

# POLLUTION:

## Capitalists' Biggest By-Product

In a small Japanese town, poor fishermen and workers became afflicted by a "strange disease" that attacked their nervous system. Many of them were killed and many others were crippled by this "disease" that turned out to be caused by mercury contaminated fish.

The whole problem of pollution is not merely a matter for the ecology do gooders, but it has become a question of survival. If capitalism is not destroyed, it will destroy this whole planet! The U.S. imperialists dump **their** garbage and scum all over the world. Our rivers and lakes have become filthy deposits of sewage. Nothing can even survive in them. They have become unfit for fishing or drinking. In Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, once beautiful fresh lakes, there is not a living thing! All the fish are dead! The blue ocean waters have become black with oil slicks from San Francisco to New Orleans to New Haven, Conn. The waves wash up bones of dead fish--because all the fish were destroyed by the big imperialist oil companies!

Much of our food, including meat and milk, is poisoned with DDT and other insecticides. The imperialists are perfectly willing to sell and make profits from food that is poisoned.

It's enough to make you sick! Capitalism is completely overturning the balance of nature. It will be a long time before the country of Vietnam will be able to grow anything. The U.S. dumps tons of poisons and defoliants and napalm on the land and the people in order to carry out their war of aggression in order to enslave and oppress the people of Southeast Asia. In the U.S. the capitalists' junk pollutes the air, but in Vietnam they use their poisons to wage a chemical warfare on the people.

Capitalism breeds chaos. The imperialists are only in-

terested in making profits, so industry rages out of control, dumping its waste and filth everywhere. Some cities, such as Los Angeles in California, have to have smog alerts because the air pollution is at such a dangerously high level. Children are kept home from school and kept inside. But there is no smog alert for the masses of workers. They must still go to work and breath the capitalists' muck into their lungs. How could the imperialists possible allow the workers to stay home for even one day--they would lose billions of dollars of their "precious" profits.

We are still using cars powered by the out-dated internal combustion engine that gives off fumes into the air. The capitalists who control the big auto industry and oil companies won't change the cars so that they would not poison our air because they would lose profits. An official of General Motors has openly admitted that they could make devices that would cut down pollution, but the workers would not pay for it. This clearly shows that the imperialists don't give a damn about anything but money.

Capitalism never has and never will have any concern for the people or environment, only for profits! The working class must overthrow capitalism and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. Only under socialism will we be able to begin to correct all the damage the bourgeoisie has done. For example, in the People's Republic of China, through study, the people have been able to take once polluting wastes and turn them into something beneficial. In one factory, by analyzing the waste material, they obtained copper oxide, which could be used for pigment in the country's enamel industry. Socialism in China has just about licked the pollution problem.

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The only "advances" the U.S. imperialists have made in solving the pollution problem is to "create" fancy new gases that cost them cheaper to make but are sold at higher prices. The imperialists have jumped onto the ecology band wagon--only to trick the U.S. working class. They will never change or do anything that would take money out of their pockets. They try to trick us by blaming pollution on the people and overpopulation. This is a bunch of jive! Does the working class sell insecticides that poison crops? Does the working class poison the water and pollute the lakes and oceans with industrial wastes? No! The imperialists

are just trying to shift the blame for pollution onto the workers so that the pollution problem does not become an anti-imperialist issue.

The imperialists will only come up with solutions that will make them more money while at the same time they will continue to dump their garbage throughout the world. This class of imperialists are filthy dirty slimes who will stop at nothing to make profits. And if they are not stopped they will destroy this whole planet! It is up to the working class to rid the earth of these monsters, to smash the profit system and take the power of the government into their own hands and make the world livable for the people of the world!

