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WE CALL ON THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO SUPPORT THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES

The people of Los Angeles, beginning August 11, 1965, rebelled against the class brutality of the imperialist system—against unemployment, the lack of food, the oppression and the exploitation characteristic of the imperialist system. This was a spontaneous uprising of the most oppressed and the most exploited workers, and it was directed against the authority of the state.

THIS WAS NOT A RACIAL UPRISING. It was an uprising of the most oppressed and the most exploited elements of the working

class. The ruling class seeks to make it appear to be a "racial uprising" or a "race riot." U.S. imperialism is the source of all racism in America—legal and illegal, political, social, and economic. U.S. imperialism fosters racism wherever U.S. imperialism is present—in order to divide the working class and to weaken those forces opposing U.S. imperialism.

The people's immediate demands are:

1. An end to police brutality
2. Jobs and food immediately.

Police brutality can be ended only by the people organizing into people's defense groups to protect the people and to oppose the violence of the police and of U.S. imperialists everywhere. The uprising of the workers that began in Watts signifies the rejection of "non-violence" as a means of struggle and it signifies the adoption of revolutionary violence by the people as the means of struggle to oppose the counter-revolutionary violence of U.S. imperialism.

For the working people of Watts to get jobs and food immediately, the people, likewise, must organize against U.S. imperialism. The only end to police brutality and the only guarantee of food and jobs is for the working people to organize against U.S. imperialism—to destroy the imperialist system of oppression and exploitation. Johnson's so-called "War on Poverty" is really war on the poor—a war against

all the working people. It is really CLASS WAR. For us to end this class war, we must organize to put an end to the imperialist system.

Throughout the world the people are organizing to oppose U.S. imperialism. We are facing the same enemy—U.S. imperialism. Part of this fight against U.S. imperialism is the fight against the Uncle Toms who have sold themselves to the U.S. imperialists and who are traitors to the Negro people.

The Los Angeles uprising is a heroic expression of the working class—and of its most exploited and oppressed section, the Negro and Mexican-American workers who rose together to strike at their immediate enemies—the imperialist state, and its instrument, the police. The rejection of non-violence was also a rejection of the imperialist front men, the Uncle Toms: Martin Luther King, Dick Gregory, H. H. Brookins, F. Douglas Ferrell, and all the other Quislings of U.S. imperialism. Those traitors to the Negro people were rejected by the Negro people in struggle.

The Negro people likewise rejected the chief spokesman for the U.S. imperialists, L. B. Johnson, that fascist who compared the Negro people in Los Angeles to the Ku Klux Klan in the South.

The Negro people likewise are rejecting the U.S. imperialist concept of "integration." The Negro people constitute a nation in the Black Belt of the South (from east

Texas to Virginia) and from part of the world-wide national liberation struggle against U.S. imperialism. The Negro people must prepare to launch a struggle for self-determination for the Negro nation in the South and for equal rights outside the Negro nation. For this struggle the people must organize.

In every struggle the people face, they face the same enemy—U.S. imperialism. We have learned from the Los Angeles uprising that the people of Watts who have risen up in struggle are not alone; the revolutionary people throughout the world stand side by side with the Negro people in their struggle against U.S. imperialism. United in our struggle against oppression and exploitation, together we will destroy our enemy—U.S. imperialism.

The fight is against our common enemy all around the world—in Vietnam, in the Congo, in the Dominican Republic, in the Negro nation in the South, and in Los Angeles—the fight is against U.S. imperialism, the enemy of the people of the world.

We must organize into people's defense groups to defend the people against the brutality of the U.S. imperialists and their police. We call for the formation of the August 11th Movement as the people's weapon against U.S. imperialism!!

DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ITS AGENTS — THE UNCLE TOMS, THE REVISIONISTS, AND THE TROT-



Woodcut by Wu Peifan

SKYITES!

LONG LIVE THE HEROIC STRUGGLES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THE CONGOLESE PEOPLE, THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE, THE NEGRO PEOPLE, AND ALL REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA, AND ITS CHAIRMAN, MAO TSE-TUNG!

... THE EDITORS

All the people of the U.S. who oppose U.S. imperialism wish to thank the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people for their Pledge of support for the people of Los Angeles in their struggle against U.S. imperialism.

The People's Voice

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IN MEMORY...
OF OUR HEROIC
DEAD

WE PLEDGE TO CARRY FORWARD THE STRUGGLE THAT OUR DEAD BROTHERS AND COMRADES HAVE BEGUN. WE PLEDGE OUR FIRM SUPPORT TO OUR BROTHERS IN JAIL—ALL 4,000 OF THEM WHO WERE TAKEN PRISONERS BY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' POLICE. OF THE 36 PERSONS WHO WERE KILLED DURING THE UPRISING, 32 WERE NEGRO AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN WORKERS. MOST OF THEM WERE SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD BY THE POLICE.

Martyred Negro and Mexican-American Workers:

Homer Ellis, 35; Calvin Jones, 31; George Adams, 45; Leon Posey, 21; Charles Shortridge, 18; Thomas Owens, Carrol Shaw, 30; Alfred O'Neal, 23; Carlton Elliot, 17; George Fentroy, 21; Andrew Houston Jr.; Leon Cauley, 31; Miller Burroughs, 31; William King, 40; Curtis Gaines, 24; Joe Horn, 20, and Charles Smalley.

Also Willie Hawkins, 35; Frederick Hendricks, 19; Joseph Wallace, 29; Paul Harbin, 53; Albert Flores, 40; Juan Fuentes, 30; Joseph Maiman, Carlos Cavitt, 18; Neitl Love and Aubrey Griffin, 38.

In their Memory we pledge to Destroy U. S. Imperialism!
... The People's Voice



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ENEMIES OF
THE PEOPLE

These traitors to the Negro people have sold themselves to U.S. imperialism. They will be destroyed along with U.S. imperialism!

- MARTIN LUTHER KING
ROY WILKINS
JAMES FARMER
DICK GREGORY
GUS HAWKINS
MERVYN DYMALLY
F. DOUGLAS FERRELL
BILLY MILLS
TOM BRADLEY
GILBERT LINDSAY
H. H. BROOKINS



SOUTH VIETNAMESE
FIGHT BACK!!

(This letter was written by a woman guerrilla in South Vietnam to her brother, one of the many resistance fighters who regrouped and went to the north following the signing of the Geneva Agreements in 1954. It is taken from the book, "Letters From South Vietnam," published in Hanoi.)

Thu Dau Mot Village
July 8, 1965

My Dear B.,

Our village has been liberated! Father, Mother and all of us have joined the National Liberation Front, to carry on the struggle against the U.S. puppet clique and bring nearer the reunification of our country.

The land the Revolution gave us was grabbed away by the enemy the moment our troops went to regroup in the north. It has now been handed back to the people. Poor peasant households like ours received much more than we ever had before. Everybody went wild with joy on the day land was redistributed.

In spite of raids and bombings by the enemy, the people here have enough for their needs and for the Liberation troops. Of the villagers, young M. is the only one still in the puppet army; his family keeps trying to persuade him to come home, but so far he has not had a chance to get away.

Nearly all the young men in our village have gone to join the Liberation Army, and those who have stayed are members of the guerrilla unit. The older people join in the work of building up "fighting villages."

You remember how, in the Resistance (against the French—editors), we had only a few shelters and secret dug-outs? Now there are communication and shelter trenches everywhere. The hamlets have solid fences to protect them and so many spiked traps that, to get

about safely, you need the help of a local guide. The enemy troops find themselves caught in a maze, and are always falling into our pit traps.

Aunt Bay is a great fighter, considering how old she is. When the enemy troops come, she stays at home and watches their movements. When she gets the chance, she puts down a few more spiked boards in their path. Once, they caught her doing it. They threatened to shoot her, but she told them indignantly, "I am taking away the spiked boards the guerrillas put here last night. You should be grateful instead of threatening me. Do you want to go back home with broken legs?" Then she showed them another pit trap. Scared stiff, they asked her, "Are there many of these around?" She said there must be a lot, as she had seen a great number of guerrillas digging the previous night. The puppet troops thanked her and beat a hasty retreat.

The guerrillas open fire on the enemy troops with home-made shotguns and as they run for cover they fall into these traps. I once saw an American "adviser" being carried away, wounded by our spikes.

We often organize demonstrations and some of them have been very successful. During one of them several soldiers of the puppet army left their post and came home with us, bringing their carbines.

The wife of one of the puppet soldiers was shot dead during a demonstration. We carried her body to the enemy district office, and then to the provincial office. The special police tried to stop us. Some of the enemy soldiers threatened to shoot the police if they continued to obstruct us. We talked to the soldiers, and many of them were moved to tears and joined us when we went home. They said, "Our wives and children at home have to submit to this kind of savagery. It's time we stop serving the enemy."

Early last May they launched a big "mopping up" operation against the northern part of our district. An enemy column, headed by amphibious tanks ran up against our men at Bo Trang.

We knocked out the first tank. Two others had to turn off onto the paddy fields, where one got bogged down. A dozen helicopters came and hovered over it, and the guerrillas shot one down. Enemy troops stood by to protect the tank, but that night our men attacked and wiped out nearly a hundred of them.

Another enemy column came and moved about outside our lines. They seemed to be scared of our women's unit. Our guerrillas and army men killed about 300 of those enemy soldiers.

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While the enemy were attacking, our troops went down Highway 15 and wiped out the Cau Dinh post. Do you remember that post, and how our Battalion destroyed it twice during the Resistance? This time, we knocked out the Tan Dinh "strategic hamlet" as well as the post and captured all the weapons.

Later our armed units raided Dau T'eng "strategic hamlet," captured 13 enemy soldiers, many weapons and a radio transmitter.

There are many experienced women guerrillas in our village now. I work in the peasant union and as a leader of a guerrilla platoon.

When you left home, Mother planted a durian tree for you in the old garden. It has begun to bear fruit. Mother has only two wishes—to meet Uncle Ho (President Ho Chi Minh—editor) and to see you again.

Do your best in your studies, and work to help the reunification of our country.

Your sister,
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IN THE NEXT ISSUE WE WILL INCLUDE A STATEMENT BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD ON WHY THE PEOPLE'S VOICE IS BEING PUBLISHED.



Most Americans enjoy a good life—Lyndon B. Johnson's State of the Union Message, January 4



Crushing freedom in the name of freedom.

NATURE OF REVISIONIST-TROTSKYITE CONSPIRACY IN U.S.

When the Soviet government began to clamp down on the Bukharinite Rights and the Trotskyite "lefts" in the early and middle thirties, those two groups of imperialist agents joined forces against the October Revolution.

It was quite logical that the Bukharanite Right opportunists and the Trotskyite "left" opportunists should find a common ground to fight against the Soviet government and especially since they had already evolved from a political current within the Russian working class, with a wrong theory and program, to a mere band of wreckers and saboteurs.

Something similar has occurred within the Communist movement of the world today.

The forces of revisionism and Trotskyism have established a system of liaisons which permits them to operate jointly against the Marxist-Leninist forces.

This "united front" efforts of the revisionist-Trotskyite cabal exhibits diverse forms of operations.

In our country, this counter-revolutionary "united front of the left" is so common that it has become routine.

In most cases, the participants from the revisionist CPUS or the SWP take part in a myriad of "joint ventures" but never do they openly identify themselves as members of one group or the other.

On the West Coast the "united action of the 'left'" has been in existence for a few years.

The United Civil Rights Committee (over-all coordinating committee for the Uncle Tom organizations, CORE, NAACP, NVAC, etc.) houses quite a number of this "united front" element. Among these you will find Daniel Gray of the CPUS and Leslie Evans of SWP.

In the "Friends of the SNCC" you find August and Carol Maimudes of the revisionist CPUS and Julius Snipper of the SWP.

In the Students' Peace Union (now defunct) there were Peter Pearce and Mallory Pearce, of the

CPUS, and Michael Goldman of the SWP.

In the Fair Play for Cuba (also defunct) there were Martin Hall and D. Varilla representing the CPUS and Steve Roberts and Al Lewis of the SWP.

The so-called Pacifica Foundation and radio station KPFK (L.A.-S.F.) features Dorothy Healy, Southern California Chairman, CPUS and Theodore Edwards, Southern California SWP Chairman, as regular commentators.

All of this takes place while a sham battle of words is kept up by both counter-revolutionary groups purporting to "expose" each other.

PLM—SPEARHEAD OF REVISIONIST-TROTSKYITE CABAL

On the East Coast the main vehicle of revisionist-Trotskyite "collaboration" is the so-called PLM, and related organisms; the Harlem Club, the Workers' World, Spartacist group, etc.

Since its inception the PLM was assigned the role of "clearing house" for the joint counter-revolutionary efforts of the revisionists and the Trotskyites in the eastern part of the United States.

In order to enable the Trotskyites to "join" the revisionists in counter-revolutionary "united front" activities, the Trotskyites have undergone quite a change in the last few years. However, since they are masters of the political camouflage and can take any position at any given moment this "change" has NOT been difficult.

That is the reason why they shelved their line of "proletarian purity" with which they started to bombard the Cuban Revolution. Sensing the possibility for "joint" counter-revolutionary activities between themselves and the Cuban and American revisionists they did short work of their "proletarian principles."

TROTSKYITES HANDED BACK "REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST" STATUS BY REVISIONISTS

Thus, the Fair Play for Cuba became the laboratory for revisionist-Trotskyite "cooperation" and "united front" activities.

In the course of those activities around the Cuban question the revisionists succeeded in restoring the status of "Socialist revolutionaries" to the Trotskyites.

Ever since they, the Trotskyites have adopted a policy of "support" to every revolutionary struggle of the people and then logically proceeded to adopt the revisionist line of political sabotage.

The March 22, 1965 edition of the Trotskyite "The Militant," organ of the SWP, published the "Manifesto of the Fourth International on

Viet Nam."

As usual, in the "Manifesto" the Trotskyites talk "revolution," but wind up peddling defeatism and counter-revolution.

The counter-revolutionary essence of Trotskyite "policies" is easy to detect if one adheres to Marxism-Leninism and takes into account the Trotskyite tactics.

This is especially important today when the Trotskyites are working through many groups, each having a specific division of labor.

It was a long time ago that the Trotskyite "Workers' World" eliminated Trotsky's photograph from its front page and substituted it for a black and white hand symbol. But while this particular group (WW) eschews any direct identification with Trotsky or Trotskyism, its fellow agents, the Spartacist group, takes up the cudgels for open Trotskyism and the "Holy War against Stalinism."

Both groups work through the PLM crowd.

Availing themselves of the "generosity" of the American ruling class on the 10th and 11th of February last, the revisionist-Trotskyite cabal held a "unity of the left Conference" at a college campus in Lansing, Michigan.

The participating organizations included the DuBois Clubs, Freedom Now Party, the Youth Against Fascism and War and the PLM. Among the featured speakers there were: Milton Rosen, and that Trotskyite shyster, Conrad Lynn.

The decisions of the "unity" pow-wow of the revisionists and Trotskyites is important only and only because PLM was assigned to be the hub of "unity of the left in the East."

What all of this means is that the Lansing, Michigan pow-wow decided that in the East "united front" activities of the revisionists and Trotskyites had to be carried out through the PLM.

Unfortunately, for the revisionist-Trotskyite cabal, things have been going from bad to worse for PLM in the past few months. PLM has been losing the honest, non-revisionist, non-Trotskyite members so fast that only the hard core of the "lend-lease assignees" of the CPUS, SWP Spartacist and Workers' World remain.

Recently the PLM has been "transformed" into the PLP—so what? It is still the same miserable revisionist-Trotskyite set-up!

The bourgeois press gave ample publicity to the "birth of this mouse," from the proverbial mountain. It has expressed the nonsense that PLM "parallels" the political line of the Communist Party of China. But no sooner is the ink

dry on those deliberate distortions than they have to quite William Epton, one of the PLM "leaders" to the effect "the Party (PLP) was not connected with the Communist Party of the United States or with Chinese Communism." (New York Times, April 19, 1965).

The bourgeois press has shown a remarkable generosity in relation to the revisionists and the Trotskyites and has extended this to PLM.

The bourgeois press, with tongue in cheek, claims that PLM has 1,500 members. The fact is, that the CPUS, SWP, SLP, PLM, the Workers' World and the Spartacist—all put together, do NOT add up to 1,500 members.

PL, PLM or PLP, the initials don't matter. What really matters is that as an integral part of the revisionist-Trotskyite cabal, PLM will be exposed and totally defeated by the real Marxist-Leninists and anti-imperialist forces in the U.S.

In the international movement there may arise some temporary confusion about the role of PLM. But what could prevent the exposure of PLP, the creature of the revisionist-Trotskyite cabal? Ask Messrs. Rosen and Scheer to expose the role of the Trotskyites in the world and in the nation, and watch what happens. They cannot expose themselves!

Ask them to expose the United States revisionists and they will answer with a bunch of generalities and anti-Soviet utterances. How could they be asked to expose the very force that created them?

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**CAR WASHERS' UNION
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FORWARD**

The recent trial of the organizers of the Car Wash Union has provided valuable experience for the Union organizing drive. The trial shows the weakness of every employer who is raking in fantastic profits from the unskilled, unorganized workers.

THE LAW: BOSSES' WEAPON

These are the facts in the arrest of the organizers. In order to disrupt and defeat a peacefully conducted organizing strike, organizers Laski, Hoffman, Peralez and Themas were arrested. Police, who were on the scene from the beginning of the strike found no cause for arresting anyone. Robert Schwartz, on behalf of the bosses and assisted by the Sheriff Department of Los Angeles County made 'citizens arrests' against the organizers. It was an act of desperation on the part of the owners. Their only alternative was to accept the inevitable organization of the industry.

The fact that the bosses at the very beginning of an organizing campaign are forced to use their best weapons, the police and the courts, show how weak and vulnerable they really are.

The facts show that the Southern Calif. Automatic Car Wash Assn. could not use traditional union busting tactics. They could not organize anti-union faction among men who are forced to work during their lunch break. They could not conduct anti-union propaganda among men paid \$1.00 per hour. They could not recruit goons from crews that are hired and laid off every day.

The majority of the men employed at the struck washes was Negro. The top wage for those workers was \$1.35 per hour. When the strike came, our brothers were replaced by inexperienced white scabs at the rate of \$2.00 per hour. The bosses cannot win by trying to place black against white. This tactic failed and from the very beginning, the employers were forced to use their biggest and their best weapon—the law.

A BOSSES' DEFEAT

The trial resulted in a victory for the Union. It was a victory because the charges were so flimsy and the conditions of the workers so bad as to enable the Car Washers Union and its friends the Provisional Organizing Committee and the Freedom for the People to launch a full scale educational campaign

throughout in support of the next big push for the working class movement. The fact that the majority of the car washers are workers from the national minorities, mainly Negro and Mexican-American provides a stable and militant base for our revolutionary trade union.

"Economic trade unionism" the curse of American labor will not find root in this revolutionary movement of labor. Organization of the car washers will demand that the social as well as the economic life of the workers will be defended. Our organizing fight is against oppression as well as exploitation. This means that our revolutionary labor movement is directed against the social and political effects of monopoly control and oppression as well as directing a sharp fight against the greedy small employers of the unskilled. Our fight is for a workers' politics and for the workers' future. It is against exploitation and the oppression and against everything the bosses represent.

We Rely on The Workers

We cannot expect to get any assistance from the established labor front of the bosses. In fact, the empty promises to organize the unorganized that came from the top leadership of the AFL-CIO had the effect of preventing the organization of the unskilled. The AFL-CIO has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in stocks and bonds and real

estate in collaboration with U.S. imperialism and in fact has evolved into a 'Labor Front' for the imperialists. Just as the industrial workers had to provide the main force for their own organization 30 years ago so the unskilled today must revitalize the historic slogan of labor, "He who would be free must first strike the blow."

Organization Inevitable

The organization of the car wash workers must be seen as a part of a historic process. There can be no question as to our victory. No force on earth can stop the organization of the unskilled workers in the United States.

Our tactics include the inevitability of having to cope with every weapon the employers possess, the law, the goons and scabs. Seeing this course, our first step must be the tightest consolidation of the Union so as to have the greatest possible strength in order to absorb the blow and still carry on without any interruption in our activities. In this light it is seen that the first duty of each and every car washer is to be an organizer. Each and every worker must contribute his share to his progress. Every car washer must attend his Union meetings and participate in the life of the Union. In this manner, we will complete our program if we make collective use of our experience.

Organizing To Continue

The first phase of the campaign is over. The social and historical conditions are very favorable to our campaign. First of all, it must be seen by all that the organization of the unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the service industries is

