

Internal Weakness Brings Thieves Together

Remembering that "politics is a concentrated expression of economics," the Watergate scandal must not be viewed as just the result of a corrupt government, but as the reflection of a deepening economic crisis in which the imperialists find themselves. The drive for maximum profits has yielded a crisis caused by overproduction. The struggle around Watergate is in actuality a struggle between different interests in the ruling class around the solution to this crisis. It is in this light that the recent visit by Brezhnev to the USNA must be seen. Detente between the USNA and the USSR is a solution to the overproduction crisis that is in the interests of the most wealthy, rapacious imperialists.

During the Truman administration the "cold war" was introduced by the USNA. This lie allowed for unprecedented super profits to be made at the expense of the colonial peoples while "rolling back communism." These super profits benefitted both the oppressor and oppressed classes in the USNA for the USNA proletariat became the most bribed proletariat in the history of capitalism.

The era of the "cold war" was laced with governmental scandals. There was blatant corruption, bribery and favoritism found in the Truman administration. President Eisenhower was caught red handed in a lie around the U-2 flights. He was forced to admit that he personally had ordered spying missions over Russia. The Tonkin Gulf incident was fabricated during the term of Johnson as a justification for the full scale bombing of N. Vietnam. This marked the introduction of a half million American troops into Vietnam and the killing and wounding of over a million Vietnamese men, women and

children. Why was there barely a peep from the public around these incidents while the Watergate incident has mushroomed to the point of governmental crisis?

No one cared what was happening in the government so long as the money kept rolling in. As the imperialists were reaping untold super profits off of the colonies, and the proletariat was becoming more and more bribed, there was no material reason for people to be unhappy with the methods the government used to insure these super profits. However, nothing can ever remain the same.

The laws of capitalism tell us that in order to make profits the capitalist must corner the market for his goods. In order to do this, he must out produce his competitors, thereby making his goods sell at a lower cost. However, with all capitalists trying to do this, the market becomes glutted with the result being an overproduction crisis.

During the boom of the "cold war," the productive forces of the USNA developed

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at an accelerated pace. At the same time there was the exploitation of new markets and the continual destruction of commodities caused by the war in Indochina. Because of the continual investment in expanding the productive forces, there was an inevitable falling rate of profit which in turn has forced the imperialists to produce more and more commodities. However, the markets have nearly all become glutted and the war is not using up the commodities fast enough. As can be seen from the Chart which shows corporate profits from 1929 almost to the present, profits seem to climb impressively without thinking about inflation. But compensating for inflation, one can see the boom especially in the middle of the 60's caused by the war in Indochina, but last year's profits were only about as big as those of 1950.

Leontiev points out that, "A crisis of overproduction means a lack of sales, the contraction of markets, the closing of factories and plants, a curtailment of production. Tremendous quantities of commodities cannot be sold. This leads to an accumulation of reserves of all kinds. Tremendous stores of raw material, industrial goods and agricultural products are accumulated. These stores exert pressure on the market. In order to maintain prices, a considerable part of these stores of goods is destroyed by the capitalists. For this purpose also, production is curtailed. By means of these measures the capitalists maintain the prices of some commodities at a comparatively high level for a short time, but the force of the crisis proves stronger than all the measures they adopt. The curtailment of sales, the contraction of markets, the accumulation of reserves of commodities inevitably lead to a decline of prices." (2) Today this process is taking place. The imperialists are fighting tooth and nail to maintain profits imposing arbitrary restrictions and by holding back commodities such as can be seen by the so-called food and gasoline shortages. But for all their efforts, profits are falling and there will inevitably be a decline of prices.

Therefore in solving the problem of overproduction for the time being, the imperialists are faced with two ways to turn. They either need new markets or a further destruction of commodities, which can only come about by more war.

The low level tactics of the government which have been uncovered by the Watergate scandal are a result of this insatiable drive for profits. The spying, and wiretapping that

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has become general use has escalated to the point where the FBI and the CIA are not enough for "national security". The President has instituted his own security network to obtain dossiers of both current and potential political dissidents, be they representatives of oppressed classes or of the bourgeoisie. The present testimony of John Dean at the Senate hearings, is pointing out concretely that President Nixon was involved from the very beginning in the coverup of the Watergate affair along with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. His testimony is also exposing attempts by the Nixon administration to guide the Senate hearings, both through political influence and with hush mouth money. It is obvious that Nixon was involved from the very beginning in the burglary of the Democratic Headquarters, along with the Ellsberg set up. What does this conspiracy mean concretely?

Though President Nixon represents the ruling class in the USNA in general, he represents a certain interest in the ruling class in particular. Nixon is the spokesman for the most wealthy, rapacious imperialists. In this light the Watergate struggle is a struggle between special interests in the bourgeoisie around the question of the solution to the over-production crisis. As we saw earlier, the imperialists in general were happy with Nixon and previous administrations as long as profits were high, but now that profits are falling, an intense struggle is being waged over which way to go.

The imperialists have two roads open to them: one, they can intensify the policy of war. This will lead to another boom, but along with that boom, a falling rate of profit and another over-production crisis. Or, two, they can follow the policy of detente or imperialist peace and stave off war for a little while longer. This political maneuver at this point in time will mean gigantic investments and gigantic profits for the larger imperialists in the near future. The situation has become such that not everyone can now make money. Some of the lesser capitalists will have to be squeezed out so that the richest can become richer. This can be most clearly seen in the fuel crisis where thousands of "independent" gasoline distributors are going out of business so that the monopolies can reap in more profits. It is this latter road that Nixon represents and the visit of Brezhnev must be seen in this context.

It is no accident that not only did the Senate hearings committee, but also the Soviet embassy, asked that the

Watergate investigation be cancelled during the Nixon-Brezhnev summit. Why was this the case? The crisis of USNA imperialism is indication of a rotten decaying imperialist state filled with internal and external contradictions. But if this is the case, why does the USNA find itself in a position of world hegemony? The struggle between the Soviet Union and China has allowed the USNA to achieve temporary world hegemony. The struggle of the opportunist leadership in the Soviet Union to replace the dictatorship of the proletariat with the victory of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie has been marred by the socialist countries of China and Albania. In order to consolidate their power the opportunists must have the help of the USNA. Brezhnev made virtually no comments about the Watergate affair before he arrived here, even going so far as to say that it was only a domestic problem of the USNA. And while he was here, he wanted no "domestic problems" interfering with his discussions with President Nixon. In fact, Brezhnev would like to have the Watergate investigation done away with altogether so that Nixon can have a totally free hand to carry out the detente policies of the fascist minded imperialists. While in the USNA, Brezhnev had the gall to ask the people of the USNA to support the imperialist butcher, Nixon.

The agreement signed by Nixon and Brezhnev at the end of their meeting signalled the beginnings of a period where each imperialist power will be able to super exploit their own proletariat and colonies without interference from each other. In the non-aggression pact the two governments agreed to "avoid military confrontations" with each other and with each other's allies and to avoid situations that would cause "a dangerous exacerbation" of their relations. Lenin describes this situation where "peace" between imperialists means war in the colonies. He says that there is an "... indissoluble economic and historical connection between every war and the policy preceding it of each country, each class that was in power before the war and achieved its aims by so-called 'peaceful' means. So-called because the ruthless methods required, for example, to ensure 'peaceful' domination over the colonies, can hardly be called peaceful.

"Peace prevailed in Europe, but continued because the European peoples' domination over hundreds of millions of colonial inhabitants was effected by constant, uninterrupted, never-

era was the closest thing to the current programs, Phases I-IV. As R. Palme Dutte pointed out in 1935, "The 'New Deal,' the policy of the Roosevelt regime expressed in the National Industrial Recovery Act and associated measures, represents the most comprehensive and ruthless attempt of finance capital to consolidate its power with the entire strength of the State machine over the whole field of industry, to hold the workers in subjugation under extreme and intensified exploitation with a universal lowering of standards, to conduct on this basis and on the basis of the depreciated dollar a world campaign for markets and to prepare directly the consequent inevitable war." (4)

The alternatives are clear: either bow to the growing fascist moves of the Nixon gang and accept its plans to fill its pockets at the expense of the impoverished masses of the world, prepare for a life that will offer only increased starvation and hell or join the growing battle to break the chains of imperialist domination and murder. Fascism can be stopped by a united working class led by an independent working class Communist Party. The fight to build such a party is underway. Join the fight to push Nixon and his "phrases" and "freezes" into his rightful place: the garbage heap of history!

- 1) New York Times, 6/17/73.
- 2) Ibid.
- 3) Business Week, 6/23/73.
- 4) Dutte, Fascism and Social Revolution, Int. Pub., 1935, p. 267.

ending wars which we, Europeans, do not consider to be wars, because all too often they resembled not wars, but the most brutal slaughter, extermination of unarmed peoples." (3)

Throughout his speech to the American public, Brezhnev spoke of peace, a peace that supposedly was in line with the concept of peaceful coexistence spoken of by Lenin. Instead Brezhnev's words were reminiscent of the renegade Kautsky and his theories of ultra-imperialism. Kautsky asked, "...Cannot the present imperialist policy be supplanted by a new, ultra-imperialist policy, which will introduce the joint exploitation of the world by internationally united finance capital in place of the mutual rivalries of national finance capitals? Such a new phase of capitalism is at any rate conceivable." (4) Lenin responded to Kautsky's

theory, saying that it was "a most reactionary method of consoling the masses with hopes of permanent peace being possible under capitalism, by distracting their attention from the sharp antagonisms and acute problems of the present times, and directing it towards illusory prospects of an imaginary 'ultra-imperialism' of the future." (5) And again, "The 'theory of ultra-imperialism,' however, serves Kautsky as a means by which to justify the opportunists, to present the situation in such a light as to make it appear that they have not gone over to the bourgeoisie but simply that they 'do not believe' that Socialism could come immediately and expect that 'perhaps' a new 'era' of disarmament and lasting peace will be ushered in." (6) However, under imperialism, there can only be imperialist war or imperialist peace preparing for an inevitable imperialist war.

In actuality peaceful coexistence is a framework of struggle against the capitalist powers where the workers have not as yet reached maturity. It was proposed along with peaceful competition to allow the Soviet Union time to develop. What did Lenin say about peaceful coexistence? He made clear that "...by such a peace the government means an immediate peace without annexations (i.e., without the seizure of foreign lands, without the forcible incorporation of foreign nations) and without indemnities." (7) And this is definitely not the case with this imperialist nation and this social imperialist nation. They are using the word "peace" to justify annexations and indemnities.

Brezhnev also admitted in his speech that the Soviet Union had been instrumental in the so-called cease fire agreement, or in other words, in the attempt to impose an imperialist peace in Indochina. We have reported in the past how the Soviet Union blockaded supplies to N. Vietnam, making them unable to carry out large offensives, such as the Tet offensive in 1968. Displaying the true colors of a social imperialist, he made a deeper commitment to continue efforts in this direction and further sellout the people of Indochina. The imperialists understand though that they will be unable to impose an imperialist peace. A recent Senate Report by the CIA finds that a political solution to the situation in Indochina is impossible and that to contain the situation, full scale war will have to be undertaken within four months. (8)

Though the political aspect was primary in this meeting between Brezhnev and Nixon at this point, concrete beginnings of economic solidarity were made in the trade agreements. They are aiming at \$2-3 billion worth of trade between the USSR and the USNA over the next 3 years and to carry this out they are increasing transportation between the two countries and setting up a USNA-Soviet Chamber of Commerce. This is providing a means for the USNA imperialists to loot the Soviet Union at the expense of the Soviet peoples and at the gain of the Soviet leadership. For example, take the case of Occidental Petroleum Corporation beginning to tap natural gas from Siberia. Currently, the land involved is not in use. The Soviet government can then take this money and invest it elsewhere for profit and, thus, the Soviet people are robbed both by the USNA imperialist, i.e., Occidental, and by the Soviet government. The trade agreements are being hindered by the struggle between the imperialists within the USNA. In order for exports to the USNA to be profitable for the Soviet Union, it must have a "most favored nation status" which will make it have equal footing with the "allies" of the USNA. The opposition to the Nixon faction might keep the USSR from obtaining this status for a while.

Foreign investment is desperately needed by the Soviet Union to bolster up the economy, ruined by the Khrushchevite revisionists. Soviet agriculture, once a model of Socialist cooperation is no longer able to feed the people. Industry, once controlled strictly by the State for the benefit of all the toiling people of the Soviet Union, is now being opened to direct imperialist investment and exploitation by not only the USNA imperialists but also by the European and Japanese imperialists. Thus, the Soviet working class, once the most advanced politically and economically in the world, is suffering the indignities of unemployment, piece rates on work and foreign exploitation.

Detente for the imperialists will mean the beginnings of the possible attainment of their strategic goal at this point in time: the investment of enough finance capital in the USSR to bring it under the domination of USNA finance capital. This would completely destroy the heroic victory of the proletariat, placing them in total subjugation to imperialism. Brezhnev will be walking a tight rope in the next few years, for though he needs the investment of foreign capital to bolster the economy of the USSR, he would also like to have the Soviet Union obtain

these reactionaries can continue to slaughter the Palestinian people and maintain a "safe" Mideast for the imperialists. Newsweek stated that, "Members of Congress and the State Department alike are growing concerned that increased US dependence on Mideast oil could cause another problem. Western Europe and Japan also are utterly dependent on Mideast oil, so there could come a time when the three major industrial areas of the world will be competing, perhaps, belligerently, over the same energy supply." (4)

We must expose this talk of an energy crisis for what it is, an attempt to 1) justify the looting of the public by the monopolies in a concentrated drive to charge outlandish prices and 2) to get the proletariat behind the bourgeoisie in its drive to loot the world. This action by the bourgeoisie is not in our interests. Our interests lie with the peoples of the Mideast and Venezuela, not with the fascist scab of Iran and Golda Meir. For centuries the bourgeoisie has rallied the working class to fight not our own enemies, but the bourgeoisie's enemies. Again the drive for profits and control of the world is pushing our country towards war. The support of this war by the working class is crucial for the bourgeoisie and they are using the most crude white chauvinism and narrow interests under the fraud of an "energy crisis" in order to gain our support. Our duty is to combat this energy crisis fraud and to expose it for exactly what it is.

The interests of the proletariat do not lie with the reactionary governments in the Mideast, nor with the petty bourgeoisie whose businesses are being ruined, nor with the giant monopolies. The interests of the proletariat and of all society lie in the destruction of the bourgeois social order and the creation of a society under the leadership and dictatorship of the only progressive class, the proletariat.

- 1) LA Times, 1/26/73.
- 2) Lenin, Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism, Ten Classics, p. 16.
- 3) Ibid., p. 25.
- 4) Newsweek, 1/22/73.

world hegemony under the dictatorship of the Soviet bourgeoisie.

In conclusion, Nixon came to the summit meeting representing the interests of the most wealthy, fascist imperial

ists who are looking for ways and means to continue to extract super profits from the backs of the toiling masses of the world. In this period of time, they see that a detente with the Soviet Union would be in their interests, opening up a new market in which to dump their goods. Brezhnev came to the meeting in an attempt to consolidate the power of the counter revolutionary bourgeoisie in the Soviet Union. As long as China and Albania continue along the path of Socialism and the conditions of the proletariat and peasantry in the USSR continue to deteriorate, he needs the USNA to maintain his power.

We must not stand still and allow these thieves to plunder the world under the guise of instituting peace between "nations." We must heed the words of Lenin when he tells us that, "An imperialist war does not cease to be an imperialist war when charlatans or phrasemongers or petty bourgeois philistines put forward sentimental 'slogans,' but only when the class which is conducting the imperialist war, and is bound to it by millions of economic threads (and even ropes), is really overthrown and is replaced at the helm of state by the really revolutionary class, the proletariat. There is no other way of getting out of an imperialist war, as also out of an imperialist predatory peace." (9)

Unlike previous scandals the Watergate affair is giving the proletariat a chance to move forward. In opposition to the corrupt, degenerate bourgeois parties, we must join with the heroic peoples of China, Albania and the Soviet Union and raise high the banner of Marxism-Leninism to build a working class Communist Party that will strike the death blow to imperialism.

BUILD A WORKING CLASS COMMUNIST PARTY!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE!

- 1) Fortune, May, 1973, p. 182.
- 2) Leontiev, Political Economy, Int. Pub., pp. 253-254.
- 3) Lenin on War and Peace, FLPP, 1960, p. 33.
- 4) Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism, FLPP, 1970, p. 142.
- 5) Ibid., p. 143.
- 6) Lenin on the Struggle Against Revisionism, FLPP, 1960, p. 22.
- 7) Lenin on Peaceful Coexistence. Progress Publishers, 1971, p. 22.
- 8) LA Times, 6/11/73.
- 9) Lenin, The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky, FLPP, 1970, p. 74.