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prices increased during the period, particularly since 1978. U.S. imperialism has definitely benefited from the generally more aggressive period of expansionism, and settled on a course favored by a new imperialism.

At the same time, there has been a new and significant dev-

ection of events as well, a turn to-ward fascism. The menace of fascist reaction and domi-

cial question in the U.S., and the lessens through which we gain

view of the No-

mer 11 elections. Fascism will not come to power through bourgeois elections on November 4th, but the elections will provide a barometer of the pace of the fascist menace, the cohesion of the fascist movement and the contours of the fascist program...

The center-piece of the role of monopoly capitalism in the U.S. is the growth and development of the reactionary imperialist state. In the State and Revolution Lenin long ago recognized this development.

"Imperialism—the era of bank capital, the era of gigantic con-

clusions and their consequences. The law of the development of monopoly capitalism into state monopoly capitalism is demonstrated with particular force an extraordinary strengthening in the expressed boundless toward unprecedented growth of its bureau-

cratic and military apparatus, in connection with the great exhaust-

ation of repression against the proletariat..."

"The men who have been seen in the economic, social, ideological and politi-

cal balance in the U.S. today...

The periodic economic crises which has gripped the U.S. econ-

omy since late last year is reflect-

ed in the ongoing depression, the decline of productive capac-

ity, trade deficits, the credit and salvation of its position in the world situation in the auto and steel industries...Editor's Note: Due to an error in the presentation of the headline, the word "issue" has been omitted.

While there may be some important economic fluctuations in particular figures, the monop-

yeast capital will not easily extricate themselves from this crisis, and seek every opportunity to exploit and intensify the burden of this crisis on the workers in a massive decline of living standards...

The consequence of three maj-

or economic crises in ten years in the U.S. is that the lives of the pro-

lets are coming closer and closer together and with ever greater intensity...

The social decay and degener-

ation of life in the U.S. is every-

where visible. The violations in the cities, the cruelty in the pub-

ges, the liquidation of small businesses, the exploitation of the poor, the char-

graphe, child abuse and "wife beating", and countless other effec-

tes of this period. The movement of the youth and the aged face special oppression and special hardships and the "Breadline"...

Various national minorities face increasing national oppres-

sion, which has obliterated many of the hard-won democratic rights of the last two decades...These developments fully verify the reality that national oppression is an integral part of the impe-

rialist system.

Ideologically, we must note the poli
tization occurring in the U.S. and white supremacy in the U.S., the spread of all manner of deca-
sation and horrors knit, pulp rock, and the spread of ABC's, the phys-
ics and anti-science theories of every variety...It is no accident that the long and arduous, there is de-

noted a campaign to spread reac-

tory religious thinking, lavishly

time and money to the so-called "team again" movement...Such organiza-

tions as the Moral Majority are to the wall...""The church for fasci-

m..."

What Conclusions Do We Draw?

All of the various tendencies we see economically, politically, socially or ideologically are re-

ected in the actual political bal-

cance of forces...In this light, there are a number of points to recog-

ize about the present situa-

tion...

First, there is no doubt today that a growing number of people are beginning to participate in the impe-

rialist election circus. Voter partici-

pation has plummeted from 62% in 1960 to 52% in 1976, and even less in the 1978 inter-

sis. Consequently, there has been a dramatic increase in referendum and referendum activity in the recent period, cor-

responding to both the needs of imperialism and the relatively quiet situation in the class strug-

le. On many fronts the credibil-

ity of the imperialist politicians has eroded...and the propa-

ganda of imperialism are now called to plug the gap.

Second, there is a definite polarization occurring in the U.S. and in the world. "The Right," unmistakably more pow-

erful and more organized than the Left, is accumulating forces rapidly, and, indeed, this is one of the functions of such elections. While the right is splintered, the spontaneous revolutionary move-

ment of the working class is disorganized, fragmented and divided. The left is a cleft of class strug-

le emerging on a scale not seen since the 1930's...

Third, we notice that today the Imperialists are increasingly unable to rule and larger and lar-

er numbers of people are unwilling to be ruled. This cannot be inter-}

ected as a class-conscious cleavage, but as mounting spon-

taneous sentiment, an objective phenomenon...""A genuine revolutionary situ-

tion emerging, there is little in-

"..."The struggle against the class struggle would be programmed to waged the battle required for victory...

The November 4th elections are based upon this scientific evaluation of the class struggle and the actual motion of class forces in the world and in the U.S. In this period, revolutionary consciousness and revolutionary ac-

tion must be boldly combined, to strengthen the revolutionary class consciousness of growing numbers of workers, to draw in to struggle countless more work-

ers and to form the CPUSA/ML and the revolutionary mass organizations for the large class battles ahead of them..."

That is why the building of the Party in this period is a question of forging real revolutionary cadre to build a revolutionary center to the working class move-

ment...

We are confident that the No November 4th elections a critical moment in the very important implementation of the unified front tactic of the Party...promote the big issue for those millions who will refuse to vote on November 4th have important implications for the refusal to vote, their refusal to participate in the election circu-

ults...a clear indication of the class consciousness. We already know that on the issue of voting is voting are voting...

We can take a step up the New Left, the continued organizing and militant struggle against the imperialism any moral victory, by swelling the ranks of those who refuse to vote. This great refusal does not weaken the so-called "democratic system", but strengthens the cause of the im-

perialist movement, imperialism for what it really is, an enslaving dictatorship of the bourgeoise...""And when the proletariat..."

Sixth, therefore, we must re-

cognize that the capitalist class today occupies an of-

fensive position and the working class is in a very defensive position in the class struggle...

What all this means today is that the period ahead in the class struggle, regardless of who gets elected, will mean increased hardship for the working people, with an inten-

sity and pace that has not been seen since the depression. There is nothing more absurd than the wild proclamations of the bourgeoisie as the Revolu-

tional Communist Party or the Communist Workers Party (who look alike today) that the revolu-

tionary situation can be pro-

duced and factual presentation of the actual motion of classes and balance of forces. No reason for the ille-

galization of the Party.

As the Working Class, the working class must seize power, in armed battle against the bourgeois state machine. A single fool would try to predict exactly how that will happen. In the current social and political climate in the U.S., and facing the most powerful state the world has ever seen, a state controlled by a very experienced, highly skilled and ruthless bourgeoisie in these conditions of the U.S. it will certainly take ingenuity to find the path by which the working class will arrive at the revolu-

tion...We can say this much, though: it will require the workers to united and organized as a class, the leadership of its own vanguard communist party; it will require that the revolutionary pro-

letarian state and its Party on the road to socialism, democracy and liberation! Rally to the banner of the CPUSA/ML for the dictatorship of the proletariat!

The Capitalist State

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..."...Elections, parliamentary de-

moracy, in the bourgeois state, class struggle, elections. The working class cannot win the ele-


cies certainly can and should be used by the working class. But the utilization of the bourgeois el-

ectoral system, as Engels said, is "the gauge of maturity of the working class. It cannot and never will be anything more in the pre-

sent-day state." We know from long experience ourselves that elections within the present U.S. state system are not really captive of the will of the majority of the toilers and of securing its realization." (Lenin) "..."The struggle against the class..."

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