The present world-wide revolutionary trend finds the U.S. imperialism, in a perilous situation, in the unity of struggle of many countries of the 2nd World—the smaller imperialist and developed capitalist countries—with the developing countries of the 3rd World against the hegemonic policies of the U.S. and U.S.S.R. imperialists puts another twist in the wise of the superpowers. It attempted to mask its imperialist aims by saying "lie have not come to make war on the people of a country that for centuries has been oppressed, but to your property, and to bestow upon you the immunities and blessings of the liberal institutions of our government. This is not a war of devastation, but one to give all who hold the control of its military and naval forces the advantages and blessings of enlightened civilization.

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Today, U.S. imperialism has been joined by USSR social-imperialism. Together, they are the two top dogs striving for plunder, redistribution and hegemony of the world. Just as the Marshall Plan, A.I.D. and Operation Bootstrap, USSR social-imperialism has justified its aggression and expansion under the cloak of "socialism," "support for national liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism," and its false "aid" to the East European countries and developing Third World countries. Along with the U.S., the USSR social-imperialists claim to uphold "peace" under the policy of "detente," yet both these superpowers have been competing to redraw the world and working together to crush the revolutionary movements that threaten their hegemonic ambitions. They have been contending and colluding, bringing closer the danger of a third imperialist world war. (See Palante articles on superpower contention and collusion in the Middle East, Vol. 4, #5, #6)

Before going on to show examples of this phenomenon, let's reaffirm the Marxist-Leninist line on the state.

THE STATE IS AN INSTRUMENT OF CLASS RULE

The state is the apparatus of violence and coercion by which one class forces its rule on other classes, which one class emerged with the existence of classes. In primitive communism, the state will come into being in the struggle of many countries of the 2nd World—the smaller imperialist and developed capitalist countries—with the developing countries of the 3rd World against the hegemonic policies of the U.S. and U.S.S.R. imperialists. It will have to go through the doom of the superpowers. This situation finds the superpowers sharpening their swords in preparation for a 3rd World War in a mad attempt to stall their inevitable downfall.

The monopoly capitalists find that their own backyards are ablaze with the fire of the revolution. In the U.S., the attempts to put the crisis of imperialism on the backs of the proletariat and masses of people is being met with fierce resistance all over the country. Connected to this mighty spontaneous and growing in strength day-by-day for over 10 years—since the betrayal of the "CP" USA—remote areas and the countryside.

EDITORIAL: "ANTI-SOVIETISM"—WORST POISON IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT?

On July 25, 1968, U.S. imperialism invaded Puerto Rico militarily and began its savage domination over the Puerto Rican nation. The commanding general of the invading forces, Melvin Miles, said:

"We have not come to make war on the people of a country that for centuries has been oppressed, but on the contrary, to bring you protection, not only to yourselves, but to your property, and to bestow upon you the immunities and blessings of the liberal institutions of our government. This is not a war of devastation, but one to give all those who hold the control of its military and naval forces the advantages and blessings of enlightened civilization."

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USSR social-imperialism poses a danger to Puerto Rico and all national liberation struggles, with their signboard of "socialism" and false "aid," they claim to be genuine supporters of the national liberation struggles.
"Anti-Sovietism" doesn't mean for attempting to raise the Soviet Union as a 'friend' of the Third World. The Cuban Communist Party has been and is by the Soviet revisionists to deliver attacks against capitalists of the international communist movement. Clearly, the Soviet plan is to make Cuba into "a pariah of the colony."

(from "In the U.S. Pregnant with Revisionism; the Struggle for Proletarian Revolution Moves Ahead"—political positions of the FRENCO)

Yet, the PSF (who claims that they are not the defenders of the USSR) comes to the defense of social-imperialism in their article in Claridad, March 25, 1977, "Anti-Soviet Feelings in the U.S." They try to feed to their readers the masses of people the lie that the struggle against Soviet revisionism, against imperialism, is now the bourgeoisie anti-Soviet campaign that developed at the birth of the USSR, when it was under Lenin and Stalin's leadership. We should therefore take this back to the period when the USSR under Lenin's and Stalin's leadership was the true land of the international proletariat and how today the Khrushchov and Brezhnev revisionists have conducted an all-round restoration of capitalism and developed social-imperialism in the USSR.

RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM IN THE USSR

Under the leadership of Lenin, the Great October Socialist Revolution brought about the fundamental change from the old world of capitalism to the new world of socialism, opening up a new era in the history of mankind.

"After the death of Lenin, Stalin, however, and defended the cause of Leninism in his struggle against decent and foreign class enemies and against the right and "left" opportunists in the Party. He led the Soviet people under the command of Stalin became the main force in defeating fascist aggression and made significant contributions which will live forever in the history of mankind. (from "Leninism or Social-Imperialism")

Like Lenin and Stalin, Comrade Mao Tse Tung has taught us that socialism is a transition to a classless society, and that it is necessary to promote revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. In this process, it is of vital importance that those bourgeois elements who are socialist in the sense of the term, who take the road of capitalist restoration, are thoroughly exposed and purged from the Party. If not, these bourgeois elements will take hold of the leadership of the Party and the state, will begin a process of all-round restoration of capitalism and will either become a socialist-imperialist power (as in the case of Czechoslovakia and the Mongolian People's Republic).

As historical materialism has taught us, history has its twists and turns. Just as Bernstein's and Kautsky's revisionism developed after the death of Lenin, Khrushchov and Brezhnev revisionism developed after the death of Stalin. The only difference between Kautsky and Bernstein and the modern revisionists is that the Khrushchov and Brezhnev cliques have usurped state power in the first socialist republic.

At the 22nd Congress of the CPSU, the revisionist Khrushchov clique developed their revisionism into a complete system. They not only rounded off their anti-revolutionary theories of "peaceful coexistence, peaceful competition and peaceful transition," but also declared that the dictatorship of the proletariat is no longer necessary in the Soviet Union, and put toward the revisionist theories of the "state of the whole people" and the "party of the entire people." This changed the whole character of the revisionists. They take power and develop a bureaucrat-capitalist class that paved the way for the capitalist restoration under the guise of "reform and construction."

Khrushchov raised to a state policy the imitation of the methods of capitalist management in the U.S. He energetically enforced "nationalization of the joint economic system" that placed profits above everything else. In March 1965, they issued a report on agriculture, saying that "the rate of profit should be the basis for the objective assessment of the operation of the collective and state farms." They have also pushed a policy of (material) or "economic incentives" so that they be increased through the "prices, profits, and bonuses." The enforcement of the "new system" has resulted in abolishing the former system of unified economic plans.
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Promoting private enterprise and the profit drive over collective, planned, socialist economy, the Soviet revisionists promote the idea that money, not the masses, is decisive. The above picture, from a Soviet journal, is called "The Powerful Locomotive." The words on the front of the engine read "One Ruble."

...aiming by the state and setting profits above all. It authorizes the enterprises to decide independently on their production and management plans and gives them free rein to seek high profits as in capitalist enterprises. It provided the leaders of the enterprises with more and bigger privileges and endowed them with the power to deal freely with matters concerning production, finance and personnel in the enterprises." ("All-Round Restoration of Capitalism in the USSR," PFLP)

They also developed a resolution allowing for state banks to lend money here loans to promote the increase of private livestock. Therefore, private economy has developed daily. Like in capitalist society, the revisionists have lifted all restrictions on the prices of agricultural produce and livestock products, thereby developing capitalistic farmer markets and free competition, leaving the doors wide open for private merchants. These free markets, which have replaced "state stores," are under the control of private merchants "who engage in speculation, demand cut-throat prices and practice all sorts of swindling." At the same time, the revisionist clique has followed an "open door" policy that has allowed monopoly capitalist groups from the U.S., France, Italy, Japan, etc., to penetrate the economy of the USSR and plunder the natural resources, damage the natural interests, and exploit the working people. One well known example is that of the Italian capitalist, Fiat, which built an auto plant in the USSR. For every car the Soviet workers build, the Italian capitalists get a cut. The profits are shared between the Soviet state monopoly capitalists and the Italian capitalists.

"The core of this new system is to use every means to encourage the enterprise to seek profit and to promote production by material incentives." (Ibid)

Like all exploiting class societies, the restoration of capitalism in the USSR has led to the development of a privileged bourgeois-noblesse class which is in fundamental, antagonistic contradiction with the proletariat and laboring masses. Capitalism in the USSR has brought back the anarchy in production which causes confusion in production, serious setbacks, a sharp decline in the quality of goods, and has caused speculation and theft to become rampant.

The revisionist clique has increased the labor intensity (similar to speed-ups in the U.S.) so that they may be able to extract as much surplus value from the working people as possible. They have developed new technology under the guise of "scientific organization of labor" that needs less workers (therefore sending them into the ranks of the unemployed) and increasing the labor intensity. A good example of this is the "Shestokho System" in the USSR, which was put together by a chemical combine under the slogan of "cheaper, more, faster," to get high profits and big bonuses.

"It (Shestokho System) has two main features: one is combining different kinds of jobs, enlarging the worker's sphere of work, making one worker responsible for many jobs, having one man do the work of two or three and dismissing "redundant workers" in large numbers; the other is so-called "scientific organization of labor," filming the motions of a worker's hands during production, noting "the number of times the hands are idle," drawing up a diagram chart for the worker's hands to follow and then forcing the workers to work intensively with no let-up according to these 'scientific' charts. Under this system for 'scientific organization of labor' the workers are under such pressure that they have no time to stop for even a sip of tea and are completely reduced to 'talking machines.' After a day's work, they are absolutely exhausted. Their health and nervous system is gravely affected." (Peking Review, June 6, 1975)

The Shchekino Chemical Combine has dismissed more than 1,300 workers, nearly 20% of the original number of workers in the plant, from 1967 to 1973. Since then, over 230 enterprises have "followed the example of the Shchekino people," cutting about 70,000 from the labor force by July 1, 1973. Today, even the Soviet press has had to admit that "labor in surplus of tens of thousands (of the USSR)," and 'residents' employment has already become a problem." "A large reserve army of labor power has emerged in the Kurgan Region, and as a result of the failure to find work in their own region, the unemployed have had to leave their homes to go job-hunting elsewhere." (Peking Review, May 16, 1975)

A Soviet journal, Socialist Labour, revealed in 1973 that the 1972 floating labor force in Soviet industry was 226% of its total, i.e., 4,362,900 workers. However, being re-employed, each worker lost 28 work days. This means that 780,000 persons did not work for a whole year.

There has also been an inhabitant's tax paid by workers which represented more than 11% of a family's combined wages. Inflation in the USSR, such as the 43% increase in the cost of flour, 33% increase in beef, and 66% increase in cabbage.

In the USSR, there has also been a rampant rise of national chauvinism. The average monthly wage of the workers and staff in most non-Russian republics is lower than that in the Russian Federative Republic. For example, it is lower by 16% in Byelorussia, by 20% in Georgia, and by 21% in Moldova. The non-Russian republics are also discriminated against in consumer goods supply, housing, culture and education, and medical and health services.

In response to this capitalist oppression and exploitation, the Soviet workers and peasants have spontaneously begun to fight back against the monopoly bureaucrat-capitalist class. Workers have held slowdowns and absenteeism has spread widely. Mass strikes and demonstrations have taken place repeatedly in different parts of the USSR. But the revisionist clique has resorted to a fascist dictatorship to suppress the workers and laboring people. (Here, we are not talking about the phony "disidents," anti-communist, counter-revolutionaries like Solzhenitsyn.)

"Since 1965, the Brezhnev clique has considerably amplified its fascist dictatorship machinery, setting up many new so-called 'reform commissions' in all spheres of work and special agent departments... In 1968, police power was also expanded, the number of police greatly increased and 'protectionists' security officials,' 'night shift police stations' and 'motorized police units' were set up. The most modern equipment for reconnaissance and suppression were set up... In addition to new prisons, the Soviet revisionists have put up many 'labor camps' for the suppression of revolutionary people... It is reported that there are over 1,000 'labor camps' with a total of more than a million prisoners." (Peking Review #4, 1974)

We can definitely see that Chubanov Nao's statement was correct when he said: 'The Soviet Union today is under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, a dictatorship of the big bourgeoisie, a dictatorship of the German fascists, a dictatorship of the Hitler type.'

The phenomenon explained in the preceding section, i.e., the profit motive, material incentives, encouragement of private economy, rise of a privileged bourgeoisie class, free market system, market competition, increased labor intensity with rising unemployment, national chauvinism and national discrimination and the fascist repression— all clearly manifestations of a capitalist society. Yet the CPS and other officials of the regime will all say that "the USSR's economic system is not exactly like that of capitalist countries." As we have explained in previous polemics:

"Like U.S. imperialism, the economic base of Soviet social-imperialism is also a private capitalism. In 1976, the working class in the Soviet Union, led by the Komsomol Party, seized state power, took possession of the means of..."
production in the form of state ownership, establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat. With the usurping of state power and the restoration of capitalism, the dictatorship of the proletariat has been changed once again into the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

The socialistic state ownership has been changed into ownership by the bureaucratic monopolistic capitalist class." (Pravda, Proletarian Internationalism or Revisionism, January 1975)

"The phenomenon of social-imperialism or state monopolistic capitalism is derived from "socialism" (Pravda, Review, 25, 1972) only in the form of ownership of the means of production and appropriation of wealth. In a capitalist society ownership of the means of production and appropriation is "private." In a revisionist country the form used in the state. In both cases, the essence behind the forms in a system of "socialism" and "capitalism" is the bourgeoisie." (Pravda, In the U.S. (Fragrant with Revisionism the Struggle for Proletarian Revolution Moves Ahead)

With the further restoration of capitalism in the USSR, the stance of proletarian internationalism has degenerated to a form of "socialism" and "capitalism". Despite its revisionist policy of "peaceful coexistence" and "detente," and its pharaonic governing for disarmament, it has developed a military economy in the USSR, disregarding the daily necessities and consumer goods for the Soviet people, and has utilized the Narkom Treasury Organization as a tool for exploitation of Europe (the main area of contention by the two superpowers).

Under the "socialist community" flag, the Brezhnev clique has reduced a number of East European countries to Soviet satellites and colonies and has made the organization a tool to prop up its colonial rule, subjugating these countries to military control and occupation. The Soviet Union maintains over 2.4 million troops and about 11,000 aircraft in Eastern Europe and the European part of the USSR. It has 75,000 troops in Czechoslovakia alone.

The Brezhnev clique also disguises its neo-colonialist aims by flashing phrases such as a "division of labour," a "socialist mode of labor," a "socialist integration," and "limited sovereignty." It has utilized the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) and Council of Mutual Economic Aid (CMEA) plans, besides the aims of these countries, as well as their productive branches, under the control of the social-imperialists. The USSR has forced them to depend on the USSR for raw materials, fuel, machinery, equipment, and other important materials. Thus, for example, Czech imports of oil, iron ore and non-ferrous metals, 80% of food grains, over 50% of cotton, and over 50% of sugar and various phosphates are of Soviet origin.

Also, the investments of the CMEA are intended to fulfill the needs of the USSR. For example, the CMEA investment in the last two years has granted about 900 million dollars in the form of credits for the construction of 26 projects in six member countries. The USSR has absorbed over 2/3 of this sum, while Poland only received 6%. Aside from this, many projects under construction in Eastern Europe are subsidiaries of Soviet trusts, such as the automobile plants in Bulgaria and Hungary. (Albania Today, May-June 1976) So that the USSR also draws cheap labor from the satellite countries. And, as pointed out before, the USSR's false "aid" is nothing more than an imperialist exploitation of the people of Europe, but of the Third World to be dependent on the USSR social-imperialists.

PSP DEFENDS AND SUPPORTS SOCIAL IMPERIALISM

Despite the numerous facts that exist to prove that the USSR is a socialist country and is a social-imperialist power, the PSP, as well as the revisionist "GEMBA" claims that the USSR is a socialist country and is not a revisionist state. They claim that the present criticism of Soviet social-imperialism is the same bourgeois campaign that developed during Lenin's time, with the help according to PSP, Mao Tse Tung, the greatest Marxist-Leninist in our era, is building a "bourgeois campaign" when he says that in the USSR, "the socialist power to the power of revisionism means the rise to power of the bourgeoisie."

PSP tries to ignore the fact that the USSR under Lenin and Stalin was fundamentally different from the USSR under Khroushchev and Brezhnev. They try to pass this revisionist clique as "real" to and at the same time claim that "anti-Sovietism is one of the worst poison that progressive, revolutionary and anti-imperialist forces have to face." The same they seek truth from facts, we find that in the U.S. revolutionary movement, the obstacle that has created the most serious setback has been the parliamentary, social-pacifist, class collaborationist road that the NPFUSA has followed. Of course, PSP would not agree with this, since they consider the "U.S.P" a "bureaucratic organization," and resulted in over 500 of their "militants.

PSP give political education to PSP cadres and supporters on the topic of "The trade-union movement today." (Vermont Socialists, May 16, 1976, N.Y.)

PSP in the U.S. and in Puerto Rico not only defends Soviet social-imperialism and bourgeois multinationalism, but also in pushing revisionist theories like "detente" which was put forward by Juan Piri Rama, Secretary General of PPF, at the Oct. 29th rally. They don't unite with these theories, but they further develop their revisionist theories, such as their theory of the Puerto Rican "divided nation." In the U.S., the role that they play is to consciously lead the Puerto Rican workers and progressive elements away from their revolutionary base. All communists in this country must struggle against this.

CONCLUSION

Today in Puerto Rico, the workers movement is spontaneously rising, fighting against U.S. plunder and enslavement. Recent events have taught us about strikes, demonstrations, student protests, etc. all over Puerto Rico. At one point PSI-PPF played a progressive role in the broad revolutionary struggle against oppression. But because they did not struggle against opportunism, struggle to bolshevize their ranks, instead of going from a lower to a higher level of Marxism, they went from a lower to a higher level of opportunism. Today there are many honest cadres in PSP who want to play a progressive role in the Puerto Rican struggle against oppression, but by holding a revisionist line and defending social-imperialism they are unable to do this. Instead, they spread revisionism amongst the working class, thereby paving the road for the revolutionary movement in Puerto Rico to be infested with bourgeois elements that would create serious setbacks in the revolutionary movement.

The genuine Marxist-Leninists in Puerto Rico must polemicize and expose the opportunist lines in the revolutionary movement, begin to merge communist with the workers' movement and unite the genuine Marxist-Leninists in a Bolshevik Party that will build a United Front Against Imperialism and superpower hegemonism, particularly the U.S. Imperialists, and end the waste of energy by the state apparatus to begin the construction of socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

At present throughout the world, the revolutionary movements are being united in a broad united front against imperialism and superpower hegemonism. The peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America have already gained many victories against the reactionaries. We have already witnessed the rising workers' struggles in the advanced capitalist countries. In the USSR, the Soviet people too have begun to organize themselves and fight back against the revisionist-fascist clique. Marxist-Leninist groups have built underground organisations such as the Stalin Group, the Old Fighters Group, and the Committee for Re-building a Marxist-Leninist Party. These facts further prove Mao Tse Tung correct when he said:

"The Soviet Union was the first socialist state and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was created by Lenin. Although the leadership of the Soviet Party and the state has now been changed by us, we would advise comrades to remain firm in the conviction that the names of the Soviet people and of Party members and cadres are good, that they do not deviate from that and that revisionist rule will not last long."

The world is in great disorder. The danger of a world war between the two superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR, does exist, but revolutionary is the main trend in the world today. It is the task of all Marxist-Leninists to unite the revolutionary movement in struggle against imperialism and social imperialism headed by the U.S. and USSR.

To those who would deny this task, defend the social-imperialists, and whine about "how we can't do..., we can only say that you are singing a tired old song that the masses of the world's people are increasingly rejecting. You may con't on pg. 10.
We are a communist organisation. We adhere to the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought and uphold the revolutionary teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Mao Tse Tung. We function on the basis of democratic centralism. We fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat and the dictatorship of socialism, towards the abolition of class society - the final aim of communists.

We know we cannot achieve the dictatorship of the proletariat without the armed, violent overthrow of the bourgeoisie state.

We know we cannot overthrow the bourgeoisie state by means of theoretically correct, uncompromising struggle against all forms of opportunism - revisionism and Trotskyism. We believe the main danger in the world today is the right-wing opportunism - revisionism - represented most fully in the international sphere by the U.S.S.R. and in the national sphere by the CPUSA.

We believe the building of the revolutionary proletarian party of a new type in the central task of all communists and has been since the betrayal of the CPUSA. We call for and work towards uniting with all genuine Marxists-Leninists to build our party - the party of the U.S. multi-national proletariat.

We uphold the right of nations to self-determination. We accept our responsibility to render direct and determined support to the liberation movements of the oppressed peoples against the U.S. imperialists understanding that the path to the abolition of the poverty, oppression, and rape of the colonies is the unity between the proletariat of the oppressor nation and the peoples of the oppressed nations. No nation can be free while it oppresses another nation - the reserves of the imperialists must be turned into the reserves of the international proletariat.

We uphold the international slogan of Marxism-Leninism: 'Workers of the world, unite!' And we, as part of the international proletariat, take great pride in and learn from the leading revolutionary successes of the People's Republic of China and Albania.

**CRIME**

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...in the capitalist world. There is a marked contrast between the shocking prisons in the Deep South engineered for black victims and those better ones, predominantly for white people.

Australia is in somewhat a unique position. Whilst not strictly a colonial country (although the British domination has declined) it is an imperialised country controlled politically by the British. Imperialism means only that Australia is governed by British imperialism. The quasi-feudal attitude towards crime is a direct outcome of the subversion of the communist ruling class to foreign interests. Unhappily the standard of living in Australia is comparatively high yet in proportion to our national wealth we would be one of, if not the, poorest white capitalist countries in the world. This relative poverty naturally manifests itself in all our institutions especially in the penal system.

While the term "rehabilitation" is commonly in currency in the leading newspapers of capitalist countries, only a few in fact ever try to implement this myth. Of course, "the imperialist" capitalist countries like Sweden are superior to those in Australia but the difference is not a qualitative one. As the concept of "rehabilitation" is a fraud in capitalist societies, here, to rehabilitate the criminal means to make him adjust and conform to the realities of capitalism and to those very social conditions which forced him into "crime". In this context "rehabilitation" could be more correctly defined as "reconstruction" of this so called "criminal" attitude as opposed to the punishment of thought of is the true expression of the (non-imperialist) bourgeois society at times when its political power is most strongly challenged. In these relatively quiet times "rehabilitation" in all vogue; however, capitalism when threatened, quickly strips and in this process reverts back to the punishment syndrome.

**"ANTI-SOVIETISM"**

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we are "anti-Soviet." But this label cannot be stuck on us. It is you who are really anti-Soviet. Our criticisms of Soviet social-imperialism are precisely for the purpose of defending the heroic Russian masses, the mighty Bolshevik Party, and our great revolutionary leaders and teachers, Lenin and Stalin.

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