

Progressive Labor Party Says: Liberal Politicos and Revisionists Ally With Imperialism On Vietnam

Nixon's latest terror-bombing of north Vietnam proves that U.S. imperialism ranks with the Nazis as the worst mass murderers in world history. U.S. bosses want to turn all of Vietnam into a giant sweatshop. They know that southeast Asia is the last frontier of "cheap labor" open to them, and their bombing escalation shows that they will stop at nothing to get a "business arrangement" tailored to their exact specifications.

They will stop at nothing—but they can be stopped. The Vietnamese people, who for years took everything the imperialists could throw at them and put 600,000 imperialist troops to rout, proved this. Until the charlatans from Hanoi who call themselves "people's leaders" agreed to sign a sweetheart contract with U.S. bosses in Paris, U.S. imperialism was being driven out of Vietnam. This would have been a great victory for workers and oppressed people everywhere in the world.

If Nixon & Co. rank among history's top butchers, the men who rule in Hanoi, Moscow, and Peking can rightfully stand beside them as history's greatest traitors to the international working class. North Vietnamese, Soviet, and Chinese leaders all claim to be revolutionaries, yet their actions have exposed them as bedfellows of imperialism.

Mme. Binh, the south Vietnam Provisional "Revolutionary" Government's top Paris negotiator, long ago publicly renounced socialism as a goal. She and her north Vietnamese counterparts welcome U.S. investment. In other words, they are ready to give U.S. imperialism the super-profit deals it has killed millions of Vietnamese to get.

Le Duc Tho, who performs on TV like Kissinger's love-conquest, has given Nixon a blue-print for bombing in north Vietnam. According to the New York Times, (Dec. 27) Le said the area above the 20th parallel was "taboo," while the area below it was "acceptable." Undoubtedly, he was too busy hobnobbing with U.S. bosses to consult with the workers and farmers who live below the 20th parallel on this matter.

Meanwhile, one of David Rockefeller's top lieutenants recently went to Moscow to open up a new branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank, and, to cap it all off, the bigwigs from Peking have sent their acrobats to perform at New York's City Center.

Presumably, these "friendly" gestures were intended to help the imperialists heighten the festive atmosphere of the holiday season at the same time that the bombs were falling.

Nixon and Co. see the opening these traitors have given them. The Paris deal has been clinched for some time—at least in its general outlines. Regardless of the final details, U.S. business will get the green light to set up shop in Vietnam. Nixon has ordered the present resumption of bombing because having gotten the cake, he doesn't want to leave any crumbs on the table. The Hanoi-PRG "leaders" are giving him a blank check to play cat-and-mouse with them.

Kennedy, Fulbright, and other liberals are once again shedding crocodile tears about "peace" and threatening "Congressional action to cut off funds for the war." In reality, these political hucksters are at least as bad as Nixon. As far back as FDR, liberals initiated the plan for U.S. domination of Vietnam. The liberal JFK drew up the timetable for a massive land invasion, and the liberal LBJ carried the invasion out. The liberal imperialists realized some time ago that a



deal could be made with the Hanoi-Moscow-Peking opportunists, and so they reasoned that prolonging the war could only jeopardize the profit gains that would come after negotiations.

The threats about "Congressional action" are a farce. Congress has no power to act independently of the president. The bourgeoisie concentrates its political power in the executive branch and then carefully supervises everything the "Chief Executive" does. The rantings of various Senators are a pathetically crude attempt to perpetuate the illusion of "representative" government and "democracy." Many people support the liberals because the liberals promise to bring peace. It should be clear, however, from the latest escalation, that Kennedy & Co. can't even deliver the promises they make on their own pro-imperialist terms.

Workers and oppressed people can no more rely on these liberals in the U.S. than workers and oppressed people in Vietnam, the Soviet Union, and China can rely on the opportunists who hold power there and who have sold them and socialism out for the promise of imperialist gold.

The liberal imperialists in the U.S. get help from various Trotskyite groups and the U.S. "Communist" Party, which for years have tried to make sure that the anti-war movement had a pacifist, pro-boss outlook. This year, these pseudo-leftists have outdone even themselves in cuddling up to imperialism. They are planning a "death-march" five miles away from the Inauguration on Jan. 20, and they will feature the usual gaggle of liberal imperialist speakers. The militant SDS action against genocide and the war in Washington on the same day will provide a fitting contrast to this sorry spectacle (see pp. 5 and 12).

The history of Vietnam before the negotiations proves that nothing short of people's war and socialism can defeat the

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The Progressive Labor Party and its newspaper, Challenge, are dedicated to the U.S. working class and the working class of the entire world—black, brown, white, red and yellow.

The only way our class can ever have a decent life is by overthrowing the bosses' governments and establishing the DICTATORSHIP OF THE WORKING CLASS, a system in which the workers rule and the bosses are outlawed.

When this is done, we can build a new society, with no exploitation of man by man, a society in which working people collectively own the factories and farms: a society of socialism.

Until this is done, the bosses will continue to hold the trump card: their armies, police, and courts. The reforms we win in day-to-day struggles will be whittled away.

Progressive Labor Party members dedicate themselves to serve the people by guiding them to working-class revolution; by building deep ties among the mass of working people in their day-to-day battles; by learning to apply the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism—proven in decades of world-wide struggle—to the particular conditions of industrial America.

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imperialists. The only settlement U.S. bosses will allow is one that lets them keep raking in the dough. The only "settlement" the working class can make with the bosses is to destroy them as a class and to win workers' power over everything.

The Vietnamese people will fight back. They have no choice. The love affair between U.S. imperialism and the Hanoi-Moscow-Peking revisionists isn't an abstract, academic question: it's a question of life and death for workers all over the world. Peace can never come to Vietnam as long as U.S. imperialism continues to make profits off the sweat and blood of Vietnamese workers. The big bosses will sooner or later be forced to send their troops back to protect their investments, as the Vietnamese people rebel again.

Vietnamese and U.S. workers can win by absorbing the lesson of past defeats. We have the strength to destroy the bosses. We must never accept accommodation with them: it will lead only to more death and suffering for our class. We can defeat imperialism. We can win socialism. We have no choice.

Support for LIRR Strikers Can Stem Rocky's Anti-Union Laws

At this writing (Jan. 3), the strike by Long Island Railroad workers is entering its sixth week. Calls are going out from liberal Senator Javits (a Rockefeller front man) for a "regional" strike-breaking law. (Good old "pro-labor" Jack says the Taft-Hartley and Railway Labor Acts aren't good enough since they only cover walkouts that affect the bosses' "national" interest, neglecting regional or local situations like the Long Island.) And the liberal, allegedly "pro-labor" N.Y. Post prints a daily "How-much-longer?" diatribe backing the bosses' demand that the workers submit to compulsory arbitration.

ALL THE RULERS' MEDIA TRIES TO PIT THE workers against the riders, accusing the rail unionists of "violating the public interest." They constantly warn of a fare increase for the riders if the workers' demands for pay parity with the operating crafts are met.

All this kind of bosses' propaganda sets the stage for even more vicious anti-labor legislation—compulsory arbitration in ALL forms of transportation and communication, than is now on the books (interestingly enough, the same liberals like Javits and the Post who want an end to the U.S. war on Vietnamese workers—only because they've won the war to keep U.S. bosses in Southeast Asia—are all for an all-out war against U.S. workers here at home.)

Just exactly what is in the "public interest?" That which is in the CLASS interest of the over-

whelming majority of the "public"—in the interests of all workers and their friends.

It's in our interests that the LIRR workers win their demands, whatever the shortcomings their unions might have, that their unions not be busted just at a time when the workers are putting up a stiff fight against billionaire Governor Rockefeller's contemptible order to them to "go back to work," blaming the ills of the Long Island on them after his banking interests milked the road dry for years.

AND IT'S IN ALL OUR WORKING-CLASS INTERESTS that the LIRR workers NOT submit to compulsory arbitration, which would help pave the way for its use against ALL workers.

And for all workers suffering under the Nixon wage freeze, it's in our interest that the LIRR strikers smash it.

The "public interest" has two sides—workers and bosses. Which side do we choose?

"But won't 'we' have to pay for the granting of their demands?" some ask. Well, that's still another fight—who pays. The LIRR strikers are not working for some mystical "public." The banks who owned the Pennsy that sucked the blood out of the Long Island for years are the same banks who own the bonds floated by the State to pay the Pennsy \$65 million for it and bail out the stockholders. Making it both ways, these bankers, led by Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan, are right now reaping the profits from the labor of the LIRR workers.

We say, force these profiteers to pay the freight for running the Long Island. They've been getting away with murder long enough. And unity behind the strikers now would impel them to join with the riders in that fight against their real employers, the big banks.

IF THE RIDERS WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES get more efficient service, with a work-force employed under safer working conditions, instead of falling prey to the "bleating hearts" of "commuter" associations that blame all the ills on the workers, the riders should join the workers in fighting Rockefeller, Javits, & Co. who represent those who own—and profit from—the labor of the LIRR workers. And it is they who make millions from the constant fare hikes socked to the Long Island commuters.

If the bosses and their press say "there's just not enough money" to pay the workers a wage necessary to live decently, under conditions safe for workers and riders, and with efficient, low-cost service—well, all they're admitting is that their SYSTEM is a lot more broken down than their railroad ever was, as bad as that might be.

They lead us to the inevitable conclusion that if the profits of the banks were used to pay for all these other real needs, life would be O.K. They cry, "With no profits, and all surplus produced by the workers going to the workers to enrich their lives—why that's Socialism!" Right on!