Vice President Gerald Ford will be coming to Ann Arbor on May 4th to speak at University of Michigan commencement exercises, at Crisler Arena. Ford is being sent here to Ann Arbor in order to prop up the fascist state machine, and hide the true nature of this machine of the monopoly capitalist class from the people. Richard Nixon is hated and despised by the people and is totally exposed as a fascist mouthpiece of the monopoly capitalist class, who expresses everyday, that class's contempt for the people. So now the ruling class has dug up "honest" Jerry Ford and is parading their man before the people in an attempt to lull the people to sleep. They praise Ford as "honest" because after a so-called investigation it was supposedly found that it could not be proven that Ford had ever accepted any "illegal" bribes. All that this means is that Ford is an "honest" representative of the entire monopoly capitalist class, "honestly" serving them in their every effort to enslave and subjugate the American people and the people of the world.

Gerald Ford is no different than Nixon. He serves the same class and supports the same fascist rule at home and abroad. He has said that Nixon's foreign policy is "the best foreign policy of any President." If Ford is installed as chief executive, he will carry out the same attacks on the people of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and the Arab people. It was the Nazi butcher Nixon who carried out these crimes, including the saturation bombing of Hanoi. This was all accomplished with the quiet help of Ford, who, as a member of the House Defence Appropriations Committee, for 12 years consistently sponsored and fought for massive spending for imperialist war. In the U.S., Nixon has intensified fascist rule and super-exploitation of the working class by attacking the basic right of the workers to strike and by engineering the fascist labor front "productivity councils" along with the wage freeze. Recently he engineered the hoax of the "energy crisis" in order to further exploit the American people and set the stage for further attacks on the Arab people. This same butcher directed the massacre of Afro-American revolutionary fighters, and countless attacks on the people, including the Wounded Knee attack on the American Indian people, as well as the Kent State and Jackson State massacres of black and white American revolutionary youth. Gerald Ford fully supported all of these attacks on the people. During the early 60's he pushed for a federally sponsored and administered police network "for widespread dissemination of latest techniques in police science." In other words, the latest methods in suppressing the people, particularly the struggle of the Afro-American people against racial discrimination and violent repression. Ford was also one of the original sponsors of the Conspiracy Act of 1967, which was designed to further aid the executive in suppressing the people.

Gerald Ford has made it clear where he stands. He has consistently stood for the interests of one class: the monopoly capitalist class. Today, when the monopoly capitalist state stands exposed as a capitalist "machine for maintaining the rule of one class over another," -(LENIN)- and it becomes clearer everyday that "nowhere... is the power of capital, the power of a handful of billionaires, over the whole of society so openly corrupt as in America," -(LENIN)- Gerald Ford stands ready in the wings to step in as chief executive and restore "the rule of law" and "faith in our democratic institutions."

What this amounts to is an attempt to trick the people into giving the monopoly capitalists yet another chance to further escalate the super-exploitation and oppression of the people. As long as the monopoly capitalist class maintains state power there can be be only more exploitation and misery for the people. The Democratic and Republican parties both stand for the class rule of capital. And they stand united behind Gerald Ford because they know he will serve the interests of their class and maintain the fascist rule of capital.
A change in chief executive will mean nothing. The only solution for the American people and the people of the world is to defeat the fascist rule of the monopoly capitalist class. People of the world are rising up everywhere in fierce struggle against U.S. imperialism. Heroic struggles are being fought and are advancing in every corner of the world. The people of Cambodia under the leadership of the National United Front of Cambodia, led by Che-dek Norton Siemouk, are scoring great victories and are on the verge of final and total victory over the U.S.-Monol clique of traitors and butchers. At home, the “crisis in confidence” the bourgeoisie is screaming about is nothing less than a crisis in bourgeois institutions and the monopoly capitalist system itself. The American working class and people are developing increasingly revolutionary consciousness and are fighting for deep revolutionary changes that can only be achieved by overthrowing the foundations of the exploiting bourgeois order.

Gerald Ford is an enemy of the people. He stands for fascism and the rule of monopoly capital through its state machine.

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DENOUNCE GEORGE FORD, POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FASCIST STATE!
DOWN WITH THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP OF THE ENTIRE MONOPOLY CAPITALIST CLASS!

"...while massacring the people in other countries, U.S. imperialism is slaughtering the white and black people in its own country. Nixon’s fascist atrocities have kindled the raging flames of the revolutionary mass movement in the United States. The Chinese people firmly support the revolutionary struggle of the American people. I am convinced that the American people who are fighting valiantly will ultimately win victory and that the fascist rule in the United States will inevitably be defeated."

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