that a worker can only make on the average of \$5 to \$9 per day, that the \$1 allotted for lunch is subtracted from the day's wage, that the truck or bus ride to the fields costs the worker another dollar to \$1.50 and that social security and "other benefits" are also subtracted from this daily wage. If the GA recipient does not report for this farm labor, he receives no welfare check at all.

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# B.A.R.T.

## Who Does It Really Serve ?

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is, supposedly, a new type of transportation scheme, to move people to their jobs quickly, with a minimum of noise, pollution, traffic, and saving our "precious reserves" of gas and oil. Sounds good, doesn't it? But what is it really and who is it designed to serve?

BART is a key part of the bourgeoisie's plan for the 9 Bay Area counties. This \$2.5 billion transit system has been on the financial capitalists' drawing boards since 1945, when the San Francisco Bay Area Council (BAC) was formed to plan the future of the Bay Region. The Bechtel Corp., Kaiser Industries and Bank of America are among the 23 top industrial and financial firms which participated in it. These financiers openly admit that "The BAC set as its long-range goal the centralization of decision-making power over transportation, land-use, taxation, and general resource allocation in a regional government body of big business leaders, a body capable of structuring the regional economy for more orderly and profitable exploitation." (1)

San Francisco is to become a great financial and corporate center from where the imperialists will expand their holdings in the entire Pacific Basin (from Chile to Alaska to India). All of the big Banks are building huge high-rise buildings in downtown San Francisco and need a way to bring their office workers into the city from the suburbs. (Just by coincidence, or so they say, these are the same interests as formed the Bay Area Council!!) This rapid transit system is needed to link the 9 counties into one economic segment, with S.F. as the financial base, Santa Clara County as the Industrial base, and the rest serving as "bedroom" communities. San Francisco, with all of its high-rises, is to become the "Manhattan" of the West. It is clear that BART is to reorganize the Bay Area as an administrative center for the exploitation of the colonies. The brunt of the changes already occurring is and will be borne by those people who have come here hoping to escape the scourge of imperialism in their home lands, the Negro, Latin, Mexican, Chinese and Filipino national minority workers.

BART was built to serve the East Bay Suburbs, for commuter service to the key downtown areas; average stops are 3 miles apart, and trains only run from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. every 8 to 15 minutes. Therefore, those people who need mass transit the most, those who have the fewest cars and the lowest paying jobs, those who do not

work the office hours of 9-5, have virtually no access to BART.

BART has been much more than useless to the working class in the Bay Area; it is pushing them out of their communities and changing the face of their cities. In East Oakland, a primarily Negro national minority community, there is the Coliseum stop, where the huge Coliseum-Sports Arena complex is located. At this stop a new Sheraton Hotel is being erected, coupled with a big drive to buy up the homes in the vicinity. Three blocks away are two housing projects, the San Antonio Village and Havenscourt, where the residents have reported that the servicing of the projects is rapidly deteriorating. For example, the plumbing is so bad that the 1st floor sewage is backing up, creating health problems, and in addition no new tenants have been moved in.

In West Oakland, another Negro national minority community which is minutes from Oakland City Center, the same process of deterioration is going on, especially in the Acorn projects. The Acorn may look good but because of poor construction, it will soon be ready to be torn down and be replaced with middle income housing for the workers who will staff the downtown offices of both Oakland and S.F. The BART stop in Oakland City Center has given "new life" to a "dying center" with a planned federal investment of \$150 million.

BART's attack on the working class is not limited to the East bay. In S.F. the Mission District is just to the south of the financial district, a mere three minute hop aboard BART. For the past 20 years, 80,000 Latin Americans have lived there. After being exploited as a cheap labor source, they are now being squeezed out of their homes by fires, high rents and urban renewal. This urban renewal is privately financed so the government is not obliged to find housing for the "cast-outs". This area with its two BART stops and rows of unique Victorian homes, is also destined to become a residential area for the workers in the downtown area. The Latin American residents, like the rest of those driven from their communities, are the least skilled workers, those industrial workers who do not fit into the grand schemes of the finance capitalists. The land is too valuable for the capitalists to let the working class occupy and so property values go up, as well as taxes. Hand in hand

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# Reply to October League (ML) Part 2

In this second part of our discussion of the resolutions adopted by the October League (Marxist-Leninist) at their recent second congress (reported in the Aug. and Sept. issues of The Call), we would like to again look specifically at the section on "Self-Determination". Because of the strategic importance of the Negro National Colonial Question to the Anglo-American proletariat, we welcome the chance to further discuss the formulations of the OL(M-L).

In their resolution, the OL(M-L) stated that, "Black people constitute an oppressed nation in the South with full right of self-determination." They state further that, "During the period of slavery, civil war, and reconstruction Black people developed these characteristics which Stalin calls nationhood. In other words, a Black nation was forged out of the chains of Negro slavery." As if to then lend support to this seemingly innocent formulation, the OL calls upon Stalin. And what does Stalin say? "A nation is an historically constituted, stable community (our emphasis) of people, formed on the basis of a common language, territory, economic life and psychological make-up, manifested in a common culture." (1) We must thank our "young communist" friends for handing out some "Old" communist ammunition to destroy their own formulations. We must ask these folks where Comrade Stalin speaks of a "common race" in listing the five characteristics which taken all together define a nation?

A look at history quickly shows up the confusion of this formulation. While the OL(M-L) correctly points out that the African slave was the base of the slave system that developed in the South, it is well known that there were at the same time, Anglo-European and Indian slaves bound up in the system. And of course, along with the slaves, there were the "white" slave masters. The widespread use of "breeding farms" and wholesale rape of Negro women in the centuries of chattel slavery gave rise to a Negro people distinct from their diverse ethnic origins. The poor "whites" scratching a living out alongside the slave plantations and even bound up in them as guards and whip hands were very much a part of that history.

Nations are not formed because of color, ethnic origin or religion. As Stalin points

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If he does perform farm labor his wages are deducted from the GA check he receives.

No one speaks better for this slave labor program than the fascist blood-suckers themselves in the following excerpt from a Welfare Dept. memo: "Plan on spending 1½-2 hours asking each and every bus driver for employment for the day. From 2-5 buses come each morning. Be aggressive - it is your responsibility to present yourself as cooperative and interested in farm labor employment. If you are not hired immediately, wait around until the buses are ready to leave; occasionally extras are hired at the last minute.

"Remember, you may not refuse work under any conditions and then expect to get general assistance. For example, the Welfare Department will not accept such excuses as 'not liking farm work, not enough pay, temporary illness (unless you have a written doctor's statement to present in person on the day you cannot work), business appointments, job interviews, etc. If you argue or present yourself as an undesirable employee and are not hired, it is your fault.

"The only acceptable reason for not working at farm labor is that the bus driver or contractor refused to hire you for the day, through no fault of yours."

The obvious result is that workers on GA as well as other proletarians are forced to fight each other every morning in order to get on the buses and work in the fields as wage-slaves for the capitalist class. What is the purpose of this forced labor program? Above all, it is the imperialists' plan to create a cheap reserve labor force to be used to make maximum profits, to strike-break, and to divide the working class along predominantly national lines.

"For example, the well-paid Anglo workers are told that all the people on Welfare are Negro, Puerto Rican and Mexican national minority. This is a chauvinist lie! At least 60% of all people on Welfare are Anglos. The workers who have it a little better than the rest, or who at least have a job, are told that all their tax money is going to Welfare. Wrong again. First of all, the U.S. spends on Welfare in one year about as much as it spends in Viet Nam in 3 months! Only about 5 cents of each tax dollar goes to Welfare...

"The imperialists will never totally eliminate Welfare. They use a two-pronged strategy on the U.S. working class: bribe some of the workers into supporting fascism and imperialist wars, and drive the rest of the workers to the brink of poverty, cut welfare, make the workers work harder for less pay, take away their democratic rights and

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with this is the closing down of plants in the Mission and all of S.F., with a loss of 13,000 jobs in the manufacturing and wholesale trade category alone. Such examples are only a few of how the working class is attacked in the name of progress.

This pattern of urban renewal and development in which rapid transit construction increases property values and displaces workers was first developed in Toronto, Canada. It was so successful that not only the Bay Area, but Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. are building systems. Mayor Bradley of L.A. was elected in part because of his pledge to develop rapid transit. The construction of such systems and the real estate speculation and develop-

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While BART is giving the working class the royal shaft, the "Manhattanization" of San Francisco is lining the bourgeoisie's pockets with gold. Those same men who were on the original Bay Area Council Commission for a rapid transit system formed an organization to sway public opinion in favor of BART winning the bond election by just 1.6%. These capitalists were well paid off for their efforts.

The Bechtel Corp., along with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Tudor (PBTB) got the management contract for BART, a 90% cut of \$150 million. Bechtel was in on the BART planning from its inception and not only sits on the BAC, but has ties to Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Southern Pacific, etc., etc. The contract was "to plot the locations of routes and stations, decisions on the methods of train operation, determination of amounts of money to be spent on undetermined millions of dollars worth of job contracts, preparation for taking bids on job contracts, inspection of contractors at work; in short 'organization, planning and management of the construction program as a whole', to quote the PBTB contract wording. Every six months a new budget could be arranged to replace the previous one. PBTB had the right to run up the costs on this budget plus 10%...The more money PBTB spent, the more they made." (2) These are just a sample of the goodies the bourgeoisie handed out to itself, as they patted themselves on the back, laughing at how they told us BART would serve the working class.

As the USNA bourgeoisie pushes the working class further and further out, as they burn down our homes, tear up our parks and close down our schools, they are, to quote Mao Tse-tung, "Picking up a rock only to drop it on one's own foot." The working class has plans of its own and always fights back spontaneously, as they have in the Mission, Daly City and other Bay Area communities. But, this fightback must be organized to be effective. It must be led by a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, and not be sucked into the reformist drive, as frequently happens in S.F. It is our duty to expose the entire imperialist system, to demand the independence of all colonies and to raise the slogan "Workers and oppressed peoples of the world, unite!"

1) Pacific Research and World Telegram, special issue, "Regionalism and the Bay Area," p. 13.

2) Bay Area Guardian, "BART: Steve Bechtel's \$2 Billion Toy," Vol. 7 #8, 2/14/73.

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 terror any protest against this oppression." (3)

The USNA imperialists must give out Welfare checks (meager as they are) because if they don't they will first destroy their reserve labor force and second, they will add fuel to the fire of revolutionary sentiment and organization within the USNA proletariat. Thus, the investigation, harrassment, forced work and subsistence living forced upon Welfare recipients is an attack by the bourgeoisie on the entire working class.

Welfare, however, is also an imperialist bribe as it divides the proletariat of the USNA from the peoples of the colonies and dependent countries. "The imperialists don't mind giving us a few crumbs if the U.S. workers would sit back and allow them to loot and rape the colonial countries, to get immeasurable profits and to bathe whole countries in blood, like they've done in Viet Nam. The U.S. imperialists know that the key to their domination of the whole world is the division between the working people of the world, between the U.S. working class and the colonial peoples." (4)

The proletariat in the USNA must not allow the imperialists to murder, loot and plunder our class brothers and sisters all over the world. We must resist all of the moves by the bourgeoisie at home to push fascism on us. The most important step in our struggle today is to build a multi-national Communist Party which will organize and lead us in preventing the onslaught of fascism by overthrowing once and for all the evil, corrupt, blood-sucking capitalist class.

1) Stalin, Marxism and Problems of Linguistics, Moscow, 1955, p. 7.

2) Konstantinov, Basis and Superstructure, Communist League New Member's Outline, 1973.

3) People's Tribune, Vol. 3 No. 2, Feb., 1971.

4) Ibid.

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John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut on May 9, 1800 and he was executed by the state of Virginia on December 2, 1859. During his lifetime and especially during the last twenty years before his death, Brown was dedicated to the revolutionary abolition of slavery. Two major events stand out in the life of John Brown which illustrate his convictions and courage: the fight to make Kansas a free state and his determination to end slavery by armed force which began with the raid on the armory at Harper's Ferry.

## KANSAS

Faced with the necessity to expand slavery, the Southern dominated legislature and the Senate passed the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in May of 1854. It repealed the Missouri Compromise of 1820 (it allowed Missouri to enter the union as a slave state, but slavery was excluded west of the Missouri and north of the 36° 30' latitude) and left it up to the citizens of the territories to decide whether or not they wanted the slave system. The battle lines were drawn! The anti-slavery forces were determined to see that Kansas enter the union as a free state and thus they organized the New England Emigrant Aid Society to help people opposed to slavery settle in Kansas. It should be noted, and this not to deny the morality of these men and women, that the "free soilers" were fighting to eat. Free labor could not compete with slave labor; as the contradictions between slavery and finance capital intensified, the majority of the burden was placed on not only the slaves, but on the wage laborers as well. The Southern planters, on the other hand, were just as determined to see Kansas become a slave territory and accordingly they organized bands of men from the states bordering Kansas to terrorize the "free soilers".

The "free soilers" tried to defeat the pro-slavery forces through elections. The pro-slavery forces, however, used armed force to terrorize residents from voting and cast illegal votes themselves. They sacked and burned Lawrence, the center of "free soil" activity. A pro-slavery governor and legislature were elected and the "free state" leaders were jailed. With their leaders in jail and their capital burned, the "free soil" movement and the whole abolitionist cause reached a low point. They had been defeated by the slave forces and betrayed by their own passivity. Not so John Brown and a handful of men who decided to fight fire with fire. On the night of May 23, 1856 Brown and these men entered one of these "border ruffian" camps, seized five of the worst leaders of these gangs and

executed them. This bold act pointed the direction for the "free soilers"; the path of armed struggle against the slavers. It was this decisive blow that led the way to make Kansas a free state.

## HARPER'S FERRY

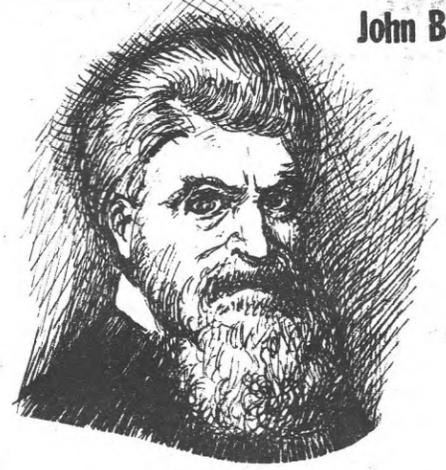
John Brown's life-long plan was to set up a series of fortifications and armed encampments in the Alleghany Mountains to serve as a base area from which to fight and bury slavery. The first step of this plan was to seize the armory at the city of Harper's Ferry which was the gateway to the slave territories. The arms seized were to be taken into the mountains and used to fight slavery.

With an armed band of 22 men, 7 Negroes and 15 Anglo-Americans, Brown started the raid on Harper's Ferry on the evening of October 16, 1859. By early dawn of the 17th, Brown and his men, now joined by 25 to 50 slaves whom they had freed, held the armory and the town. The next step was probably to move the men across the Potomac or Shenandoah River and into the mountains. But two of his men were criminally slow in bringing the arms, needed for the retreat, to the city. Due to the long wait, Brown and his men eventually were surrounded and after more than 24 hours of fierce fighting they were captured (later to be tried and hung), 10 men were killed in the fight and 6 men escaped. The fate of the freed slaves who joined Brown is not known, but undoubtedly they were killed during the fight or soon after. It is clear that Brown never lost his convictions or his courage. All revolutionary and progressive people can learn from his inspiring example.

No history of John Brown or Harper's Ferry can be written without special attention being given to Shields Green. Green was a former slave who escaped from South Carolina and later became a servant of Frederick Douglass. Green was present when Brown met with Douglass to tell him of his plans for Harper's Ferry and to try to get him to join him; Douglass refused, but Green went with Brown. At one point during the fighting Green had a chance to escape but chose to enter the engine house and fight with Brown to the end.

The most important lesson we can learn from the example of John Brown is: the unity between the Anglo-American working class and the oppressed and exploited peoples of the Negro Nation has got to be based in struggle, in revolutionary action. The revisionist CPUSA and the whole state apparatus try to teach us that unity between nationalities will come about by fighting "racism", by purging the Anglo-Americans of their bad thinking, by the goody-goody actions of honey-mouthed liberals like Ted Kennedy, etc. But the stirring example of Shields

## John Brown



Green and John Brown exposes this corrupt line and proves that the true road to unity lies not in fine speeches or proclamations but in revolutionary action against our common enemy, USNA imperialism. Today the foundation of this fighting unity is the call for Independence for the Negro Nation.

The heroic struggles of men like John Brown must be viewed in their historical contexts. The Civil War was a battle between two social systems. The Negro National Colonial Question document points out, "...at a point of its growth, slavery, which made the colonies of value, became the fetter on the further development of the productive forces. And thus it was overthrown. It was not the morality of the anti-slave movement that was fundamental, but it was the conflict between the productive forces and the productive relations that made the 'irrepressible conflict' explode into what at that time was the bloodiest and costliest conflict in civilized history.

"So we see that the Civil War was not an exceptional event in history, but a moment in history that completely conforms to the Marxist laws of social development.

"At the end of this costly and bloody affair, and its epilogue, the period of Reconstruction, there had emerged in the North a financial oligarchy whose blood lust and financial power put to shame the wildest dreams of the slavers...The end result of the Civil War and the gigantic accumulation of financial capital and industrial means of production was the emergence of United States of North America imperialism, the scourge of finance capital. Its first creation and first victim of its savage gold lust was the defenseless and prostrate Negro Nation." (3)

John Brown was defeated in his battle but in a historical sense his defeat is only a temporary one for we are picking up his revolutionary banner; we are learning the lessons of the international working class; we are daily studying the teachings of our great Marxist-Leninist leaders; we are marching toward a society where injustice and the exploitation of man by man will not exist.

- 1) Negro National Colonial Question, Communist League, 1972, p.1
- 2) Ibid., p. 11.
- 3) Ibid., p. 15.

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would like.

The preparation for this attack has not been hidden. About 2/5 of the Soviet army, 49 full divisions, along with over 1/3 of its air forces and armored divisions have been shifted to the Chinese border. A British correspondent reported in the Chicago Tribune on Sept. 23 on the situation around the strategic Ussuri River: "On the rivers where the Chinese have nothing more than unarmed motor launches the Russians patrol in rakish gunboats, cannon fore and aft, rocket launchers amidships; helicopters link the frequent wooden watchtowers on the Soviet bank...and in the long winter when the rivers freeze solid, armored cars and personnel carriers take up the patrolling." Over a year ago the Soviet army began pre-induction military training compulsory for all youth between 16 and 18. After completing this training, the Soviet army will supposedly be able to double its reserve.

Over the last 6 months the Soviet navy has shifted its operations from the Atlantic and the Mediterranean to the Indian and the Pacific Oceans. They presently are docking 23 naval vessels in East Pakistan's port of Chittagong. And they have docking rights with India. The Soviet navy is building three new naval bases in the Pacific. They are currently negotiating with the South Korean fascists for docking rights. Further, the revisionists have begun a pro-Soviet Communist party in Taiwan and have asked for docking rights there. Recently, in conjunction with the Indian reactionaries, they built a base on the Andaman Islands which will control the Malacca Straits. Most ships must pass through these straits when traveling between the Indian Ocean and the Far East.

These events are not isolated, but are part of a politically orchestrated manoeuvre on the part of the opportunists to threaten or invade the People's Republic of China. A crucial part of this manoeuvre is the relaxing of military forces and tensions on the western front (Europe). It is here that the Soviet army is still the strongest (58 divisions). Brezhnev knows there can be no successful two-front war, and therefore, he is trying to demilitarize Europe as quickly as possible. Two weeks ago it was announced that 10% of the NATO troops and 20% of the Warsaw Pact troops would be removed. The NATO removals will be USNA forces and the Warsaw removals will be from the USSR. As its part in the detente, the USNA is trying wherever possible to reduce the tensions in Europe (at least on the surface), so as to free Soviet troops for use on the eastern front (China).

But the manoeuvres of the Soviet bandits are not simply limited to the military sphere.

Last December Brezhnev said that the Chinese were fighting "the entire Socialist Community". In August they opened new campaigns of vilification by saying that the People's Republic of China was no longer a socialist state. These are attempts to isolate China and exclude her from the world communist movement. On July 30-31, 1973 Brezhnev called a meeting of the parties of the People's Democratic Republics of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Mongolia to discuss the problems in the "communist world", i.e., China. But the opportunists met the same misfortune they encountered at the attempted world meeting in 1969. Their attempts to condemn China had failed and the conference itself was boycotted by North Korea, North Vietnam, Albania and China. However, presently the Soviet Union is holding a world peace conference, the purpose of which is to 1) gain political support for its detente policies, and 2) brand China as a war monger and anti-peace country. There are some reports that the revisionists hope to call a conference of all the world communist parties to expell and denounce China and Albania. If this conference takes place, it is a sure sign of approaching war.

Recently, the Mongolian government issued a statement accusing the Chinese of political infiltration, border violations, etc. The leader of the Communist Party of Mongolia, Tsedenbal, is a close friend of Brezhnev's and is an arch-revisionist. It appears likely that the Soviet Union will use Mongolia as the excuse to invade the People's Republic of China.

The whole issue of border violations exposes the anti-Communist, anti-working class and counterrevolutionary schemes of the so-called peace loving summit leaders. Directly following World War II, the long and arduous war against fascism that decimated vast sections of the Soviet Union and took the lives of many millions, the Soviet people heeded the leadership of Joseph Stalin and the Bolshevik party to open their borders to the Chinese. Their slogan expressed the real ties of proletarian internationalism between the Soviet and Chinese peoples in their common defense against the forces of imperialism. This slogan simply stated, "Everything for China." This is a far cry from the present line of the social imperialists who are not interested in uniting the working classes and poor peasants of the world under one common banner, but rather push to divide the world into imperialist markets. Under capitalism and its highest stage, imperialism, borders are needed to define markets.

Much discussion in the bourgeois press is being made about the question of the Soviet government "crushing" the pro-Western scientists and writers within the Soviet Union. Nixon is using this issue to

complain that he cannot get the Soviet Union the "most favoured nation" trading status (a reduction of tariffs and trade restrictions). This is a phoney issue. The opportunists did not let Chile stand in the way of detente; the USNA did not let Vietnam stand in the way of detente. Certainly a few bourgeois writers and scientists will not halt the process. Brezhnev must continue to attack these elements because of the pressure from the Soviet working class and because it strengthens his position against the Marxist-Leninists.

While the USNA and the USSR are temporarily working together, discussing many types of disarmament and "peace" missions, each is rearming and building missiles at a rate unprecedented in history. While the Soviet Union has 1,500 land based missiles, the USNA has 1,000; each have about 600 submarine based missiles. The USNA has three bombers for each one of the USSR. However, each country has from 4,000 to 4,500 megatons of nuclear bombs and missiles. 400 megatons of bombs and missiles are enough to destroy 25% of either country.

The policies of detente, while marked with the preparation for war, particularly by the Soviet Union against China, are much more complicated. The USNA, while quickly expanding its position in the world, cannot possibly afford to allow Soviet occupation of China. China is the largest single market in the world. Its population is almost double the population of both the USNA and the USSR. It is the third largest mineral producer in the world, holding 80% of the world's tungsten, perhaps the greatest oil reserves in the world and large amounts of natural gas and antimony. While on the one hand, the USNA wants to use detente to strengthen its hand in Europe and the Middle East and while it would be glad to see China crippled and left prostrate, on the other hand, it cannot afford to allow the Soviet Union to make serious inroads into China.

Schlesinger, present Secretary of Defense and ex-CIA chief, summed up detente perfectly in the Sept. 1, 1973 Christian Science Monitor, when he said, "Detente is a velvet glove - a mailed fist in a velvet glove."

The proletariat must prepare for the prospects of war. The current detente policies are nothing more than the frantic manoeuvrings of the imperialists who are trying to emerge from their economic contradictions with talk and treaties. This has been the case before each of the major imperialist wars, talk peace, prepare for war. The Communist Party of China recently held its 10th Party Congress to unite its forces to defend the dictatorship of the proletariat, to defend socialist China in

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the face of this serious threat to its sovereignty. It is not enough to pay lip service to the courageous Chinese people; real support must take the form of revolutionary action. And history is compelling us to take the only action that can seriously threaten the hegemony of the two super powers, the building of a Communist party to lead the working class into battle to defeat USNA imperialism.

It is critical that the proletariat of the USNA have a vanguard detachment at this difficult time in history. And therefore, every comrade and Marxist-Leninist grouping must redouble their efforts to build the factory circles, develop the route systems, influence the organizations of the class and prepare for the Party Congress. International events, Comrades, are changing very quickly and we must change with them in order to build the Party of a New Type.

## Busing

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portions. The Exxon Company, which supplies gasoline for city, police, fire and school vehicles, at first said it could not supply enough gas; then for a couple of weeks it hemmed and hawed; and finally, just before the opening of school, Exxon announced it could provide the necessary fuel - all the time fanning the flames of white chauvinism by keeping Memphis citizens in the dark about what was going to happen to their children. During the hem and haw period, the NAACP filed a law suit charging Exxon and Mayor Chandler with conspiracy to deprive Memphis school buses of gasoline and thereby stop "integration through busing." A federal court judge throughout kept ordering that the busing must take place, regardless of the gasoline shortage.

Since school started, the buses have been consistently late, have missed stops, lost children, and have been so overloaded and unsafe that city officials refuse to even reveal the number of accidents in which the buses have been involved. (1) Meanwhile, the Anglo-American minority churches have set up scores of new private schools and led the Anglo-American minority parents into believing that these fly-by-night private schools can provide the children with a better education. The fact is that these new schools have so few economic resources that they cannot nearly provide the children with the necessary equipment and teachers. Since 1970 when the city schools had 51.6% Negro and 48.4% Anglo-American minority students, the Anglo-American minority enrollment in city schools has decreased by 32,878, making the current school population 68% Negro and 32% Anglo-American minority. (2) This is in a city whose overall population

is 38.9% Negro and 60.8% Anglo-American minority.

Despite what the imperialists would have us believe, they are not interested in providing quality education, nor are they interested in solving what they call "racial" inequality. Their interest is in maintaining control over their most important colony and continuing to extract super profits from it. However, we must be careful not to take a mechanistic approach to their power by thinking that the imperialists can do anything they want. It is true that they have state power which is a clear advantage over the proletariat, but they are also saddled by the social conditions in which they find themselves. Thus, at one point in history they may be able to control the Negro Nation by just using the army, while in another period this tactic is unsuccessful. The social motion that we are currently witnessing in the Negro Nation is towards neo-colonialism. This does not mean that the imperialists are attempting to turn the Negro Nation into a neo-colony with its own state apparatus, but it does mean that the motion is towards putting comprador Negroes into political office and co-opting the Negro peoples movement by carrying out liberal reforms, as they have done in Puerto Rico.

It is easy to see why this imperialist tactic of having Negroes control Negroes is so vehemently opposed by Mayor Chandler and other Anglo-American minority politicians within the Negro Nation. Until recently they have been the ones to rule for the imperialists in the Negro Nation. Negroes in political power present a direct threat to their political positions, and thus it is in their interest to halt busing and similar tactics.

Forced busing is a clear cut example of how the imperialists are seeking to cloud the real issues by proposing false solutions to false problems. They realize that the key to disarming the proletariat is to prevent a united proletariat from gaining an independent political position. Lenin deals with this fine example of bourgeois mysticism in his "Preliminary Draft of Theses on the National and Colonial Questions": "It is the very nature of bourgeois democracy to treat the question of equality in general and national equality in particular in an abstract or formal way. Under the guise of the equality of persons in general, bourgeois democracy proclaims a formal or legal equality between the property owner and the proletarian, between the exploiter and the exploited, and thereby grossly deceives the oppressed classes. The bourgeoisie transforms the ideal of equality, which is itself a reflection of the relations of commodity production, into a weapon in its struggle against the abolition of classes, pretending that all men are absolutely equal. The demand for equality has real meaning only as a demand for the abolition

of classes." (3) The proletariat must be resolute in rejecting the notion that the imperialist leopard has changed its spots and now speaks for the Negro people.

We will not be fooled into thinking that equality through integration or an end to "racism" through busing is the answer to exploitation and oppression. The main contradiction in the Negro Nation has never been nor will it ever be the contradiction between Negroes and Anglo-American minorities. The line of Marxism-Leninism is clear that the question is a class question - a question of whether the imperialists control society or the working class controls society. We know that the only real basis for equality of peoples is the equality of nations which means freedom from imperialist oppression - regardless of its form. We must see through imperialist tricks like forced busing. We must demand independence for the Negro Nation.

What is the correct path to revolution and independence for the Negro Nation? It is to build a multi-national Communist Party, based on an understanding of the national question which follows the guidelines of Lenin and Stalin and recognizes the Negro question as the Negro National Colonial Question. Only such a party can unite with the Negro people and with the struggles of all oppressed nationalities and bring them together under the banner of the proletariat. Only such a party can act as the proletariat's general staff, to lead the working class in establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism.

- 1) The Commercial Appeal, 9/23/73
- 2) Ibid., 9/12/73.
- 3) Lenin on the National and Colonial Questions, Peking, Foreign Languages Press, 1967, p. 21.

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the area, despite the fact that they had not been able to farm the previous year.

Today, the recognition that there is famine or trying to help the famine-stricken has become punishable. How else could one explain the arrests of the students who went to Dessie to deliver relief funds that had been gathered by students who have given up their breakfasts' to help the famine-stricken? The feudal-fascist government is so afraid of exposure that it is reported to have killed 9 students and wounded over 40 during a peaceful demonstration to expose the government's denial of the famine. It is also reported that four students were killed during a peaceful demonstration that the students held in protest over the denial of water from springs by the blood-

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thirsty feudalist Ras Mesfin in Ambo and Gooder.

Despite all these hardships the valiant students have continued their campaign of exposure. Today, the student struggle rages on in Eritrea, Wollega, Sidamo, Harrar, Bale, Addis Ababa, Debre Berhan and Gondar. The mere statement of facts in today's Ethiopia is tantamount to agitation against the government. Not only those that have a political inclination against the government are being arrested, but also those that are merely working for the relief of the famine-stricken. The government is so corrupt that it sees, and rightly at that, that the mere recognition of the present situation by the people is dangerous to its existence.

Some economists have "estimated that if properly cultivated, Ethiopia can produce enough food to feed Western Europe." Why, then does all this misery and periodic famine abound in a country whose potential is considered great? - Because of the feudal relations of production, the concentration of the country's wealth and the peasants' produce in the hands of a few drönes, and the inequitable ownership of land: Also, because of Imperialist preservation of the backward and outdated system; domination of the country's economic resources; exploitation of the country's wealth; and firm opposition to the growth of an

independent national economy. Therefore, Imperialism and Feudalism are the main causes standing in the way of actual realization of the riches of the country. Not only that, the twin enemies of the people are directly responsible for the famine in Ethiopia. Despite the fact that natural disaster had a role in the present crisis, if Imperialism and Feudalism had not stood in the way of the actual realization of the country's potential, the famine could have been overcome without all this misery and death. The exposure campaign and the help towards the famine stricken is therefore a struggle against Imperialism and Feudalism. And only through the elimination of these two systems can there be a stop to the periodic famines or the misery of the Ethiopian people.

The Ethiopian Students Union in North America fully supports the campaign of exposure and the struggle waged by our compatriots to help the famine-stricken. Towards this end it has organized fund raising events from the East to the West Coast, both to publicize the famine and gather funds for relief.

As stated in our earlier pamphlet, our demands are that: "Food crops be drawn out of the stockpiles of the feudal lords and be made available to the peasants." Health facilities, that are now serving the corrupt landlords and their families, be opened to the vast masses of the Ethiopian people who are suffering from serious illness.

and incurable diseases. This is especially urgent in the face of the new crisis. "The Ethiopian government put a stop to its practices of lavishly spending the resources of the Ethiopian people in the preparation of gourmet dinners, decoration of the streets and painting old buildings to put up a front for its visiting dignitaries. That these resources be turned over to the drought-stricken people to whom the resources belong, to begin with." "The various taxes cruelly collected from the peasants every year be halted immediately so that the people will have the opportunity to regroup their lives and meet the crises." Again, we want to emphasize that these above demands "only tangentially touch upon the most fundamental problems of the Ethiopian people". The periodic famines, the deprivation of our people and all other social ills emanate from the present semi-feudal and semi-colonial eradication of the twin systems of Imperialism and Feudalism can the Ethiopian people find relief.

For those of us in the Ethiopian Student Union the task is clear. We must continue our campaign of exposure, organize fund-raising events to gather funds, expose the attempt to minimize the famine and the atrocities committed against the students who are trying to help the famine-stricken. Most of all, we should be engaged in serious study to consider solutions that might eliminate Ethiopia's main problems; i.e. Imperialism and Feudalism.

- Submitted by the Ethiopian Student Union of North America.

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significant? First, if Duke loses the struggle at Brookside, then inevitably the rest of their mines will go to the UMW. This will mean a series of "wildcats" and strikes which will cost Duke hundreds of thousands of dollars. Second, and most important, this Brookside strike is the kickoff point of a new and massive organizing drive for the UMW. It is the focal point of the struggle between the Boyle forces and the Miller forces in the UMW. And the strike can mark the crushing point of the revitalized mine workers' struggle that began in the late 1960's.

The coal miners in the 1930's were among the most class consciousness elements of the working class. They were once a bastion for the Communists. Through the combined efforts of the government and the UMW, led by John L. Lewis, the mine workers' struggle was crushed. The situation went from bad to worse for the coal miners during the great coal slumps when mechanized loaders, shuttle cars and the continuous miner and strip mining threw thousands of miners off of their jobs. At this time, most of the miners that remained lost even the base representation of the UMW, leaving the majority of the industry unorganized.

Within the UMW, from John L. Lewis to 'Tony' Boyle, all forms of even the most rudimentary union democracy were non-existent. Boyle ran a machine that made Mayor Daley look like an amateur. For example, there were only two sets of union officers elected, the international and the local. And these elections were strong-armed and fixed. All district officers and field workers were appointed by Boyle. The order of the day was sweetheart contracts, high living of high officials, financial interest in mines, graft, corruption, strong-arming, thieving and murder.

Then, in the middle to late 1960's, when the worst part of the slump was over and the coal industry was again experiencing a period of growth, a murmur of discontent was heard. This murmur sent shivers through the spines of the companies, the government and the union mis-leaders for this murmur came from the rank and file, reminiscent of the earlier days. The government responded by sponsoring a Chavez like reformer to take leadership of

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the UMW at the expense of the Boyle forces. This man was Joseph Yablonski. The result was that this murmer almost became an uproar.

The government then called a special election. They financed a Yablonski protege, Arnold Miller, and ran the most expensive union campaign in the history of this country. Miller's mission was to stem the rising consciousness and struggle of the mine workers. In particular, he was to keep the mine workers isolated from general political struggles, like the anti-war movement, the Watergate issue, etc. To win the election Miller had to make some promises, mainly dealing with rank and file democracy. Now to consolidate his position Miller must keep some of his promises and struggle for some economic demands.

Miller and the UMW have thrown much behind this Brookside strike. Miller is using this strike to try to show the workers that he is "doing a good job". He even comes down to the picket line. The UMW is paying the striking miner with a family a \$100 a week strike fund. This is one of the highest, if not the highest, strike funds in labor history. (This is offset by the fact that the UMW will make \$3,200 a day in tonnage royalty at Brookside.) They have even bought one worker a heating stove and are going to pay the coal heating bills of the strikers. This financial support has been used by the UMW to buy the leadership of the strike from the rank and file.

Originally, when the Brookside workers began the "wildcats", the leadership and initiative were in the hands of the workers. When the UMW stepped in, the field worker, Joe Phipps, and the International Executive Board member, Hugh Jones (the main Miller man in the area), took over the strike. They pushed aside the local leadership and took charge in a dictatorial 'Boyle-like', shouting, name-calling manner. The mis-leaders isolated the strike from the workers of Harlan County and soon there was a restraining order to restrict the pickets. Scabs were sent in and morale quickly disintegrated.

At this time a group of involved and sympathetic workers got together and put out a leaflet calling for the active support of all the workers of Harlan County. This leaflet pointed out how the union mis-leaders have not acted in the true interests of the striking miners. It was met with widespread support by the majority of the strikers and the community and with strong opposition from the mis-leaders. Because no logical defense could be given to their position, the mis-leaders resorted to name-calling and red-bating'. This

leaflet upset things so badly that they had to send in 2 international field workers. They were quick thinking and smooth talking professionals. They quickly spread the word that the UMW was strongly against the leaflet and threatened to withdraw financial support. But due to intense pressure from the rank and file, the mis-leaders have temporarily conceded to the demands of the workers. Now workers are picketing again and the scabs have been momentarily stopped.

In these militant struggles it is the role of Communists to expose the traitorous union mis-leaders, such as, Miller and Co. Lenin explains that, "we wage the struggle against the 'labor aristocracy' in the name of the masses of the workers and in order to win them to our side; we wage the struggle against the opportunist and social chauvinist leaders in order to win the working class to our side. To forget this most elementary and most self-evident truth would be stupid." (1)

At the same time Communists must unite with the honest demands of the workers for a union, for organization, because the unions "...are and will long remain an indispensable 'school of Communism'." (2)

1) Lenin, Left-Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder, FLPP, 1970, p. 43.

2) Ibid., p. 41.

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out, "A nation is not merely a historical category but a historical category belonging to a definite epoch, the epoch of rising capitalism. The process of elimination of feudalism and development of capitalism was at the same time a process of amalgamation of people into nations." (2) Only after the Civil War was this process completed in the South. With the full development of exchange between town and country, and the consolidation of a native bourgeoisie, proletariat and peasantry, the South, including the Black Belt and surrounding areas, was able to become a cohesive economic unit. It was composed of all who had taken part in its history, no matter what their color, ethnic origin or religion.

In putting forth the idea of a "Black" nation, we must ask our friends, where is the "White" nation? If they are speaking of Anglo-America, it is also a "historically constituted stable community of people" of many different colors, religions, and ethnic origins.

This belief that it is possible to arbitrarily construct a nation is best exemplified in Israel. It has proclaimed itself to be the Jewish nation, yet does not the Israeli government put restrictions on Yemenite Jews? And did they not recently refuse the immigration

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USNA imperialism. The last 9 months have been an example of this.

The USNA wants to dominate the Mideast. To do this the resistance of the Arab masses must be crushed. The most vocal and active of this resistance came not from the Arab governments, but from guerilla movements. But in order to really crush the guerilla movements, the USNA had to use the Arab governments (examples of these are the governments of Jordan and Lebanon whose armies attacked the guerillas from the rear, as the Zionists attacked from the front). In order to win over the Arab governments the USNA had to "soften" its support for Israel (holding up delivery of Phantom planes for 6 months). In short, USNA tactics proceed from the concept of permanent interests, not permanent friends. Israel realizes this and is doing everything it can to create pressure to force the USNA to strengthen it now. Further, Israel has suffered a real political setback as many countries

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of "Black" Jews from the USNA? This demonstrates that it is impossible to make-up a nation. A nation evolves; it does not appear out of the blue. This explains why the Palestinians have a historic right to their land. They belong to that "stable community of people" that has lived there for hundreds of years.

Stalin spoke to this question of a Jewish nation which so closely parallels the imaginative "Black" nation: "Bauer's point of view, which identifies a nation with its national character, divorces the nation from its soil and converts it into an invisible, self-contained force. The result is not a living and active nation, but something mystical, intangible and supernatural. For, I repeat, what sort of nation, for instance, is a Jewish nation that consists of Georgian, Daghestanian, Russian, American, and other Jews, the members of which do not understand each other (since they speak different languages), inhabit different parts of the globe, will never see each other, will never act together, whether in time of peace or in time of war? No, it is not for such paper "nations" that the Social-Democratic Party draws up its national program. It can only reckon with real nations, which act and move, and therefore insist on being reckoned with.

"Bauer is obviously confusing nation, which is a historical category, with tribe, which is an ethnographical category." (3)

1) Stalin, "Marxism and the National Question," Selected Works, Cardinal Publishers, 1971, p. 53.

2) Ibid., p. 56.

3) Ibid., p. 55.

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are condemning it, breaking relations with it, and within the United Nations a block of Arab and African countries are constantly opposing it. Finally, Israel realizes that the preparations and strengthening of the Egyptian and Syrian governments will eventually weaken its position.

Israel is fighting armies who are not only equipped with modern armaments, but whose soldiers are ideologically strengthened by the anti-imperialist demands. Israel cannot fight a protracted war because almost half of the population inside her borders is Arab. Thus, if Israel cannot accomplish its aims in a "blitzkrieg" manner and the USNA is not able to muster diplomatic pressure to stop the fighting, then the USNA must intervene on the side of its puppets. This is precisely what the Israelis want. The USNA is already moving in this direction by sending two aircraft carriers to beef up the fleet in the Mediterranean and by aiding Israel in the air attacks of Egypt. Finally, the USNA was warned by the Confederation of Arab Oil Workers that if the war turned against Egypt and Syria, the workers would destroy the oil fields. This would surely cause USNA intervention, as even the "nationalized" oil fields are mainly owned by USNA companies.

Another major factor involved in the Mideast is the Soviet Union. We have discussed in detail the need of the Soviet opportunists to collaborate with the USNA imperialists in detente. The Soviet Union knows full well that no bourgeois Arab regime can maintain itself without token opposition to Israel. For the countries bordering Israel this opposition must be staunch. The overwhelming demand of the Arab people is "Free Palastine from the Zionist Oppression and End the Interference of Imperialism". Thus, the Soviet Union is caught in a bind. They hope to increase their influence by selling the Arab governments massive quantities of arms, yet their policy of detente forces them to caution the Arab governments against using the arms. For months the Soviet military advisors have attempted to pacify the Egyptian and Syrian armies. Finally both the governments of Syria and Egypt expelled the military advisors. Now the Soviet Union is forced to back the Egyptian and Syrian armies or lose all influence in the Mideast. The Soviet Union definitely does not want this war because it harms the detente policies.

The aims of the Arab governments and the demands of the Arab peoples are two different things. Sadat has stated that he only wants the boundaries of Egypt to be those of 1967, before the last Israeli attack. This means Egyptian control of



the Sinai Peninsula and consequently the Suez Canal. The demands of the Arab masses are for the elimination of Zionist and Imperialist influence in the Mideast. The demands of returning the annexations of Israel are just. Israel was brought into being by annexation of Arab land and is constantly expanding at the Arab peoples' expense. Moreover, a determined fight against the annexationists can be the only basis for unity of the Arab and Israeli workers, a unity free from the designs of imperialism. In the same light it is in the direct interest of the Anglo-American proletariat to support the just cause of the Arab peoples and their governments.

Finally, the other capitalist countries, notably the Common Market and Japan, literally depend upon the Mideast for their oil and cannot afford either a disruptive long term war or the total domination of the USNA or the USSR. They

will see the intervention of the USNA on the side of Israel as a direct threat to their interests.

In conclusion, we can see that this situation is volatile and potentially very explosive. There is no single force which can dictate events. The USNA wants war to expand its influence and to secure its hold on the oil; the Soviet Union does not want the war as it endangers its detente policy. Yet each is also moved by events and forces not quite in its control and forced to do things they do not want to do.

The Communist League urges all those opposed to imperialism to 1) actively oppose the schemes of the Israeli and USNA imperialists to further dominate the Middle East and, 2) condemn the reactionary role of the Soviet opportunists and support the just struggles of the Arab people against the imperialist aggression.