THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE OCTOBER WAR

ON THE TWO-LINE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND THE NEW TASKS FOR THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

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Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) recently addressed the UN General Assembly as part of the present UN debate about the Palestinian question. The primary purpose of the visit and of this debate in the UN is to legitimize politically the Palestinian question as presented by the opportunist Arafat on the one hand, and on the other hand to prepare the world public opinion to accept the eventual formation of an "independent Palestinian state" on the West Bank.

The key questions Marxist-Leninists must concern themselves with are: (1) whose interests would the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank serve? (2) what is the stand of the revisionists on this question? (3) what should be the attitude of Marxist-Leninists toward this move to form a Palestinian state on the West Bank?

IMPERIALIST-ARAB REACTIONARY CONSPIRACY

Before the October War the Arab reactionary governments had hoped to "solve" the Palestinian question through the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 242, requiring Israel to withdraw to pre-1967 borders. A state of "no war, no peace" prevailed in the Middle East--a stalemate that benefitted neither the Arab ruling classes nor the imperialists. But in the meantime the Palestinian liberation movement was gaining momentum. The revolutionary fervor of the oppressed Arab and Palestinian peoples forced the reactionary governments to go beyond their desperate attempts to implement the UN resolution, and prepare for "war." Those prior attempts failed to materialize the hopes of the imperialists, the revisionist clique in power in the USSR, the reactionary Arab governments, and the Zionist ruling class. Thus, it became necessary to wage their conspiratorial war of October 1973 in order to break this stalemate.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

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The course of the struggle, at least 3 active unemployment committees have developed. One at Ford, Local 600, Dearborn Assembly Plant, one at Local 600, Tool and Die Building, and one at Eldon Gear in Lansing. At the same time, struggles for the formation of unemployment committees are taking place in many other local unions throughout the city. The UAW International Executive Board has been forced to reactivate its old Community Service Committees, which are tied into each local union structure, in order to stave off the development of unemployment committees.

Alongside of this development, has been the formation of the first unemployment council in the City of Detroit during the present crisis. This unemployment council developed out of the Support Committee for Jobs, which was organized around the issue of the closing of the Jefferson Ave., Assembly Plant. It is made up of a coalition of unemployed workers who view their objective open protest against the Chrysler Corp., and a mobilization of other activists for such actions.

The confrontation with the City Council took place on Dec. 18th, it was spearheaded by the Workers Action Coalition for Jobs (WACJ). Three demands were put forth, only one was addressed by the City Council Auditorium. 700 jobs were allocated in Sept., and up until the present time only 676 have been filled. Out of these 700 jobs, 100 have been set aside for the Police Department.

Also on Dec. 18th, a press conference was held by the Concerned Citizens Council and a coalition of 27 different community organizations, at which a retraction of an earlier statement was made. The original statement read: "abstinence and education, alcoholism, and drugs as the cause of the Jefferson closing was made. The Concerned Citizens Council then went ahead and announced the formation of the unemployed council. Within 24 hours over 500 phone calls were received, and the paper of the Concerned Citizens Council was forced to go back on the air to ask for a moratorium on calls, except for emergencies. Some of the calls for help came from as far away as 100 miles out of Detroit. Such is the current state of unemployment.

The tactics of the bourgeoisie are clear. Through their labor lieutenants, in this case, particularly the Teamster leadership, every attempt is being made to divide the working class. The Teamsters against auto workers and city employees and further through the press to turn the whole of the working class against the undocumented Mexican national workers. The Detroit News and the Freepress, in the Sunday, Dec. 29th editions, both carried headlining stories on the question of undocumented Mexican national workers, claiming that over 30,000 of these workers hold jobs in the state of Michigan.

But our tactics must also be clear. Our strength lies in organizing. The fight back of the working class in Detroit has taken many forms, the petition campaigns, the formation of unemployed councils and even in some cases, incidents of violence due to the frustration and desperation of our class. Every worker across the country must fight to organize unemployed councils. We must raise the issue of unemployment in every organization that we belong to. We must make our voices heard to the bourgeoisie. We must tell them that we will not accept their solution of unemployment with us. We must blame the undocumented workers in this country and try to further divide our class. We must show them that we will not accept their solution of unemployment with us. We must blame the undocumented workers in this country.

BUSING

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This series of partial measures was won by radicals who clearly understood that each victory, no matter how small, would cut the ground out from underneath the most important victories. In fact, it was the above series of measures that made possible the 13th Amendment (which outlawed slavery throughout the country).

As regards the struggle for the complete emancipation of the Negro people and the relationship of this struggle to the overall fight for socialism, we are faced with tactical decisions. These decisions include: should revolutionary black power, especially Anglo-American revolutionaries, who are the worst enemies of progress and the Negro people?

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In order to really understand the overwhelming importance of the busing issue, we must look at the recent events in the evolution of the struggle. First of all, it should be reaffirmed, and it is a sad commentary that it needs reaffirmation, that the Negro masses hate segregation, have consistently fought against it and will continue to do so. We must also reaffirm that the communist movement hates and struggles against segregation with all its fervor. If a man person in the country declares himself to be a racist, we are faced with the question of the subjective base - is their chauvinism that has convinced them that what is best for the Negro people?

In the current struggle over busing this question has sharply come to the fore. Some revolutionaries, especially Anglo-American revolutionaries who objectively joined the workers' struggle in the 1930's, are now tied into the Negro people in their 'principled' stand against busing. The reasons for this position are tied into each local union structure, in order to stave off the development of unemployment committees. Such an example is the so-called 'Swim against the tide.' However, it is easily seen that the subjective base - that is the so-called revolutionary base - is their chauvinism that has convinced them that what is best for the Negro people is their 'principled' stand against busing.

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