WHY ARE PEOPLE FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA HERE IN THE U.S.?

The following is a report of the first of a series of meetings organized by the Forum under the general heading "Who are our enem- ies? Who are our friends?"

The people of Africa, Asia and Latin America have been for centuries subjected to the most brutal exploitation, plunder and domination by colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism. Their economy has been destroyed to serve the interests of foreign overlords; their culture and social structure have been violently overturned; millions of them have been slaughtered or transformed into slaves at home or abroad as for the Africans who were brought as slaves to North America. Facing these conditions millions of them were forced to leave their land to immigrate to other countries in search of a better life. But, instead what they have found is the worst conditions of work; they have been racially discriminated, used for the most menial jobs as railroad building, and as slaves in the plantations in the South of the U.S.

From one side the economy of their countries has been transformed into a service economy only for the profits of the foreign overlords; from the other, they were forced to leave their countries and accept super-exploitation abroad by the same reactionary class. It is only for this reason that people from Africa, Asia and Latin America are here in the U.S.; or they were brought by force like the Africans, or they came here "voluntarily" in search of a better life attracted by the propaganda of the imperialists who say to offer them wealth and freedom.

Immigrant workers from Africa, Asia and Latin America here in the USA have greatly contributed to the intellectual and material development of this country. They are an integral part of the American working class and people and in no way can be detached from them as the U.S. imperialists strive to do.

The actual conditions of the people from Africa, Asia and Latin America both at home and abroad are nothing but the results of the aggressive policy of colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism in particular US imperialism today.

Modern colonialism began with the rise and growth of capitalism in Europe and for centuries has subjected the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America into the status of colonies through the destruction of their economy, the social structure and culture and the killing of the whole people. Colonization was the way which the capitalists used to obtain cheap labourers, to obtain markets for their goods and to exploit more raw materials for the capitalist production. But the people from Africa, Asia and
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Afro-Asian Latin American people are here racially attacked in the hope of dividing them from the rest of the American people. Massive amounts are spent in making propaganda against our people, by concocting various pseudo-theories especially in the universities, all this is aimed at grooming good slaves for U.S. imperialism from among the Afro-Asian Latin American people resident here.

But all the activities of imperialism are not serving to keep our people enslaved to imperialist ideology and politics. The scheme of the imperialists has turned to its opposite. More and more people from our countries are rising up totally rejecting the propaganda of the imperialists and taking up revolutionary and progressive politics; they see the necessity to organize against imperialism and are engaged in doing just that and it is with the slogan 'Death to Imperialism' that the unity among the people from Africa, Asia and Latin America is getting strengthened every day.

REVOLUTIONARY PUBLICATIONS

- CHICAGO
  Organ of the Hindustani Chadar Party (Marxist-Leninist),
  National Publication Centre, P.O. Box 727, Adelaide Station, Toronto 210, Canada

- SPARK
  Weekly Newspaper of the African, Asian and West Indian Community,
  National Publication Centre, P.O. Box 727, Adelaide Station, Toronto 210, Canada

- SOLIDARITY
  Organ of the Afro-Asian Latin American People's Solidarity Movement (Canada-Quebec)
  National Publication Centre, P.O. Box 727, Adelaide Station, Toronto 210, Canada

- AFRICAN VOICE
  Organ of the African Progressive Study Group
  African Progressive Study Group, P.O. Box 203, Stn. G, Montreal 130 P.Q., Canada

- NORTH AMERICA NEWS
  Digest of Revolutionary Journals from North America and Others Countries
  National Publication Centre, P.O. Box 727, Adelaide Station, Toronto 210, Canada

- NORTH AMERICA NEWS: DAILY RELEASE
  Digest of Revolutionary Journals from North America and Others Countries
  Necessity for Change Publications, P.O. Box 930, Boston, Mass 02103

- THE PATRIOT
  Newspaper of Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Forum (Seattle)
  P.O. Box 70592, Seattle, WA 98107

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the revolutionary aspiration and activities of our people, create and foment prejudices and make Asians fight Asians, Africans fight Africans, etc. In general, the imperialists and their agents have two aims: 1) to obscure the real nature of the struggle of our people, the real enemy against whom our people are fighting, and the real cause of the armed uprisings; 2) to create public opinion and mass hysteria against the just struggle in the oppressed countries in order to prepare conditions for massive interference and suppression of the people's wars by the imperialists.

The AALAPSF recognizes that the imperialists are organizing activities to serve its evil ends and sees the need to expose and denounce them in front of the masses in order that closer and deeper unity among the genuine people can be formed.

In opposition to the imperialist's forums (such as those provided by the International Center, the Ecumenical Campus Centre and the Area Centres-Centre for Chinese Studies, Centre for Japanese Studies, Centre for Eastern European, South and Southeast Asian Studies, etc.) we shall work to build a democratic forum which will at last enable people of our countries to discuss seriously and scientifically the problems facing us, free from the domination and supervision of police spies, CIA agents and imperialist stooges.

The program of the AALAPSF is based on:

1) support the national liberation struggle in Asia, Africa and Latin America,

2) support the revolutionary struggle of the American working class and people against U.S. imperialism, and

3) oppose racial discrimination and political repression of the people of Asia, Africa and Latin America in the U.S.

One of our activities will be to make scientific investigation and analysis of various national liberation struggles and present our analysis to the masses and discuss it in a mass-democratic way.

This way we will be in fact supporting the national liberation struggles of our people in two ways: 1) by uniting the people on the basis of principle, and 2) by doing propaganda in support of the just struggles.

LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA!

VICTORY TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA!

SERIES OF MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE FORUM

WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES? WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS?

- Why are people from Asia, Africa and Latin America here in the U.S.?

- The revolutionary struggle of the American working class and people is our struggle.

- What can we do while in the U.S. to support the national liberation struggles in our own countries?

Date, time and place will be announced.
LONG LIVE THE INDIAN REVOLUTION!

Great changes are taking place in India. The armed agrarian revolution, led by the Communist Party, is rapidly changing the face of India. The armed agrarian revolution is not only a struggle against the landlords and capitalists, but also a struggle for the freedom of the Indian people from the shackles of colonialism and imperialism.

The armed agrarian revolution has created an atmosphere of hope and optimism among the masses. The people are being mobilized to fight against the oppressive conditions of life that they have been subjected to for so long. The armed agrarian revolution is not only a struggle against the landlords and capitalists, but also a struggle for the freedom of the Indian people from the shackles of colonialism and imperialism.

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