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'Hasten the Coming Socialist Revolution'

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Either the revolution prevents the war, or the war makes the revolution. That was the astute observation of Mao Tse-tung in the days when he was still a revolutionary. The logical outcome of this chain of events—winners win, losers lose—now seems to have turned the U.S. to its wounds and plot a comeback.

Pits and counter-pits are more and more the story and sooner or later more likely sooner, the great powers are going to come to direct blows. The U.S. has great economic power, but a weakened and questioned military power. The capacities of the masses of U.S. workers have been broken in defense of the greatest racist empire. The Soviet imperialists have considerable military power, and the advantages of not being linked to the remnants of the old colonial ruling class in much of the world. They can pose as champions of the new nationalist forces. However, their reach exceeds their grasp in that their economic strength is not equal to the world. And Leningrad and their others are too let down on their beachheads—India being a case in point.

Mao's last testament is a sharper give and take with the emphasis on the take. The world's major capitalist states are all experiencing crisis and they're all solving it in the same manner: driving down wages, increasing unemployment, licencing racism and patriarchy and being up for the next major war to divide the world.

In the recent issue of the Worker we further underlined the increasing instability among the great powers by reprinting an article by the French bourgeois philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, which called attention to the fact that German imperialism has begun to feel its oats. German bosses are heading a government for a European state that would be a formidable military and economic power, eliminate the left and impose a freeze on wages. In a nut shell, he said the plan is for fascist and imperialist workers to make U.S. to its wounds and plot a comeback.

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As they set up Levesque to take on the capitalists in Quebec and Trudows works the other side of the street in English Canada by stirring up the most dangerous brew of all: anti-Semitism. This is a dangerous move and shows the desperation of Canada's rulers. May the blow be for their enemies.

The C.P.I. and all class conscious fighters have to see the revolutionary situation clearly. These circumstances. We must establish the tightest unity of French and English workers to enable our movement to overthrow the capitalists from sea to shining sea.

That means fighting for proletarian internationalism, in both French and English Canada. Internationalism is mere lip service if it does not go beyond that.

Two developments may soon come concerning Quebec. One would be the Levesque referendum on independence. Our party should take the lead in bringing about a choice between English and French speaking workers and unite the powerful anti-imperialist conscious movement of Quebec workers which has shaken the ruling class. We must urge that ties with English Canadian and U.S. workers be strengthened, and the movement become a political force for revolution.

The second development may see the use of federal troops in Quebec to stifle any move to revolution or an independence that would deprive the Canadian bourgeoisie of its share of the profits.

Such an attack on Quebec workers, (make no mistake about it, whatever the ruse it would be a blow aimed at workers; should be met by a united working class organization that would lead an armed struggle against the Canadian capitalist class and the Quebec bourgeoisie for total freedom and racial war-fare. Workers in English Canada will have the task of showing immediate solidarity through every form of resistance from strikes to stopping troop movements to organizing soldiers to turn on our officers. The red forces would have one common cause."

The invading Army should be turned out of Quebec by revolutionary workers that make no common cause with any bourgeois elements. And when that armed struggle succeeds we find that the slogan for self-determination is a proletarian dictatorship, without which there can be no freedom."

This is not mere speculation or guessing. The problem is real and could become tomorrow's headlines. Our task as revolutionary communists is to master the complexities of rapid unfolding of events from all over the world and to develop revolutionary tactics to strengthen our class and hasten the coming of socialist revolution.

Haiti: Imperialist Paradise

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Hundreds of Haitians and others demonstrated in front of Congress and the Organization of American States building in spite of the heavy rain that fell all day. They were denouncing the dictatorship of Haitian Jean Claude Duvalier (Baby Doc). In addition they were protesting racist attacks on refugees in Miami and El Paso. More than 2,000 Haitians have been expelled from the United States by small boats and other means. However, the Immigration Service was not in a mood to listen to a "threat to the U.S. economy" and refused to give them "refugee status." These Haitians are mostly black and they are escaping from a government of U.S. dictatorship which represents the interests of this, racism and anti-Americanism are being used by the Haitian bourgeoisie to keep the masses in check.

Haiti is one of the most impoverished countries in the world. Unemployment is over 60 percent of the labor force. Only 2 percent of the 5.5 million population received the most elementary education. Those who work make $1.30 a day for 12 hours of work. The average annual income is $200. Prices are expected to rise 40 years, with 50 percent of the children dying before their 4th birthday. More than 200 foreign businesses, mainly U.S., are based in Haiti. This country has become one of the biggest exporters of sugar, baseball and bras, which show imperialism does not develop the country for the benefit of the masses.

A drought is making life almost impossible for the Haitian people. Electricity is only available for four hours a day in Port-au-Prince, the capital city, and the 800,000 inhabitants, because the water level is very low in the lake that brings water to the hydro-electrical plant. The drought, which began three years ago in the northwestern part of the country, has reached the cities and is threatening epidemics and mass death. While most people have to buy their water using what little money they earn, in the rich neighborhoods there are washing machines with plenty of water. According to an article in the Dominican daily El Caribe (April 5). Mrs. Ildemar Printempo, a 47 year old mother of four, who earns $1.00 (U.S. money) a day selling water to tourists in the street, must pay about 5 cents for each liter of water. The drought is affecting the already shaky agricultural production here.

The same article states: "The drought has caused an antagonism between the poorer classes and the rich ones." The relations of the President have too much, and we don't have anything, said a Porteuen Prince resident who refused to be identified.

The Haitian people have a long history of struggle. Led by Toussaint L'Ouverture, they freed the first victims of slavery revolution of this era, and after fighting the French colonialists, they found the first independent state of free blacks. In 1804. There is much internal resistance to Baby Doc. The Haitian people will surely defeat their oppressors and will establish socialism. To achieve this victory a communist party that unites workers and peasants must be built. This is the task of Haitian revolutionaries.