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The Johnson administration is submitting a huge budget for war. The Johnson administration is moving toward further aggression in Viet Nam and Asia.

Bertrand Russell says that the U.S. comprises only six per cent of the world's population but controls sixty per cent of the world's wealth. This situation enables DuPont's General Motors' division to clear nearly two billion a year--largest corporation profits in history. U.S. capitalism has long since reached the imperialist stage. General Motors and other imperialists must conform to laws of capitalist development. They must strive to increase their control of the world's riches.

To control more, to exploit more, to oppress more, General Motors and their Johnson government must seek more wealth. The peoples of the world must either capitulate or fight. The peoples of Viet Nam, Dominican Republic and the Congo object to their wealth being stolen by General Motors. U.S. imperialism must, therefore, wage war. There are other reasons why U.S. imperialism has to commit aggression. There is the need to maintain their dominance in relation to Germany, Japan, Britain, France and other capitalist nations. All other factors are secondary to, and interconnected with, the drive for super profits.

Because U.S. imperialism has control of much wealth, it is temporarily powerful. It is brutal and dangerous. But its aggressive nature brings it into conflict with a superior force; into conflict with the majority of the world's peoples. We believe that is why Comrade Mao Tse-tung urges respect for the enemy in day to day battles, tactically; but despises him over the long haul--despises him

strategically.

U.S. imperialism has lost many battles in Viet Nam. U.S. imperialism is having trouble keeping its European capitalist "allies" in line. Lippman says that only a very few in high positions in the U.S. even dare contemplate the question of maintaining U.S. military forces in Asia for a long period. These are all signs of today's bully heading for tomorrow's funeral.

U.S. imperialism naturally wishes to delay the burial. It is pretending to be peaceful in order to prepare for more aggression. Johnson has done this prior to every new attack in Viet Nam. The world's peoples should remember Korea. Only severe political and military defeats can force U.S. imperialism to stop aggression. Then, it stops in one place and starts trouble elsewhere. The complete destruction of U.S. imperialism is key to the advance of the world's peoples (including our people) to Socialism and peace.

In order to wage war, the Johnson administration needs a "left" smokescreen to hide its guilt and to picture it as peaceful. It develops elements who attack the People's Republic of China. It needs informers and defeatists in the Socialist camp. It needs another farce by actors who claim to be real-life Marxist-Leninists. The CPSU leaders and their followers once again rush onto the stage.

The imperialists have such contempt for Breshnev and Kosygin that they inadvertently expose them. The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR on Dec. 28, 1965 said in a lead editorial, "We are interested to learn in this connection that well informed opinion in London now holds that, on his recent visit to Moscow, North Vietnamese Premier Phan Van Dong was told by the Kremlin that Hanoi could not win and would be wise to talk peace. We hope that Hanoi will

listen to Moscow rather than Peking."

In this situation the main task of U.S. Marxist-Leninists in the struggle against "our" imperialists is clear enough. Our main task is to expose the servants of U.S. imperialism claiming to be Marxist-Leninists, for such elements--the CPSU and their revisionist followers--attempt betrayal in Viet Nam and encourage Johnson to more aggression. We remember their unsuccessful attempt to starve Socialist Albania into submission to imperialism. We do not forget the CPSU leaders' attempt to sabotage China's nuclear capacity and their support to Shastri.

Whenever CPSU leaders say "unity on Viet Nam," recent history answers: You were given support, far too much uncritical support, in the Congo and you sacrificed the great Lumumba and thousands of Congolese youth to your imperialist masters in Washington. The record indicates that CPSU leaders' present role on Viet Nam is to secure time for the aggressors to unload military supplies from ships waiting near Saigon. We will achieve unity in the Marxist-Leninist camp; we will have the kind of unity Stalin symbolized: an anti-imperialist unity.

In the U.S. the line of the CPUSA on peaceful coexistence with "our" imperialists continues to mislead many in the labor movement, among the intellectuals and students as well as foreign language groups. The courts have rescinded a section of the McCarran Act so that the CPUSA leaders can serve L.B. Johnson more effectively. THE WORKER is permitted to publish provided it slanders China and Albania and divides anti-imperialist forces. The foreign language "left" press supports their readers' most bitter enemy: L.B. Johnson. Truly, the CPUSA is the Communist Party of General Motors.

As the Party of General Motors, the CPUSA played an important role in organizing the November "peace" conference and march in Wash., D.C.

Many important voices in the Marxist-Leninist movement heaped praise on the November 29 Washington demonstration. We have hesitated for some time before raising certain questions. Only after much discussion and consideration of the views of other forces trying to fight revisionism in the U.S., have we decided to indicate our doubts.

Some of our questions are: Why do some Marxist-Leninists claim the November 25-29 conference and march were a setback, a slap in the face, to the Johnson administration? Did not Johnson have the conference transferred from the Midwest to the capital? Can it be denied that several of Johnson's cabinet members met with the march and conference leaders and determined the main line of the resolutions and slogans? Did not L.B. Johnson support the right of the marchers to "protest"?

Should not Marxist-Leninists know, or take the trouble to find out, that Gottlieb was a leading force at the conference? Is not this the same Gottlieb who played an important part in turning the Afro-American march on Washington in 1963 into a Democratic Party rally?

Why do the Marxist-Leninists who hailed the rally without reservations not discuss Gottlieb's speech? Especially pertinent was his statement, "It is not terribly productive to spend time assessing blame between the U.S. and North Viet Nam--we are interested in communicating with our fellow citizens and our government." (National Guardian, 12/4/65)

Some Marxist-Leninists have made much of the small group who carried the flag of the South Viet Nam Liberation Front in the march. Did not this group serve as a "left" smokescreen for the main line of the conference and march which echoed L.B.

Johnson's demands for negotiations without U.S. troop withdrawal? Topics such as Korea, General Motors' profits, the interconnection of Afro-American and Vietnamese struggles were hardly mentioned either at the conference or final rally. These are questions which would raise the understanding of the people on Viet Nam.

One of the CPUSA leaders who has some prestige among intellectuals is Dr. Herbert Aptheker. He was a diligent supporter of Kennedy and L.B. Johnson. He echoed Khrushchev on Albania and China. He has been assigned various tasks in Africa in behalf of revisionism and U.S. imperialism. Staughton Lynd, Yale University professor and former Trotskyite, now working closely with the CPUSA leaders, was a leading element at the November march. He successfully opposed demands for U.S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam. (National Guardian 12/1/65). Are not Williams in Africa, Goliberg at the Vatican, Harriman, Aptheker and Lynd in Asia actually conducting blackmail in the name of peace? Is it not clear that Aptheker and Lynd, wrapped in their peace conference mantle, are the most valuable to U.S. imperialism of all the blackmailers? Aptheker and Lynd claim, "new possibilities for peace" now exist. Does not Aptheker-Lynd mean that U.S. bombings have been useful and that more bombings would produce "more possibilities"?

Was not their trip the logical result of that alliance of bourgeois-pacifists, Trotskyites and revisionists representing General Motors at Washington in November? Was it not an alliance that misled some honest people into support of L.B. Johnson's policies?

Interesting and informative was the co-operation of the CPUSA leadership and Progressive Labor leaders in Washington.. PL, which now claims to be pro-Chinese and pro-Albanian, has issued a statement on Viet Nam to the effect that "U.S. citizens in ever increasing numbers are coming to see that this war of extermination is similar to Hitler's wars of extermination.....Many are rapidly concluding that the

war is not in their interests but benefits only a number of industrialists, their generals and their state apparatus." But PL can not explain why all top U.S. labor leaders support General Motors and Johnson on Viet Nam. CPUSA and PL revisionists prattle spontaneity, but Marxism-Leninism develops in the struggle against labor opportunists and other imperialist agents.

Once more in Washington, the PL leaders did exactly what the CPUSA leaders told them, exactly what they've done since they were created. The CPUSA leaders' main assignment to PL has been in the Afro-American communities. Afro-American people are correct in mistrusting those who supported a conference which acted as a springboard for Lynd and Aptheker.

Is it not contradictory to describe U.S. imperialism as the main enemy of all peoples and then claim it is strong enough and flexible enough to allow an open anti-imperialist march in its capital? Is it correct to draw a line between Marxism-Leninism and revisionism--both politically and organizationally--everywhere; or, everywhere but the U.S.?

The editors of HAMMER & STEEL appeal to our working class, to the Afro-American liberation movement and to those in the middle class who identify with workers and Afro-Americans. Do not be tricked by L.B. Johnson and his agents. The organizers of the Washington Conference are the so-called revolutionaries who betrayed you in the last election when they urged your vote in support of Johnson, long-time foe of labor unions and Afro-Americans.

Those who organized the Washington Conference, who backed Johnson's every demand, are the modern heirs to those who backed Hitler and Tojo. They also urged "peace"; peace spelled out as surrender to their imperialists. And what was the result? It was disaster for those who followed the labor lieutenants of German and Japanese

imperialism. The poorer sections of the U.S. working class, the Afro-American people, the Mexican and Puerto Rican national minorities, are the basis for an anti-imperialist coalition which will come into increasing conflict with General Motors and its government. Not a few intellectuals and highly paid workers can be won as allies for such a coalition provided a U.S. Marxist-Leninist Party, capable of fighting revisionism and opportunism, develops.

We are confident that such an anti-imperialist coalition will develop. We know its existence will aid anti-imperialist forces in other lands.

On the other hand, we think Marxist-Leninists in other capitalist countries and certain Socialist nations might help the anti-imperialist struggle here. Several Socialist countries in Eastern Europe are sending cultural groups and entertainers here. They release more U.S. entertainers for service in Viet Nam. Is this how those comrades who signed the 81 Party Statement and who recently pledged help to Viet Nam, carry out their word?

Would it be asking too much of the comrades in the Socialist countries to examine their trade, diplomatic, and cultural relationship with the government of the main enemy in view of the aggression in Viet Nam?

Are Marxist-Leninists in Holland, Belgium, France, Britain and Germany satisfied with their efforts to remove the aggressor's military bases from their native land?

Lenin and Stalin always showed deep concern for the development of Marxism-Leninism in our country. They well understood that Marxism-Leninism could only develop here in the struggle against labor opportunism and petty-bourgeois pacifism. Lenin and Stalin...

teachings on the aristocracy of labor and the large middle class as the base for opportunism, revisionism and petty-bourgeois pacifism are fully correct and confirmed by recent events in the U.S.

The future is bright for policies which uphold the truth, for policies which resist modern revisionism. Genuine revolutionary movements begin in a small way and grow strong in overcoming difficulties.

We wish all our readers increased success in their struggle against modern revisionism and U.S. imperialism during the coming year.

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