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U.S. ADMITS ATROCITIES

THE SANDS of time are running out for the Americans in Vietnam. The mass murder of 567 Vietnamese villagers, many of them old people and babies in arms, in an area south of Da Nang known to the Americans as "Pinkville," will rank in history alongside the Nazi atrocity in Lidice or the Israeli extermination of the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin.

What is remarkable is not that this atrocity occurred but that the American "Pinkville" murders received publicity — eighteen months after they were known to the American authorities. They received publicity because the Americans and their local accomplices are being badly beaten by the fighting people of Vietnam. These people, whose heroism knows no bounds, fighting mostly with small arms, have ground into the dust the mightiest war machine the world has ever seen. The Americans have 1,250,000 troops at their disposal in Vietnam. They spend about £15,000 million each year on the war. Their Seventh Fleet (of greater tonnage than the entire British navy) shells the coast of Vietnam. Their Air Force keeps up a constant rain of napalm, phosphorous and high explosive bombs on the Vietnam countryside. But all to no avail. Steadily and systematically the Vietnamese are extending their liberated areas and driving the Americans from their land.

A defeated Imperialist army is a mutinous army. The American soldiers, many of them black and from working class families, have been forced to look again at their whole role in this war.

But defeat does not only exacerbate contradictions within the army. It also opens rifts in the ruling class. Many noble heads have fallen in America owing to U.S. imperialism's failure in Vietnam. To those of politicians Johnson and Macnamara and military men Taylor and Westmoreland has now been added that of the diplomat Cabot Lodge, chief American negotiator at the Paris talks, former ambassador in Saigon and one of the main exponents of American imperialism's dual tactics of aggression — bloody atrocities in Vietnam combined with honeyed words in Paris. His resignation is proof positive that these tactics have failed. The Americans are not going to regain at the conference table what they have lost on the battlefield. For U.S. imperialism there is only one direction: OUT OF VIETNAM NOW!

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U.S. massacre of 56 men, women and children near Da Nang in 1964.

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November 20th, 1969
TELEGRAM from Ban doi ngoai
trung uong HANOI
To Central committee Communist
Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist).

Dear Comrades,
We are deeply moved by your
sorrowful condolences expressed on
passing away of our venerated
President HO CHI MINH.
On behalf of Vietnam Workers'
Party, Working class and people of
Vietnam, we sincerely thank you.

Central committee Vietnam
Workers' Party.

Editorial

U.S. atrocities in Vietnam are out in the open now. The whole world has been shocked by the brutal murder last year of old men, women, children and even babies in the village of My Lai — people rounded up in terrified groups and then savagely mown down with rifle and machinegun fire; the bodies left sprawling in bomb craters and ditches.

This massacre of innocent villagers is by no means the first nor even the worst of the atrocities committed by the U.S. aggressive forces. Ever since they invaded Vietnam on the ridiculous excuse that their own discredited puppet, Diem, had invited them in, they have carried out one hideous atrocity after another. (See picture of the massacre of 56 men, women and children near Da Nang back in 1964.) People may be more horrified by American's shooting women and children at point-blank range; but the indiscriminate unleashing of millions of tons of bombs from the air (more than fell on Germany during the whole of the last great war) is an atrocity of even greater barbarity which continues in the South without cease.

The My Lai atrocity is only the first which the U.S. has admitted — and then over a year after it happened! Why this confession now? Because they are losing the war and facing the most humiliating defeat in their entire history. No conquering imperialist power

ever worries about the atrocities it has committed; but a divided U.S. in which even the ruling class has at last realised that they can never conquer the heroic fighting people of Vietnam is a different matter.

The workers of Britain are not only shocked by the My Lai outrage. They are angry with the Labour Government which backs them.

Those despicable stooges of the U.S., Wilson and Brown, rally to the support of the U.S. Government and dare to equate the acts of the Vietnamese people, fighting for the liberation of their own country, with the savage slaughter of civilians by the U.S. invaders. Wilson's line on the war in Vietnam has only changed once. As leader of the Opposition he opposed American bombing of North Vietnam. As soon as he became Prime Minister in 1964 he approved of it. We understand America's situation in Vietnam, he said; they understand Britain's position in Malaya. Brown has just made the same point even more nakedly.

British imperialism has committed atrocities. Now that U.S. imperialism has taken over the role of capitalism's world policeman it commits atrocities too. "Stop weeping," he tells the Americans, "and get on with the war."

That men daring to call themselves "Labour" can get away with such open support for U.S. atrocities is a charge against the workers of Britain. They have failed to understand that the Vietnamese people are laying down their lives in fighting the same big business interests of the U.S. and Britain which exploits them in British factories. They have left protests and

demonstrations to the far weaker students and intellectuals. They have ignored the extent to which the British Labour Government has actively assisted the U.S. in this monstrous war of aggression — violating the Geneva Agreement of which Britain itself was a signatory, recognising the U.S.'s puppet government of South Vietnam which has never represented the Vietnamese people, training U.S. soldiers in Malaya and providing U.S. troops with special arms and equipment, granting leave centres for G.I.'s in Hong Kong and, most of all, presuming to speak for Britain, for the workers of Britain, in lending their approval to every vile act of demoralised U.S. forces.

But the workers of Britain are angry now. They will not go on letting the Wilsons and Browns speak for them. They will not let Britain go on being the one country in the world which underwrites everything the U.S. Government may choose to do in making the world safe for the big corporations. They will not let Britain continue to be a pleasant place for representatives of the Nixon Government of the Pentagon to be in.

Workers of Britain, and this disgrace. Rise up in your united might to put a stop to British collaboration with war criminals. Be encouraged by the magnificent victories being won by your real allies, the heroic people of Vietnam. Support the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam which represents the real interests not only of the Vietnamese people but of workers the world over. Down with U.S. aggression and its accomplices in Westminster!

ON November 28 the AEF District Committee, London (North), representing 30,000 engineers passed the following resolution unanimously:

"This London (North) District Committee condemns in the strongest possible terms the atrocities being committed by the U.S. forces against the people of Vietnam.

The latest acts of mass murder of Vietnamese women and children by U.S. troops are yet further proof that the U.S. Government's policy in Vietnam is one of genocide against a peace-loving people.

We demand that our Executive Council make an immediate public declaration of condemnation of the U.S. Government, to dissociate our Union from the Labour Government's disastrous policy of appeasement and collusion in this war and to declare our Union's support for the Vietnamese people's just struggle for national independence.

This District Committee further demands that the British Government cease forthwith their support for U.S. policy in Vietnam and give immediate recognition to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

We further make an urgent appeal to our entire membership to support all those who are opposing the American war of aggression. We call upon branches and shop stewards committees to give a positive lead to the British labour movement to rally together with the international labour movement in demanding the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. and foreign troops from Vietnam, thus allowing the Vietnamese people to determine their own political future."

This resolution was released to the press and a deputation of District Committee and shop stewards committees presented the resolution to the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday, December 3.

LONDON TRANSPORT WORKERS FIGHT ON!

STRIKE ENTERS 12th WEEK WHILE EMPLOYERS CONTINUE TO ENDANGER LIVES WITH UNSAFE ROLLING STOCK

THE STRIKE of AEF members in London Transport Railway Works and Depots is now in its 12th week. The London (North) District of the AEF have balloted for a levy on all members in the district. The vote was overwhelmingly in favour of the levy and this is being implemented. Other AEF Districts are moving along similar lines to sustain the strike financially in addition to ordinary dispute benefit.

Let those who would seek to denigrate the courageous struggle of these workers with mutterings about "inter-union dispute" and "who does what strike" consider just a few of the salient facts. These workers haven't been on strike since 1926, so they are not easily moved to act despite many provocations. They are not on strike for money. They get less paid holidays than any other workers in the country. They are as firm after 12 weeks on strike as the day they came out. The more they explain the reason for their action the more support they gather. What then is it that sustains this struggle?

THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE 100% right and they will not see compromise as anything less than utter defeat. The employer has made it known that he will accept any settlement acceptable to both the AEF and the NUR., but he knows there can be no such settlement except that the National Union of Railwaymen back down and cease to interfere in an agreement to

which it is not a party and was never entitled to be a party. AEF members have resisted productivity deals based on workers being made redundant. The NUR has lapped up such deals on main line railways and makes no secret of wanting to make similar deals with London Transport. The effect of the NUR deals has meant 20,000 lost jobs. Who can therefore blame AEF members for resisting the encroachment of this union? No, this can't be shrugged off as an inter-union squabble. The AEF demand simply "back to square one."

Let the employer honour the agreement and no nonsense about "Independent" arbitration. They should be given every support.

When a door flew open on a speeding underground train last week, passengers had to grab onto each other to keep from being thrown out of the compartment.

The London Transport Board insisted that the door failure which had endangered the lives of the passengers had no connection with the strike of AEF members of London Transport now in its Twelfth week.

Asked to comment on this statement Ted Roycraft, AEF Assistant Divisional Organiser, pointed out that the fact that there had been no maintenance of rolling stock for ten weeks just might have something to do with the near-fatal accident. Engineers on strike are responsible for inspecting and keeping in repair the system which prevents door and brake failures.

Who's Side Are They On?

ANYONE who might still have any lingering doubts about whether the Labour Government crowd is on the side of big business or the workers can take a look at two almost simultaneous moves. Dividend restraint is to end on December 31st as a nice Christmas present for the bosses. The Prices and Incomes Board which allows prices to soar while pegging wages is to continue in a new superbody incorporating the Monopolies Commission and the Restrictive Practices Court.

The Confederation of British Industry has expressed its gratification at the end of dividend restraint. It remains for workers to let the Government know in terms of action what they think of Barbara Castle's new superbody.

It is fitting that she should have grabbed the Monopolies Commission. After all she has just pulled off a take-over operation herself in merging these two bodies, which were set up by the Board of Trade, into her own Department of Employment and Productivity!

Barbara Castle has realised the importance of shop stewards. In a speech to the CBI she warned them as employers that they had better be prepared to deal with workers' demands at the shop floor level.

"Shop stewards must be treated as important men," she said, "taken into management's confidence, given all the necessary training and facilities." Of course, shop stewards who enjoyed management's confidence would no longer enjoy the confidence of their work mates. She does not mean they must be "trained" so much as "house-trained."

TEACHER'S FIRST NATIONAL STRIKE

HUNDREDS of thousands of primary and secondary teachers in all parts of England and Wales have taken half day or one day strikes. This is preliminary to extended stoppages of two weeks or longer, starting December 1st in chosen schools. For the first time in their history teachers in mass have had pickets, leaflets, demonstrations and meetings - more than 10,000 at the Albert Hall!

They have at last learned from their fellow workers that they must fight this Government in order to survive and they show discipline and unity. Rank and file members of the NUT and NAS fight together, supported by many teachers in higher education, students and even some local education authorities. Parents have shown sympathetic support too.

The claim is a small one - £135 interim award instead of the £50 offered. Teachers resent the compulsory arbitration tacked on to the Burnham negotiations by the Teachers Remuneration Act because in practice it allows the Government to impose a salary agreement. Last time it was for 7-1/2% over two years - not even catching up with the rise in the cost of living and therefore representing a salary cut.

Like the Ford's women workers who, fighting their employers and the Government sparked off a long series of militant struggles, the teachers' efforts have already led the National Union of Students to vote for the withdrawal of 90,000 student teachers in areas where the teachers are on strike, and have caused discussion in every sphere of education.

The teachers are not alone in this. They are fighting for the future of education in this country. This Government wishes to impose cuts in education costs and to this teachers are adamantly opposed. This fight is for every worker.

"Stand by your child! Stand by his teacher!"

STUDENTS FIGHT RACIALISM

SEVEN hundred students and black workers, led by the London RSSF and the Black Panther Movement, marched to the Department of Education and Science and then to the American Embassy on November 12th to protest against recent racist actions by the state here and in America.

Edward Short, the Labour Government's Secretary of State for Education, whose attitude to the student movement was summed up last January when he branded student protesters as "academic thugs," sent a circular to local Education Authorities in the summer instructing them to double accommodation fees for foreign students. This measure, when added to the tuition fee increase for foreign students from £70 to £250 brought in by Short's department in 1967, means that in effect only wealthy foreign students will be able to study in England. It is a deliberate attempt to exclude black students from the "Commonwealth" countries whose economies have been ruined by the domination of British imperialism. The marchers demonstrated outside the DES and demanded that both the accommodation increase and the tuition increase should be cancelled. They pointed out that these increases revealed yet again the racist policies of the Labour Government shown in the Race Relations Act and the Commonwealth Immigrants Act. When the accommodation increase was taken to the Race Relations Board this body said that it could not deal with it as this was not racial discrimination but "residential discrimination".

The marchers went from the DES to Grosvenor Square where the Black Panther Movement delivered a statement condemning the vicious three-year sentence recently handed to black American Bobby Seale by a racist Chicago court for the "crime" of showing contempt for this court.

Radio

(Note: All times of broadcasts are given in British Time)

Daily Broadcasts in English from Radio Peking:
9.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. 32,45,47 metre bands
10.30 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. 32,42,45,47 metre bands

Daily Broadcasts in English from Radio Tirana:
7.30 a.m. - 8.00 a.m. 31,42 metre bands
5.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. 31,42 metre bands
7.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. 31,42 metre bands
9.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. 31,42 metre bands
11.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. 31,42 metre bands
(The 9.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. broadcast can also be heard on medium wave, 215 metre band)

Daily Broadcast from Hanoi:
9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. 19 metre band

SHAREHOLDERS

LEARN SOME HOME TRUTHS

AT THE annual meeting of shareholders of the Rank Organisation, in the Royal Lancaster Hotel, shop steward John Hannington, who had been leading a strike at the Highbury factory, sprang to his feet and addressed the assembly.

"You've done well for your shareholders," he told Rank chairman John Davis; "but some of your factories can be a living hell."
Mr Hannington, speaking as a proxy for another shareholder, accused Rank of "acting like a bull in a china shop. Rank's," he said, "had bullied and enjoyed workers and roused the hostility of everyone in the company from the lavatory cleaners upwards."

When chairman John Davis tried to stop what he referred to as a harangue, the shop steward retorted: "We are trying to make a positive contribution. The public image of Rank is rotten."

Mr Davis was forced to give an assurance that the Highbury factory would not be closed.

At this same meeting where a spokesman of the workers told of bad conditions and redundancies the spokesman for management announced record profits for the eighth year running - an increase of 30% on 1966, from £8,642,000 to £11,258,000.

GLC TENANTS

ON MONDAY, 10th November, a thousand Greater London Council tenants marched to Bow County Court in support of four tenants. The four tenants concerned had been taken to court by the G.L.C., who were demanding possession for non-payment of rent increases.

The proceedings were adjourned for a week, and so it was that on Monday, 17th November the G.L.C. was granted possession of the four properties concerned. The judge stated that the possession orders would be effective in seven weeks time unless the tenants immediately appealed against the decision. This the tenants did.

The United Tenants Action Committee again reiterated their determination to meet force with force in order to prevent evictions. The tenants are well aware that if the G.L.C. succeed in evicting the four "testcases" it will leave the door open to evict others who have not paid.

In Hackney, one of the main centres of resistance to the G.L.C., a new factor is beginning to appear in the struggle. The question is being asked: what comes afterwards? If the tenants successfully resist eviction what comes next? In the Hackney Federation of Tenants there is an understanding that rent increases are politics and that the political enemies of the working class tenants will use every means at their disposal to make them, as workers, foot the bill one way or another. It was with this in mind that the Hackney Federation delegate to a recent Tenants Action Committee Meeting called on the Committee to begin to discuss fully what was "security of tenure." In other words, to begin to think about the wider aspects of the Council Tenants' position in this society.

At a time when tenants are not only threatened with eviction, but are also threatened with further rent increases next year, the question on the agenda for all G.L.C. tenants must be; what are the politics of the case? There are those who would try to mislead them by crying "no politics," and in doing so try to blind the tenants as to the real nature of this capitalist society.

BIG DEAL!

THOSE who are always howling for cuts in public expenditure (hand outs to private industry excepted) have now had news of an £11 million windfall. The "Labour" Government has announced an increase of 3d on the cost of school meals. This represents an increase of 16-2/3% imposed by the same government who seek to impose a ceiling of 3-1/2% on wages of lower paid workers when they seek increases to offset such rises on cost of living.

This "workers government" has already abolished free milk for school children, free prescriptions, upped the charges on spectacles and dentures. Why don't they do the whole hog and abolish free education?

WORKERS CLASH WITH POLICE

THE DISMISSAL five weeks ago of 500 workers of the Boilermakers Society for failing to implement a site agreement the men consider unjust has led to violent clashes with the police at the Grangemouth oil refinery in Strathgairn.

Full-time officers of the Boilermakers Society in support of the men in dispute at Grangemouth have called for a withdrawal of labour from 12 firms in various parts of the country. The Society's president, Mr. Dan McGarvey, described this strike action as the only way of bringing the 12 firms to the conference table to talk about the contested local agreement.

Police intimidation of picket lines and general willingness to do the employer's dirty work for him is on the increase as more and more workers are involved in strike action. What with that and being used in their hundreds to enable the "All White", rugby team from fascist South Africa to complete its schedule, bankrobbers have probably never had it so good.



WOMEN ARRESTED IN FACTORY BATTLE

PICKETS and police clashed outside the BSR factory at East Kilbride on November 12th and 47 people, 11 men and 36 women, were arrested. (See Women Fight for Recognition in November's WORKER.)

The demonstration including a barrage of flour bombs was timed to coincide with the meeting of the Commission on Industrial Relations and the factory management. The arrested pickets, charged under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act of 1875, complained of police brutality. They said that women had been ruthlessly manhandled and one woman had been hurled head first into a police van.

The district secretary of the AEF is investigating these complaints as the basis for an official protest - which like all complaints against the police in Britain will be investigated by what body? The police!

WHO PAYS FOR THE PROFITS?

Factory accidents up by nearly 3%.

THE TOTAL of 312,430 factory accidents reported last year was almost 3% higher than in 1967. The number of workers killed rose to 825 compared with 564 in the previous year.

That is part of the cost in suffering and death of all the speed-ups and corner-cutting of bosses trying to screw higher profits out of workers.

Of particular interest is the fact that deaths which might have been avoided if management had taken proper precautions rose from 100 in 1966 to 113 in 1967 and 171 last year! Over the same period fatal accidents which could have been avoided by precautions on the part of the victims fell from 91 in 1966 to 83 in 1967 and 41 last year.



Liberation fighters chat and laugh about the "strength" of the American paper tiger.

MALAYAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE

FROM time to time our paper has carried news about the armed struggle for independence being led by the Communist Party of Malaya. British imperialism has great vested interests in Malaya* - mainly tin and rubber, which fetch annually (after tax) some 80 million pounds and another £35 millions annually from invisible earnings. Though the Labour Government has said that all British troops and bases will be withdrawn from the area by the end of 1971 plans have been made for retaining "British advisers" and there are always the long-range fighter bombers which can do the long hop within a few hours. Why such precautions on the part of the British Government? Because the liberation struggle of the Malayan people, begun in 1948, has of late taken on marvellous new strides. The development of the Malayan National Liberation Army into a truly peoples liberation army has helped as has the co-ordination of efforts by the guerrilla forces of Both Malaya and Thailand. Recently, at the end of October there was a very successful ambush against a motorised patrol of the puppet government of Malaya in Kedah in North Malaya. One of the patrol cars was hit by a mine laid by the Malayan Liberation Army. So successful was the attack that the "Asian Highway," linking Singapore with the Malayan mainland and Thailand has had to be closed. Two Thai border policemen were also seriously injured.

The two puppet governments of Malaya (a British semi-colony) and Thailand (a U.S. semi-colony) are to co-ordinate their anti-communist operations along their common border it was announced in Bangkok on November 10. Reported the Daily Telegraph on the following day: "Both Governments have been forced to revise their security policies in the area because of more intense military and political activity by the guerrillas who are estimated to have a hard core of 1,000 men."

Just to keep the record straight on how the Soviet renegades are trying to elbow their way into Southeast Asia for commercial profit and political gain to contain China - talks are being held between Moscow and Kuala Lumpur that aeroplanes etc should be constructed in Malaya with the aid of the Soviet Union on the lines of the MIGs now being manufactured in India with Soviet aid.

We prefer to use the correct name - Malaya which includes Singapore - rather than the imperialist concocted "Malaysia," a typical neo-colonial device created in 1963 linking Malaya with British colonies - Sarawak & Sabah in North Borneo (North Kalimantan).

B SPECIALS IN DISGUISE

BRITISH Imperialism's puppet Stormont Government and its supporters in Northern Ireland want to keep the B Specials. Those who have every reason to hate the B Specials, like Miss Bernadette Devlin for example, do not yet understand that the source of all Ireland's woes is the British imperialist government at Westminster, would prefer British troops.

How was the Labour Government to solve this dilemma? Simple. Reconstitute the B Specials as a part of the British army. So confident were they that this would fool everybody that they did not even bother to wait for House of Commons approval of the Ulster Defence Regiment Bill before advertising to recruit the new force were published.

This Ulster Defence force of 6,000 armed men seem in every respect to be identical with the B Specials. Ah, but they will take their orders from British army command rather than from Stormont. So what! Both are agents of British imperialism. The people of Ireland will not be deceived by this change without a difference.

U.S. CONSPIRACY FOILED

THE GREAT successes achieved by the Palestinian people in their struggle for national liberation and their complete rejection of any form of "settlement" being plotted by U.S. imperialism and Soviet social imperialism, have forced the imperialist powers to use other devices in their attempt to smash the raging people's war in Palestine. The U.S. is having to resort to the open use of their stooges in the Arab countries against the Palestinian liberation fighters.

The attacks by the Lebanese reactionary authorities were a U.S. instigated conspiracy planned with Israel and Lebanon. It was a vicious attempt by the U.S. to liquidate the guerrilla activities from Lebanese soil. It was also an attempt to divert the attention of the Palestinians away from the main enemy, Israel. In the last six months, Friday operations in Israel and the occupied territories have mounted to an average of twelve operations a day. In the first ten days of November, the Palestinian guerrillas carried out 154 operations inflicting heavy losses on the Israeli aggressors, including attacks on

Correspondence

Dear Comrades,

I am writing to give my account and explanation of the violence at the demonstration at the Swansea ground when the Springboks played there on November 15.

Being one of the demonstrators who was beaten up I feel I know a little more of what happened than the national Dailies do.

Reports were given that we (the demonstrators) invaded the pitch, when in actual fact the 'stewards' attacked us on the terraces. The police intervened, dragged many of us over the barriers, me included, and then stood back while the 'stewards' attacked us again.

I was dragged onto the pitch by the police and then released for the 'stewards' to get me. This was the case with most of the people on the pitch, some 35 in all, many of them girls. Violence started when we were attacked by these 'stewards'...

The Home Office say they will have an enquiry into the actions by the police. Just another gesture?

J.C., Nottingham.

CHINA'S NUCLEAR TEST

MESSAGES of greetings have been received by the Chinese people and leaders for the successful new hydrogen bomb explosion and first underground nuclear test carried out at the end of September, 1969.

From Enver Hoxha on behalf of the Albanian people:

The Albanian people learned with great joy and enthusiasm the news of the new brilliant victory achieved by the People's Republic of China in the development of nuclear weapons - her success in conducting another hydrogen bomb explosion and the first underground nuclear test.

The successful explosion of another hydrogen bomb and the first underground nuclear test by great China is another crushing blow to the nuclear blackmail and monopoly of the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionist treacherous leadership, as well as to their policy of aggression and war.

The successes of People's China, those in the field of nuclear weapons included, are a great support and encouragement to the revolutionary peoples of the world who are fighting for the cause of freedom, revolution and socialism. Nuclear weapons in the hands of the great Chinese people are powerful weapons for all the freedom-loving peoples against the imperialist-revisionist plots.

From Nguyen Huu Tho on behalf of the fighting people of Vietnam:

This great achievement marks another leap forward made by China in the test and development of nuclear weapons. It serves as a vigorous blow at the policy of aggression and nuclear blackmail of U.S. imperialism and an enormous encouragement and support to the people of South Vietnam who are now stepping up their war of resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. It is an invaluable contribution to the liberation struggles of various nations and to the cause of defending world peace.

VIETNAM'S ANSWER TO NIXON

PRESIDENT Nixon's proposal for phasing out the war in Vietnam in such a way as to maintain U.S. domination indefinitely in spite of military defeat has been strongly rebuffed by the Vietnamese. At Paris delegates of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the South have stated once more that the war can only end when the last soldier of the U.S. and satellite aggressive force has been driven out. In Vietnam itself a new wave of National Front for Liberation victories against U.S. and puppet troops has proved the absurdity of Nixon's plan.

In the last two weeks of October operations in Nam Bo resulted in over 1,000 U.S. and puppet troops being knocked out; while southwest of Pleiku, in one engagement alone, 400 troops including 185 G.I.'s were wiped out, two barracks blown up and 32 tanks and armoured cars put out of commission.

As admitted by U.S. official sources the Vietnamese Peoples Liberation Army from the beginning of November launched heavy attacks inflicting high losses on puppet troops and making nonsense of the whole "Vietnamisation" scheme. In Duc Lap and also southwest of Saigon camps were overrun and so-called elite puppet units were mauled. Puppet leaders themselves admit

that puppet troops fight badly.

At about the same time as the anti-war demonstrations in the U.S.A., an American camp in the Central Highlands was infiltrated. Heavy casualties were inflicted and 12 helicopters belonging to a combat unit were destroyed on the ground.

General Vo Nguyen Giap, Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnam Peoples' Army, victor of Dien Bien Phu and author of a classic work on the principles of People's War, explained in an interview recently why the Vietnamese are invincible.

"The main bases of success, he said, "are the identity of mind of the entire people, united in struggle and resolved to fight and defeat the North American Aggressors, preferring to die than be slaves, and also a correct political and military line."

He added that the great achievements of the heroic Vietnamese people are "primarily due to the correct and creative leadership of the Vietnam Workers' Party headed for so many years and still inspired by Comrade Ho Chi Minh. Our Party's line is the concentrated expression of the effective and imaginative application of Marxism-Leninism to the reality of revolution and revolutionary war in Vietnam."

US STRIKE HITS SUPPLIES TO VIETNAM

THE STRIKE of General Electric workers in the United States which began on October 27th and shows no signs of settlement is beginning to cause serious shortages for the major aircraft manufacturers like Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas, Northrop and North American Rockwell.

Both of GE's main jet engine plants in Evansdale, Ohio, and Lynn, Mass., have been shut down and this is affecting engine delivery for both military and commercial aircraft.

This strike is only one of a whole wave of industrial disputes sweeping the U.S. On October 11th 2,000 workers of Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company came out, bringing to a standstill the production of M-16 rifles which are the main lightweight automatic weapons used by aggressor troops in Vietnam.

U.S. General Electric is notorious for its anti-worker line of "Bourgeoisism," named after the Vice President in charge of employee relations, which is the policy of making its first and only offer at the opening session of all labour talks and never budging from that position.

These strikes show clearly how the big war profiteers in the U.S. are the enemy of both American workers and the Vietnamese people.

"If there is to be revolution, there must be a revolutionary party. Without a revolutionary party, without a party built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style, it is impossible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism and its running dogs." (Mao: Selected Works Vol. 4, P284).

OCCUPATION OF U.S. CONSULATE

IN SUPPORT of the October 15th "Moratorium Day" in the U.S.A., 50 students from Liverpool University Communist Society and the Socialist Society staged a one hour token occupation of the U.S. Consulate-General in Liverpool.

The takeover, unlike all previous demonstrations to the Consulate which were thwarted at the door, proceeded smoothly. The secrecy of the preparations made sure that the first the police heard of it was the phone call from the bewildered consul when he saw the demonstrators sitting in his office. A letter was composed and handed in expressing support, both for the American people's struggle against the war, and for the Vietnamese people's fight for Socialism and national liberation.

CHINESE SUPPORT

AT A BANQUET in honour of Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, Premier Chou En-lai said that "following Chairman Mao's teachings, the Chinese people have always regarded it as their bounden internationalist duty to support and assist the Vietnamese people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. In this great war the Chinese people have the duty and the obligation to give all-out support and assistance to the Vietnamese people and will unite, fight and win victory together with them."

President Nguyen Huu Tho said in reply: "Vietnam and China are two fraternal countries closely related as the lips and the teeth. Our two peoples have forged a solid unity and friendship in the course of protracted revolutionary struggle against our common enemy, U.S. imperialism. This friendship will stand forever like the mountains and rivers in Vietnam and China."

STUDENTS HIT CORPORATE STATE

SOCIAL Democracy has come up with new plans to attack the progressive student struggle. Recently the Parliamentary Education Commission has recommended that the Government set up a regulatory Higher Education Commission. Many bribes are offered which seek to co-opt the spontaneous desires of the student movement; "participation," increased "democracy" in educational institutions, smaller classes, "informal social relations between staff and students," "careers advice." In short, reforms to meet the demands of what the Commission and Sloman, (Vice Chancellor of Essex and spokesman for the "liberal university") regard as the large number of "moderate sensible students", that is students who are still being offered large bribes by imperialism, and are engaged in petty bourgeois forms of revolt. These are reforms that seek to make the University function more efficiently as an imperialist institution (trainer of cultural and managerial allies of the big bourgeoisie) and exploiter of the working class.

In return the universities and other educational institutions are in themselves to adopt rigid discipline systems to protect the right to "free speech" or "free exchange of ideas." What this means in practice is that students can be expelled or rusticated for heckling or interrupting a talk by Powell, a U.S. spokesman for the war in Vietnam, Harold Wilson or John Davies of Rank Xerox, for challenging a reactionary lecturer etc. And in the enlightened discipline schemes the students are offered a chance to "participate" in this victimisation. Progressive students will not stand for this!

Victory at Sussex

The first blow against this plan to regulate progressive student activity was struck at Sussex University recently when, under Marxist-Leninist leadership, after a protracted two year campaign, the Student Union declared the administrations new disciplinary scheme "null and void." The motion, passed by a left-centred coalition, affirmed that the University must neither call upon the police to regulate political activity in the University, nor should it seek to set up its own judicial authority to punish on its own.

In practice of course this does not mean that the bourgeoisie will give up any of the means by which it hopes to crush any potentially revolutionary activity, or that reactionary forces will not seek in some form to legally reinstitute the disciplinary scheme. However, public opinion has been created, a number of students have become aware of the reasons why the disciplinary scheme was set up.

Anti-Imperialist Activity

The discipline issue at Sussex, as at LSE, other universities and technical colleges, has been closely connected with anti-imperialist struggle. The present scheme at Sussex is a follow-up to the rustication of Michael Klein and Sean Linnihan for the part they played in a demonstration against a spokesman for the U.S. war in Vietnam. It has been clearly shown in forums and struggles that university discipline in that case was a result of the imperialist nature of the University; the Vice Chancellor, Briggs, meeting with Nixon at Claridges during the war in Vietnam, the Chancellor Shawcross's leading positions in Shell, Morgan Trust (USA), GEC, grants from the US Military, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, Rio Tinto, etc.; recruitment by Decca Radar, Elliot Automation etc.

Because the struggle against discipline has for 2 years formed part of the anti-imperialist struggle the basis has been created for more intense anti-imperialist activity in the future, and for the beginnings of a worker student alliance.

Dare to Struggle

As the students throughout the country who are engaged in correct struggle more and more come up against the Employer's State's master plan for discipline, (both direct and indirect - so-called 'academic' victimisation) the true nature of the university as a capitalist-imperialist institution in all its political, cultural and economic aspects, will be exposed on a large scale.

Strife, that is class struggle is inherent in class society, and will not stop by government edict, but unless there is correct leadership it can all be sound and fury, objectively a futile attempt by the middle sections to renew themselves. As is indicated in the Draft CPB(ML) Analysis of the Student Movement in the Universities, it is the task of student cadres to develop the progressive aspect of the spontaneous rebellion of the students onto the revolutionary road to workers state power in all areas of society, and the liberation that socialism will bring.

Revisionist Congress — A Resounding Tinkle!

THE November congress of the revisionist "Communist" Party of Great Britain has proved to be, as expected, a futile battle between the political dwarves. On one side stood the "national communists" of Gollan and Co., representing the party leadership. On the other side stood the hangers on of the Kremlin imperialists, a faction called the "Surrey line," named after the party district which they control. These are the people who while proclaiming themselves "saviours of Marxism-Leninism," and calling the "CPGB leadership revisionists" (in private only of course), openly support the fascist Russian invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia. They even have the audacity to call it "proletarian internationalism." These "heroes" and "saviours" received however the beating that they deserved at the hands of mice. The mice of the "CPGB leadership" who let out the faintest squeak of protest at the invasion of Czechoslovakia, and then accepted it, with regret crying out "long live normalisation!"

This split which divides the "CPGB" into two warring revisionist factions is basically common to all the revisionist parties of western Europe. It arises out of the inevitable contradictions caused by the development of modern revisionism. In the western imperialist countries by opposing revolution and putting forward the concept of the peaceful transition to socialism by winning "democratic" parliamentary elections the revisionists have "deserted to the liberal labour policy of the bourgeoisie" (Lenin), thus objectively becoming political agents of their own imperialist ruling class. In the Soviet Union revisionism meant first destroying the dictatorship of the proletariat behind the slogan of "the state of the whole people," then restoring capitalism behind the economics of "the New Economic System." These two forms of revisionism at first worked hand in glove in supporting the collaboration of the Soviet Union and western imperialism. However as the Soviet Union developed into a fully-fledged imperialist power, its relationship to the other imperialist powers developed a new aspect alongside the desire for collaboration. They also had to compete with each other in order to redivvy the control of the world market. The

Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia was a manifestation of this contradiction. It represented a squabble between the Russian and western imperialisms for control of the lucrative Czech market. Consequently the Czechoslovak people got trodden upon, for such is imperialism. The revisionist parties of the west, after completely selling out their own working-class therefore, had to decide which imperialism they were going to support in the international arena, either their new found domestic imperialist bosses or their old masters in the Kremlin. The recent congress of the "CPGB" clearly showed which way our own home grown opportunists are going. They are clearly behind Anglo-U.S. imperialism (who knows, we may see some more of the much sought after government advertising in the Morning Star yet!), and the Kremlin's lackeys sit nursing their wounds in Surrey having been outvoted at this farcical congress. Workers are not fools. Such blatant opportunism as both these revisionist factions are bound to be ignored.

ATTACK REVISIONISM

A great responsibility devolves on the upright communists who still belong to various revisionist parties now that the revisionist cliques, advancing on the road of betrayal, deepened the split also in the organisational field. Every communist now is faced with the alternative: either with communism, with revolution, against the revisionist betrayal, or with the revisionist chiefs on the road of betrayal. Now there must be no more room either for illusions or waverings. Accounts must be settled with the revisionist chiefs, with revisionism in general. Bridges should be cut with them not only in the ideological and political sphere. Revolutionary communists and revisionists can no longer militate together in the fold of one party. No feeling of sentimentalism, no allegedly tactical consideration can any more justify their stay among the ranks of the revisionist parties. The real communists, all the revolutionaries must unite and establish new revolutionary Marxist-Leninist parties.

— from the pamphlet "Open Fire on Revisionist Betrayal" published in Tirana, Albania, 1968, and available at the BELLMAN BOOKSHOP, 155, Fortess Road, Tufnell Park, NW5.

OXFORD MEETING

DURING October, the Oxford Branch of the CPB(ML) held a meeting to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

In addition to showing a colour film of the 9th Congress of the Communist Party of China, there were speakers on U.S.—Soviet collaboration against China, and on the victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

The audience of about 100 were told: "Mao Tseung's Thought is not just Marxism applied to China — It is Marxism applied to the historical era in which we live, the era of declining imperialism, when the struggle between the two lines is worldwide: on the one hand is the proletarian revolutionary line, on the other is the line of imperialism, the line of fascists and bogus revolutionaries alike, the line of the careerists and personal power-seekers, people like Trotsky and Khrushchev who will always attempt to infiltrate the revolutionary movement. We must be equipped to recognise these people and deal with them.

"The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution is an inspiration to the workers of Britain — but it is also something more: it is part of our experience. To sum up and apply this experience is the key to our ultimate success. If we do our work properly and succeed in this, then the victory of the Cultural Revolution will be our victory too."

IT ALIAN WORKERS STRUGGLE

THE ITALIAN General Strike on Wednesday, November 19, was a tremendous success from several points of view. In the first place it was really a general strike with anywhere between 12 and 14 million workers out of their offices, factories and workshops. Everything shut down for the day including factories, shops, banks, offices, consulates, schools etc. In the second place its aim of broadening industrial action by politicising the struggle was also quite successful.

The immediate target — against the government's housing policy (a 20% increase in rents over the last 2 years, bureaucratic delays in utilising 800 million dollars already allocated for housing and such housing shortage that many workers in such highly industrialised cities as Milan and Turin have to live in shacks) was itself a political attack on the government. But the other reasons were equally significant: a fierce confrontation by millions of ordinary workers against the repressive state machine (police brutality against workers on strike throughout Italy over the last six months and more immediately against the Fiat and Pirelli workers in Milan and Turin has been even bloodier than by Italian standards).

The strikers were determined to expose the capitulationist leadership of all 3 main unions — the Communist-dominated CGIL, the Christian Democrat CISL and the Social Democrat UIL. In this they were eminently successful. So scared are the union top brass and especially the Communists that they are among the loudest in their denunciations of what they term "Maoist hoodlums." Their tactics in the next few months are all too clear. Terribly anxious to be able to join some sort of coalition government the revisionist party does not want its "respectable" image to be tarnished by workers and students who are out to smash the entire capitalist fabric. Workers who smashed machinery and furniture in the Fiat works where cars intended for the Soviet Union were being assembled and students who have been open in their support of militant action by workers (and got one of their numbers killed by police bullets in Pisa) are anathema to the Italian revisionists, as they are hated by the Italian bourgeoisie.

The wakers of strikes that have been going on for the last three months in Italy among key sections of the metal and chemical workers have made deep inroads in Italy's none-too-strong capitalist edifice. The Fiat motor company have lost almost 200,000 cars with a loss in revenue of almost £110 million. The police force for the first time has lost one of its members (a policeman was killed in Milan on the day of the general strike), the Christian Democrat government is shaky and might even consider cooperation with the revisionists. The fascists have crept out of their holes and are running amok screaming for communists' blood. The genuine Marxist-Leninists are on the march mobilising the workers and students for still more serious attacks on one of the least secure bourgeois states of Europe.

DOUBLE-DEALERS

THE Labour Government hardly even pays lip-service any more to the idea of opposing Smith's illegal white fascist regime in "Rhodesia." Recently India had to reject a British request that South Africa and "Rhodesia" be allowed to take part in an engineering conference held in Delhi in November.

At the passing out parade of white settler police in August, one quarter of the new members of the "Rhodesian" force for suppressing the Zimbabwe people were recruited in Britain. Of the 6,000 white immigrants who went to "Rhodesia" in 1968 59% were from Britain. Zimbabwe News, organ of the Zimbabwe African National Union whose slogan is "We are our own liberators."

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(From an article by Charu Mazumdar in LIBERATION, theoretical journal of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist).

Trade unions serve as training schools for the proletariat only when there is no revolutionary situation in a country and when the bourgeoisie appears to be quite strong and the proletariat considers itself very weak. In such a situation trade union struggle creates self-confidence among the workers and they learn the tactics of fighting in the course of their tactics of fighting in the course of their struggle against the bourgeoisie. In this way trade union struggle becomes a training school for the proletariat.

But in another situation, that is, when a revolutionary situation prevails and when any struggle rapidly develops into an open clash with the state power — in such a revolutionary situation, the Party organization becomes the only class organization of the proletariat. Particularly in a country like India, where the main centre of revolution lies in the rural areas, the Party is called upon to shoulder much heavier responsibility and the task of building Party organizations among the proletariat becomes most urgent.

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