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ROBERT A. CRUISE RELEASED FROM PRISON CUSTODY

Hamilton, October 14, 1970

ROBERT A. CRUISE, leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) was released from the custody of Barton Street Jail in Hamilton, Ontario. Comrade Cruise had been returned to the Hamilton General Hospital from the Ontario Mental Hospital after the vigorous protest by the Governor of the Barton Street Jail who had become fearful of the consequences of "making a martyr" out of Comrade Cruise. After a quick trip to Toronto to

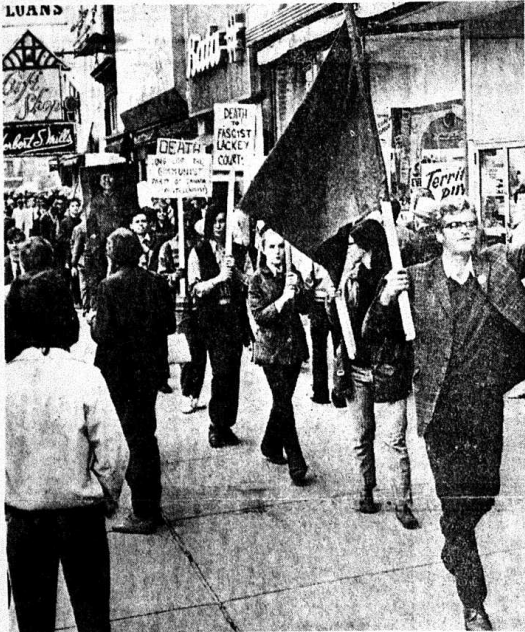
the Department of Correctional Institutions, the Governor made it clear that as far as the jail was concerned, "Robert A. Cruise is no longer in custody, that he has served his time and belongs back on the streets."

The guards were removed from the hospital room and it was agreed to return to Comrade Cruise his personal effects still being held at Barton Street Jail. The Governor declared that the delay of the trial had been a "sinister plan" and he said that the "possession of

an offensive weapon" charge arising out of Comrade Cruise's armed defense of Progressive Books and Periodicals from fascist attacks, would not succeed.

The charge of "possession" was still pending and it carries \$5000 bail, but, the Governor declared, no arrangements were made with the Jail and as far as the jail is concerned, Robert A. Cruise is released. "This may cost me my job," he declared, "but this is my position and

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Powerful demonstration in support of Robert A. Cruise, leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), marches down King Street in Hamilton, Ontario, on October 10th, 1970. The demonstrators shouted revolutionary slogans, carried red flags and a large portrait of Chairman Mao.

ARMY, POLICE PROTECT BOURGEOISIE

Ottawa, October 14, 1970

The uncompromising attack against fascism being currently waged by the people of Canada and Quebec has severely shaken the Canadian compradors and all their friends. Instead of releasing the political prisoners in Quebec, they prefer to surround themselves with armed soldiers to protect themselves from the wrath of the people. Instead of releasing the leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) held in Hamilton, they prefer to call out riot police, jail those who demonstrate in support of Comrade Cruise and place several armed guards at the home of Allan Grossman, one of the Ontario Cabinet Ministers responsible for the crimes against the Party.

Nearly 1000 troops have flooded into Ottawa to protect the "leading public" bourgeois figures from the anger of the people. Traitor Trudeau advocated fascist "law and order" while he rides around in a bullet proof limousine.

In Kingston, Ontario, military police are guarding the home of Finance Minister Benson while in Toronto the police are guarding the homes of American Consul-General Joseph Henderson and British Trade Commissioner, Albert Spire.

The bourgeoisie of Western Europe expressed "profound shock" that their unreliable base area was shaken by rev-

olutionary storms in Canada and Quebec.

The events of the past week have heralded the defeat of pessimism, reformism and social democracy. They have taught the people through living example the truth of Chairman Mao's quotation:

All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not so powerful. From a long term point of view, it is not the reactionaries but the people who are really powerful.

Nova Scotia

"BOYCOTT OF ELECTION" - CALL OF CPC(m)

After fourteen years of misuse and outright sellout of the interests of the Nova Scotia people, the Conservative government of the Nova Scotia compradors has been thrown out of power. This collection of flunkies of U.S. monopoly capital was formerly headed by Robert Stanfield, federal Conservative ringleader. Although touted as a "stunning upset" by the bourgeois press, this latest Nova Scotia election farce has merely replaced one set of criminal exploiters with another. The

plunder and exploitation of the land and labour which belongs to the Nova Scotia people will go on as before.

Nonetheless, the election results show a growing trend in Canadian provincial politics. Just as the NDP came to power in an "upset" in Manitoba, so also the Liberals came to power in Nova Scotia, and very likely either the Liberals or the NDP will defeat the fascist government of John Roberts in the coming election in Ontario. "Stunning upsets" are

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GOOD NEWS

CANADA AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

A joint communique released in both Ottawa and Peking by representatives of the respective governments said:

"The government of Canada and the government of the People's Republic of China, in accordance with the principal of mutual respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and equality and mutual benefit, have decided upon mutual recognition and establishment of diplomatic relations, effective October 13, 1970."

"The Chinese government reaffirms that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. The Canadian government takes note of this position of the Chinese government."

"The Canadian government recognized the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China."

"The Canadian and Chinese governments have agreed to exchange ambassadors within six months and to provide all necessary assistance for the establishment and the performance of the functions of diplomatic missions in their respective capitals, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and in accordance with international practice."

Negotiations between representatives of the two governments had been going on since February, 1969, in Stockholm, Sweden. One key point in contention in the negotiations was over the question of Taiwan. The People's Republic of China has always maintained that Taiwan has historically been part of China and that it is presently an unliberated province under the fascist rule of the US imperialist puppet Chiang Kai-Shek. Prior to the mutual recognition, the



Within the last year thousands of people across Canada and Quebec, in the communities and universities, have participated in meetings and celebrations, attended photo exhibits and films on People's Republic of China, and have purchased Quotations from Chairman Mao-Tseung and other revolutionary works from China. The photo above shows FRIENDS OF CHINA rally in December 1969 in Vancouver, attended by 400 people to express their support for People's Republic of China.

Chiang Kai-Shek clique, pretentiously claiming to be the genuine representatives of the Chinese people had embassies in Ottawa and a consulate general office in Vancouver which are now closing down. The present agreement further smashes the US imperialist myth by explicitly stating that the government of People's China is the sole legal government of China.

The news was most enthusiastically received by the progressive people of Canada. In Toronto, a happy Chinese youth proudly raised the five-starred flag of the People's Republic of China

in front of a building on Dundas Street. Some people pointed out that this is another victory for Chairman Mao and the People's Republic of China over the Kuomintang reactionaries of the Chiang Kai-Shek U.S. puppet clique who are long time enemies of the Chinese people and who are presently occupying the province of Taiwan. The general sentiment among the overseas Chinese was expressed by one person who said: "It is a long filled hope of the majority of the Chinese here, and we are all very happy with the news."

Alberta

MASS DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLES IN CALGARY

Over the past week the anti-fascist struggle has won the overwhelming support of the broad masses in Calgary. Throughout the week mass democracy meetings were held in support of the people's democratic rights, in particular in support of Comrade Carl Blashill, unjustifiably attacked and arrested by the lackey City Police for selling People's Canada Daily News on October 3rd outside the Alberta Liquor Store on Centre Street North.

A leaflet put out by the Calgary Com-

mittee to Defend Democratic Rights says "The incident occurred when a policeman on duty in the store interrupted an argument between the seller and another man. He ordered the seller to 'break it up and move along.'"

"When the young man questioned why he should 'move along', since he was exercising his basic democratic rights by selling the newspapers, the officer, mumbling something about 'bothering the customers,' threatened to call a

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15,000 Workers Denounce Fascist Legislation

Toronto, October 15, 1970

15,000 construction workers from all over the province held a mass rally yesterday to condemn planned fascist laws of the U.S. imperialist lackey Ontario government. The anti-fascist sentiment of the workers was very high and they vigorously denounced an arrogant attack on the working class by the reactionary labour minister, Bales. The construction workers drowned out a self-styled labour critic of the Liberal Party, partners with the ruling Conservatives in the exploitation of our people, when he referred to such reformist possibilities as concocting new labour legislation suitable to the "public good". The workers firmly shouted, "No bill! No Bill!" Hundreds of workers carried signs protesting the planned implementation of the fascist labour law. One sign said: Bill 167 means dictatorship! The construction worker's rally shows that an extremely tremendous revolutionary force is latent in the Canadian working class.

There has been an unprecedented upsurge in the worker's struggles against the exploitation and oppression by for-

eign monopoly capital since the beginning of this year. The record number of economic strikes that have taken place in 1970 reflect the sharpening class contradictions in Canada and mark a new awakening of the Canadian working class, dealing a fresh blow to the Canadian compradors and the U.S. monopoly capitalists, their masters, now facing irremediable impending politico-economic collapse.

In Toronto now, housing starts are the lowest in all North America. This contradiction is now becoming very acute in the construction industry, a "pillar" of super-profits for the foreign monopolies. Against this rape and plunder, construction workers have initiated long strikes of a very protracted nature. Persisting in their strike for three months, construction workers in British Columbia defied back-to-work ultimatums, brought 600 construction companies to a standstill and paralyzed over \$200 million in construction, Plumbers and electrical workers in Regina persevered in a strike for better wages and working conditions for two months

until the last week of June. Despite all of the cowardly bluster of fascist Thatcher, they forced the U.S.-controlled Saskatchewan government to delay \$8,000,000 in building projects. 1,700 workers have repeatedly shut down a \$60,000,000 refinery being built in Tupper Point, Nova Scotia. For the second time in six months, over 6000 construction workers unfolded their struggle in Nova Scotia this summer, protesting the use of fascist anti-working class legislation being used by the Smith comprador government against the striking fishermen-trawlermen.

The various comprador provincial & federal governments have recourse to the counter-revolutionary dual tactics of fascist suppression and political deception in an attempt to undermine the worker's struggles. In fact, all across Canada now, the worst enemies of the working people, the U.S. monopoly capitalists, are busily trying to consolidate their own power and break the backs of the people through the building of a fascist state. This is being accomplished by: 1. (As in this case) the creation of new laws like Bill 153 in B.C., the Woods Report, the Saskatchewan new Bill 2), which mimic a variety of tactics identical to that legislation enacted by Mussolini in pre-war fascist Italy; and 2) the arbitrary application of existing laws against the working people. These tactics provide for the legitimization by the bourgeoisie of "compulsory arbitration", the banning of "illegal" strikes,

and the right of the construction monopolists to form a united front to guarantee intensified and cruel exploitation of the working people. Euphemistically called an "employer's association", the united front, which will have the use of armed reactionary violence of the state, is also identical to Mussolini's coercion and the creation of a fascist corporation.

All this anti-people legislation is being consistently developed to serve U.S. Imperialism and oppose the people. With massive unemployment measures, development of racist hiring halls, denials of choice of work site to national minority workers, and extortion rackets run by unions combined with a situation of dire economic crisis for the construction monopolies facing a contract year next spring, the comprador government colludes with U.S. monopoly capital to deprive the workers of all the meager rights of free labour and convert it into slave labour.

Opposing the great and rising anti-fascist sentiment of the workers and collaborating with the exploiters, a handful of reactionary trade union bureaucrats are increasingly apprehensive about the exact nature of the lenient role they will be forced to play in the criminal designs of the Canadian compradors. The petty fiefdoms of the more "inefficient" labour aristocrats are in jeopardy; take, for example, the case of the toughest operators union which was unjustifiably fined \$70,000 by the bourgeois courts in B.C. for not toeing the imperialist

trade union line of least resistance. Eager to maintain their reactionary roles of running dogs in the U.S. imperialist building trade unions, the union hacks at the rally harped about the necessity of "harmonizing" the contradictions between labour and capital, about "fair share", and the necessity for the imperialist state molochs, the monopoly capitalists and the union hacks to sit together in committee and work more closely together. Thus, the notorious agent of capitalism, Archer, president of the pro-imperialist Ontario Federation of Labour, who has been awarded a Canada Medal by the compradors for his services, said Bill 167 was merely "badly worded and inequitous". The social fascist of the N.D.P., Stephen Lewis, spoke in the name of this party notorious in its support for gangster labour laws and its opposition to anti-imperialist politics, ideology and organization. This party always sides with monopoly capitalism in time of crisis and opposes the rising anti-imperialist, communist consciousness of the working people. Thus Lewis mouthed abstract "socialist slogans" -- Bill 167 was oppressive and unjust -- and went on to uphold the hoax of "free collective bargaining" (between union hacks and their masters). Eager that repressive measures by the U.S. imperialists not be defeated by the working class through their own initiative and organizations, this dog recommended that the workers

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sergeant for help. The sergeant who came to his aid urged the seller to be "reasonable and move along." The young man refused to be frightened off. Finally an inspector arrived with police reinforcements and ordered the arrest of the seller.

"Six policemen converged on the seller, handcuffed him and dragged him off. Inside the police station, when he refused to be intimidated by their fascist tactics he was beaten further."

The leaflet added: "This is an open and blatant attack on the democratic and basic political rights of all Canadians. If one individual cannot exercise these rights of freedom of speech and assembly, who can? We must stand up and fight this unjustified fascist attack."

In answer to this call hundreds of students held a mass democracy meeting at the University of Calgary on October 7th. The PCDN reporter present said that "Dozens of the broad masses both during and after the meeting brought stories of similar treatment by the City goons. Anti-fascist sentiment ran very high among the students."

On Friday October 9th another mass democracy meeting was held downtown. Our reporter says that despite the wrecking attempts of plainclothed policemen hiding in the crowd the broad masses warmly supported the young worker's democratic right to sell. The lackey City Police were so terrified after the first mass democracy at U. of C. that they posted 3 squad cars to stand watch

on the people at this and the subsequent meeting.

The following day on October 10th, another mass democracy meeting was held right in front of the same liquor store where the Comrade was attacked by the police. The support and participation of the broad masses was so militant that they carried the meeting forward themselves and chased all the reactionaries away.

Summing up their experience over the past week, the Committee to Defend People's Rights pointed out: "Our experience goes to show that the people in Calgary have been wanting for sometime to stand up against the outrageous treatment of the lackey City Police. The enthusiastic response to the mass democracy meetings has dealt a real blow to the reactionary forces here and is a significant victory in the struggle against fascism."

Carl Blashill pointed out that "When you organize mass democracies and release the initiative of the masses, they respond with great enthusiasm and the reactionaries are forced to run away."

Comrade Carl appears in court on Wednesday October 14th. He has expressed his resolute desire to bring the overwhelming response of the people into the courtroom. Comrade Carl adds: "VICTORY IS OURS! Should the bourgeoisie dare to convict me for defending my democratic rights they will only be 'lifting a rock to drop it on their own feet' and will succeed in iso-

lating themselves even further." The broad masses in Calgary have clearly demonstrated that they will have none of these fascist attacks on their democratic rights."



continued from page 1, NOVA SCOTIA becoming the order of the day, reflecting the utter dissolution of bourgeois politics in Canada as the broad masses seek genuine alternatives to life under the economic, political and cultural domination of U.S. imperialism. The people are genuinely disgusted with the forms of government which presently oppress them and are looking for something entirely different.

The Communist Party of Canada (ML) in Halifax issued a leaflet calling upon the broad masses of the Nova Scotia people to boycott the elections. The leaflet said: "All the parties in the service of the bourgeoisie participate in the expensive extravaganza called elections. This process, which the bourgeoisie likes to describe with high-sounding platitudes such as "democratically electing the representatives of your choice to serve you", is a sham and a charade. The people know that this 'democracy' is hollow and that this 'election' will put the same bloodsuckers (in the guise of Conservative, Liberal, or N.D.P.) back into office for another four years. This expensive puppet show will, as the parties admit, be paid for out of the public purse. Afterwards the people of the Province will be further exploited by the foreign imperialists as in the past."

The leaflet goes on to analyze the platforms of the three parties and to show conclusively that they all aim to serve foreign monopolies at the expense of the Nova Scotia people. Particular

denunciation is aimed at the NDP. The leaflet says: "The N.D.P. attitude to monopoly capital is to 'nationalize' private monopoly capital companies like Nova Scotia Light and Power and Maritime Tel. and Tel. and transform them into state monopoly capital companies."

"A detailed analysis shows that there is no real difference between the N.D.P. and the other parties. This party also intends, if elected, to serve U.S. imperialism and become faithful lackeys. There is no desire to change the world, no desire to serve the people. The difference that there is is a vicious one; the N.D.P. by its 'working class' image but its bourgeois reality, hopes to mobilize the workers to support social fascism," (i.e., national socialism...ed)

The leaflet concludes by saying: "Chairman Mao, the leader of the working and oppressed people of the world, in his May 20th statement points out that revolution is the main trend in the world today. The facts show that people of the world do not any more believe that the bourgeoisie and all other reactionaries are interested in solving the people's problems. The main problem is imperialism which leads to all other problems. They have decided to wage active resistance against these exploiters. This is shown in Nova Scotia by the militant struggles of the construction workers and the militant and staunch struggles of the fishermen."

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HAMILTON, ONTARIO, AN ARMED CAMP

Special Police Watch on Allan Grossman

Hamilton, October 14, 1970

Hamilton, Ontario is an armed camp as the police, in collaboration with the Ontario Provincial Police and the RCMP attempt to prevent any more demonstrations in support of the leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) who is in hospital there. He is on the 56th day of his hunger strike in protest of his illegal arrest and detention on frame-up charges of "assault" and "possession of an offensive weapon". On August 19 he took up the gun in defense of Progressive Books and Periodicals and announced that any fascist who attacked the bookstore would, from now on, be shot down in the street.

For the court appearance of 12 demonstrators arrested when the police illegally attempted to break up a demonstration in support of Robert Cruise in Hamilton on Saturday, October 10th, the police sealed off the city blocks around the court building with special barricades. Over 50 riot police patrolled the area and police in special pat-

rols kept an eye on the people throughout the city. In Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto Police have put a special guard on the home and office of Allan Grossman, the Ontario Minister of Correctional Institutions, because, say the police in their communique: "certain criminal elements might try to get him to force release of prisoners in Ontario". Allan Grossman is one of the arch-enemies of the people of Ontario and is one of the flunkies responsible for the fascist treatment given to the leading spokesman of the Party in Hamilton.

These facts show that, beset by inner contradictions, the bourgeoisie enjoys no support while a just cause always enjoys abundant support. For this reason, these bourgeois criminals find it necessary to protect themselves from the people by using armed violence against them. The events in Hamilton have been a great education to the people there and have further entrenched revolutionary politics in the heartland of industrial Ontario.



A supporter of the leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), Robert A. Cruise, wages tit for tat struggle against the lackey police (on left) sent to stop the demonstration.

The fascist attacks by the police on the demonstrators and some of the pedestrians greatly angered the people present. When the police viciously attacked and beat a militant comrade, the people denounced them for their attacks and supported the democratic right to demonstrate against political repression.



continued from page 1, CRUISE I will defend it." Release procedures were carried through.

Since July 7th, 1970, Progressive Books and Periodicals, 441 Barton St. East had been under attack from a gang of lumpen fascist goons. Comrades doing mass work in Hamilton had been under attack from a gang of social-fascists doing counter-revolutionary work in the city. The lackey police were in close cooperation with the fascist gangs. Sergeant Nelson, the criminal in charge of attacks against the bookstore declared that he knew who was attacking the store and he thought it was "just fine". PCND found out that these thugs were paid \$2.00 for each window smashed and were collaborating with some "mysterious" Hamilton figure out to stop the dissemination of Mao Tse Tung Thought in Hamilton.

On August 19th, Comrade Robert A. Cruise went to Hamilton with a shotgun to fight fascism and defend the interests of the Canadian working class and people. The Hamilton police entered the store illegally and arrested Comrades Cruise and Thomas Bates for "possession and offensive weapon", for "pointing a loaded weapon" and various other trumped up charges. Comrades Cruise and Bates denounced the fascist police and courts and went on a hunger strike in protest of the unjust, criminal incarceration. The revolutionary upsurge in Hamilton on the weekend of October 8th to 11th greatly shook the Hamilton bourgeoisie which had thought that they had defeated Mao Tse Tung Thought in Hamilton.

Instead, Mao Tse Tung Thought and the members and supporters of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) waged a resolute attack on fascism and gained wide sympathy from various levels of the society. The people of Hamilton witnessed the development of revolutionary politics and saw the resolute resistance of communists to fascist attacks. These revolutionary struggles caused panic among the ruling circles and a dog fight developed among them as contradictions sharpened.

After 56 days of hunger strike, this is a victory for the people of Hamilton and the Canadian people. The struggle now is at the stage of ARMED SELF-DEFENSE and ARMED MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT PROPAGANDA TEAMS. It

is a new stage in the resistance movement, which has, together with the struggle of the Quebec patriots against violent repression, driven many more nails into the coffin of the North American bourgeoisie.

Comrade Robert A. Cruise will temporarily remain in Hamilton General Hospital. On October 14th, 10 revolutionary fighters were released after having been arrested during a revolutionary demonstration of support for Comrade Cruise in Hamilton.

They visited Comrade Cruise at the hospital, warmly embraced and exchanged revolutionary experiences. The hospital room was decorated with portraits of Chairman Mao, Quotations from Chairman Mao and revolutionary pictorials on the People's Wars being waged by the Asian peoples against U.S. imperialism.

More than 55 revolutionary comrades and hospital staff congratulated Comrade Cruise on his heroism and participated in singing revolutionary songs such as "The Internationale". The hospital staff bought large quantities of revolutionary literature and expressed a deep desire to study Mao Tse Tung Thought and to study the tremendous achievements of the People's Republic of China. "It takes a long time to see that what we are taught in this society is all lies," one worker declared, "but once you see it, you have no where to move but forward!" "We now see what it means to be a Communist," another worker declared, "and no wonder the ruling class is running scared!"

LIFTING A ROCK ONLY TO DROP IT ON ONE'S OWN FEET is just what the fascists in Hamilton have done. Persecution of the revolutionary people draws clear lines between friends and foes. It has advanced the revolutionary struggle tremendously in the past few weeks. The members and supporters of the Communist Party of Canada (ML) announced in high spirits that this victory has entrenched revolutionary ideology and politics in Hamilton and the people of Hamilton have taken up the banner. "BLOOD DEBTS WILL BE PAID IN BLOOD!", they pointed out, is the call of the Party, and for the Hamilton bourgeoisie and their flunkies from this day on there will be no peace!

to misleaders invited the bourgeoisie into the ranks of the workers and when the workers protested they sent their "union marshals" to silence them. The working class had nothing to do with these fifth columnists. Large numbers of MASS LINE, THE WORKER, and PEOPLE'S CANADA DAILY NEWS were sold and lively discussions were held. This goes to show that the opportunist designs of the trade union bureaucrats, who later slunk off the podium to "discuss" the fascist laws with Roberts and Bales, will soon be thoroughly smashed by the development of people's democratic power at all levels of society, in the factories, the schools and the communities.

For Your Reference

Facts Laid Bare of Criminal Plans of Bourgeois Courts

Hamilton, October 14, 1970

The "trial" of Comrade Robert A. Cruise, leading spokesman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and Comrade Thomas Bates on the trumped up charges of "possession of an offensive weapon" has dragged on from August 19th and is still pending. The arbitrary actions of the Crown prosecutor and the bourgeois courts and the prolonged hunger strike being waged by Robert Cruise has given rise to severe protests from the masses and from certain sections of the bourgeois bureaucracy who are fearful of "having a martyr" on their hands and being held accountable for their criminal acts.

Seeking truth from facts reveals a plot on behalf of the Canadian compradors to suppress the Communist Party of Canada (ML) in Hamilton by planning the elimination of its leading spokesman and the suppression, through attempted fascist terror, of the Party's members and supporters.

The transcripts reveal that Judge Morrison was enthusiastic about taking the case, while Judge Bennett, in spite of a thorough denunciation for 20 minutes, was not willing to take the case and gave no more than a 14 day sentence for "contempt of court". Morrison gave "contempt" charges at random (see PCND, Vol. 1, No. 27), colluded with the Crown Attorney to have the accused brought into court over ten times, once gave a "contempt of court" citation for 30 days based on his own subjectivism and carried out the plot to delay proceedings in such a way that they would be assured that Robert Cruise would be incapable of standing trial.

The position put forward by Comrades Cruise and Bates was:

- 1) that they were political prisoners and that this was a political trial
- 2) that the accused refused to recognize the trumped up charges, maintained they were unjustly arrested and declared that the real criminals (police, lumpen thugs and the Hamilton bourgeoisie) were still running free.
- 3) that they did not intend to partici-

pate in the trial of trumped up charges, 4) that they did not recognize the courts

5) that they wouldn't hire any bourgeois lawyer or accept any "aid" with which to deal with the fascist court

6) that Comrade Cruise was on a hunger strike from the time in which he was arrested on August 19th right up to the present day.

In the trial of August 27th, Comrade Cruise persistently pointed out that they opposed the bourgeois courts, that they committed no crime and that they were unjustly arrested for defending with a shotgun, a bookstore from fascist attacks.

At no time did the judge or the Crown Prosecutor present any argument to counter this position. Instead, they invoked Section 557 of the Criminal Code (the Star Chamber provision which permits the accused to be excluded from his own trial) and proceeded in the absence of Comrade Cruise to find him guilty of assaulting a police officer when Cruise himself was attacked by police in his own bookstore. Finding both Comrade Cruise and Bates guilty of assault, the Crown dropped the other charges against Cruise (one of them was possession of an offensive weapon) and then later slapped on the "possession" charges again and declared that there would have to be new trials.

The court refused to explain why a new trial was necessary and forced the comrades to appear week after week only to be remanded time and again. When the comrades demanded to know why the trial was being delayed, police violence was used against them and they were dragged from the court room.

During this time, Comrade Cruise's health deteriorated rapidly and he was no longer able to appear in court. It was here that the Crown prosecutor's plan came forward. They had delayed the trial until ONE DAY AFTER THE SITTING OF THE GRAND JURY and then announced that the trial was going to the grand jury, WHICH DID NOT SIT AGAIN UNTIL NOVEMBER 25th! At

this, the Crown prosecutor chuckled to Robert Cruise's wife, "Soon we'll be bringing your husband in on a stretcher."

These criminals are not acting independently but are clearly acting on instructions from the Canadian compradors in an attempt to suppress the Party in Hamilton. Comrade Cruise pointed out that there would be definite just retribution against all the criminals involved in this case and that a record is being kept of all those responsible. "BLOOD DEBTS WILL BE PAID IN BLOOD!" he declared and further pointed out "Our Party, its members and supporters, who have already made great sacrifices are not only prepared to die for the liberation of our people but are prepared to kill for it as well."

With his condition deteriorating rapidly, hospital authorities at the Hamilton General Hospital on Wednesday, October 7th, in a frenzied attempt to avoid responsibility and the necessity to take a position on the struggle of Comrade Cruise, removed him to the Ontario Mental Hospital in Hamilton under the hoax of him "wanting to commit suicide", which was "illegal". One of the prison guards remarked, "If you put Bob Cruise there, you'd better put half of Hamilton there too." Robert Cruise denounced the fascist psychiatrists who attempted to have him declared "confused" and "criminally insane". These actions created acute contradictions among the bourgeoisie. The governor of the Barton St. Jail told the hospital authorities it was ridiculous to send Robert Cruise to the Ontario Hospital and that he should be sent back to Hamilton General. He made a hasty trip to Toronto to the Department of Correctional Institutions and had Robert Cruise taken back to Hamilton General on October 8th. Following this incident, the Governor began agitating for R.A. Cruise's release on the grounds that the situation was becoming acute and "we don't want a martyr on our hands."



COMRADE ROBERT A. CRUISE

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give up their independence and initiative and then let the social-fascists take care of Bill 167 "clause by clause in the legislature". This capitulationism of binding the working class hand and foot to the capitalists through reformism and tokenism, was justified with the slanderous line that the workers are really only simple-minded in their interests, that they want only better wages and do not want to accept their historical mission of seizing state power and establishing the Dictatorship of the Proletariat in Canada.

Putting their theory of class collaboration into practice, these social democrat-

THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO LIBERATE TAIWAN!

THE 20 years of U.S. imperialism's armed occupation of China's sacred territory Taiwan are 20 years in which U.S. imperialism has colluded with the Chiang Kai-shek bandit gang in wantonly persecuting our Taiwan compatriots and imposing on them a bloody colonial rule. These are also 20 years in which our Taiwan compatriots, filled with deep hatred for the enemy who owes them countless blood debts, have waged heroic struggles against the U.S. aggressors.

U.S. imperialism is vainly trying to perpetuate its forcible occupation of China's Taiwan Province and use it as a springboard for attacking the Chinese mainland. In the past 20 years it has spared no efforts to build and enlarge military airfields, naval ports and other military installations and turn the whole of Taiwan into a miserable barracks. In order to build military bases, the U.S.-Chiang clique has forcibly occupied large tracts of farmland and pulled down large numbers of civilian houses, thereby depriving countless Taiwan compatriots of their land and homes. It has been disclosed that 1,150,000 households in Taiwan Province are now homeless. Many are forced to drift from place to place and sleep on the streets. Taking advantage of its military occupation, U.S. imperialism has stepped up its economic plunder and brutal exploitation of the people on the island. It has set up many institutions of economic aggression to control the economic lifelines of Taiwan. Wrecked and squeezed out by U.S. monopoly capital, many national industrial and commercial enterprises in Taiwan have been forced to close down, and large numbers of workers join the ranks of the unemployed and innumerable peasants go bankrupt every year. The people are becoming increasingly impoverished, and hungry people in rags and beggars are to be seen everywhere. The fascist atrocities of the U.S. aggressor troops in Taiwan are monstrous. They perpetrate all kinds of crimes, robbing and swindling people, molesting the inhabitants while drunk, committing arson and even killing people. Many of our compatriots have been knocked down and killed by the motor vehicles of the U.S. aggressor troops, and countless women have been raped by these savage troops. As disclosed by the Taipei China Post, in 1967 alone, 537 cases of robbery and theft, 1,153 road accidents due to reckless driving and 751 cases of rape were committed by U.S. aggressors in Taiwan.

Where there is oppression and exploitation there is resistance. Living in misery under the iron heels of the enemy, our compatriots on the island have waged a sustained struggle against the U.S. imperialist forcible occupation of Taiwan and for the right to live. On May 24, 1957, they held a mighty demonstration, in the course of which they destroyed the U.S. embassy in protest against the U.S. aggressors' killing of Chinese people. Since then, the Taiwan people have never ceased their anti-U.S. struggle which has developed steadily. They have arrested and killed U.S.-Chiang military and administrative personnel who were guilty of crimes against the people, and destroyed and burnt down U.S.-Chiang military installations. All around the U.S. military bases and on the walls of the offices of the Chiang gang, the Taiwan compatriots constantly put up such big-character slogans as: "This is China's territory!" "Yankes, get out!" and "Down with U.S. imperialism!"

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution of the mainland has had a tremendous impact on the anti-U.S. patriotic movement in Taiwan. It has inspired our compatriots there with greater courage to carry on an unyielding struggle against the enemy.

Our Taiwan compatriots have stepped up their anti-U.S. struggle in recent years. During their struggle, some have wrested weapons from the enemy, others made their own bombs to deal telling blows at the U.S. gangsters. On the evening of January 7 this year, young patriots seized two pistols from a sergeant of the U.S. aggressor army, who lived in Taipei. The notice-board, doors and windows of the general office of the U.S. Information Service in Taipei were smashed on the night of April 26. On May 19, eight young people in Taipei bravely charged a Yankee's car and hurled home-made bombs at it. The Yankee stepped on the gas and tried to escape. But the young people quickly got in a car and chased it. When they caught up, they threw a few more bombs and blew up the car.

Not long ago five soldiers of the U.S. aggressor army went into a Taipei restaurant where they ate their fill and got drunk. They not only refused to pay but started to beat others. This infuriated our compatriots on the spot. Some young patriots fought the U.S. gangsters with chairs and tables, bowls and dishes. They gave the Yankes a sound thrashing and forced them to take to their heels.

Some time ago, in a building of the U.S. aggressor army in Taipei, two U.S. gangsters who had insulted Chinese women were severely punished and beaten up by young Chinese patriots.

Defying brute force and daring to struggle, patriotic compatriots in Taiwan often destroy the U.S.-Chiang oil-pipes and electric wires for military use and other military installations. The Chiang Kai-shek bandit gang's "provincial police detachment" disclosed that in 1968 alone there were more than 500 incidents of U.S.-Chiang's military electric wires being cut, over 24,000

metres of wire in all. In Kaohsiung recently, the oil-pipes in the sea specially for U.S.-Chiang military use were again destroyed. The props, steel cables and electric cables were totally destroyed. The oil-pipes along the MacArthur highway between Keelung and Taipei were blown up and set on fire which lasted for more than 10 hours. Between January 11 and 13, Taiwan compatriots in the Hsinchuang area of Taipei cut more than 12,000 metres of enemy electric wires.

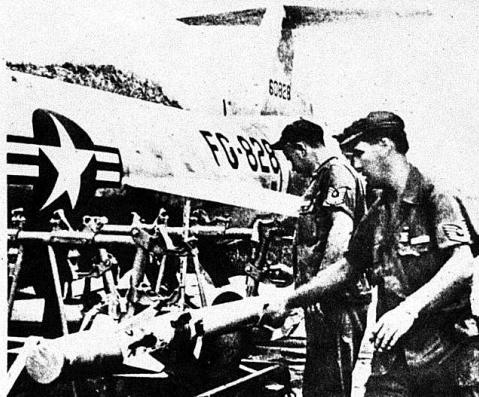
The workers in Taiwan constantly go on strike against U.S. imperialist economic aggression and ruthless exploitation and oppression. Recently, the railway and wharf workers, seamen and farm workers in Kaohsiung, Keelung, Tainan and other places went on a collective strike. The strike struggle waged by the Kaohsiung workers on the wharves lasted for more than a month. Workers of the Taiwan "shipbuilding corporation" which had been swallowed up by U.S. monopoly capital, held many big strikes in succession strongly denouncing that the Yankes get out of Taiwan! The workers of the U.S. "Air Asia Company" in Tainan indignantly destroyed the residence of the company's vice-manager and beat up the director of the repair department.

The struggle of the Taiwan peasants against the forcible occupation of their farmland by U.S. aggressor troops is widespread. Many peasants charged into the "official compounds" of the Chiang Kai-shek bandit gang to wage resolute struggles against the U.S.-Chiang bandit gang. More than 7,000 peasants in Kaohsiung County, carrying hoes and shoulder-poles and holding high placards inscribed with the words "We resolutely oppose the requisition of land" and "We will defend our land with our lives," stormed into the bogus Kaohsiung "municipal government" building. They angrily shouted: "We'll struggle" and "We want land." Defying the rifles the policemen of the Chiang bandit gang pointed at them and not showing the slightest fear, they recited loudly Chairman Mao's teaching: "Be resolute, fear no sacrifice and surmount every difficulty to win victory" as they waged a fierce battle against the enemy.

Inveterate hatred for the U.S.-Chiang bandit gang, boundless love for the great leader Chairman Mao and longing for the mainland of the motherland are the source of strength for the Taiwan compatriots in their valiant struggle against the U.S.-Chiang reactionaries. Wholeheartedly condemning the fascist atrocities of the U.S.-Chiang bandit clique, Taiwan compatriots who had broken through the U.S.-Chiang blockade and returned to the mainland of the motherland told how many families in Taiwan asked their lives to listen to broadcasts from Peking behind closed doors and windows at night, keeping the volume down to the minimum. When they heard the music of *The East Is Red*, they would cheer from the bottom of their hearts in a low voice: "Long live Chairman Mao! A long life to Chairman Mao!" Many people learnt such revolutionary songs as *The East Is Red* and *Sailing the Seas*



Under the rule of U.S. imperialism and the Chiang bandit gang, the life and safety of the labouring people are under constant threat. Grief-stricken family members of the dead crying at the pithead, following an explosion in the Juthan Coal Mine in Taipei.



U.S. air force personnel attaching "sidewinder" guided missiles at an airfield in Taiwan, which has been turned into a barracks of U.S. imperialism.

Depends on the *Helmsman* from listening to broadcasts from Peking.

The Taiwan compatriots have by various means expressed their longing for the mainland of their motherland and their warm love for Chairman Mao. In 1966 Taiwan seamen wrote a letter paying their respects to the great leader Chairman Mao. They put the letter in an airtight tin which was borne across the sea by the waves to a beach on the mainland.

On one occasion when our army men and civilians in the coastal area were destroying some reactionary leaflets from the enemy, they discovered a slip of paper on which they saw a five-star red flag and the words "Long live the People's Republic of China!"

The compatriots in Taiwan warmly hail the tremendous achievements made by the mainland of their motherland in the socialist revolution and socialist

construction. From the bottom of their hearts they praise and admire the wise leadership of Chairman Mao. They often say to each other in private: "The Communist Party is really capable. It has turned a country once called the "sick man of East Asia" into a powerful country in the world. We know that the people under the leadership of Chairman Mao are very brave and are holding their heads high. When news about China's successful nuclear tests reached Taiwan, the dated compatriots there lost no time in relaying it to others. In defiance of persecution by the troops and police of the Chiang bandit gang, some shouted at the top of their voices in public: "Long live Chairman Mao!"

The anti-U.S. patriotic struggle waged by the Taiwan compatriots is now developing in depth. They will hold the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung Thought still higher and bring this struggle to a new high tide.

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The bloody rule of U.S. imperialism and the Chiang bandit gang over the Taiwan people has aroused their irreplaceable hatred. On March 9, 1963, over 200 women in Shuangyuan, Taipei, rushed into the Taipei "City Government" and soundly beat up the chief secretary of the "City Government" and some policemen.