U.S. IMPERIALISM, GET OUT OF GRENA达!

Today, October 25th, U.S. imperialism—seeking to exploit recent tragic events in Grenada—has staged a brutal full-scale military invasion of that country. Some 1,900 U.S. troops, backed up by helicopter gunships and naval landings in Grenadian soil, as part of a massive invasion force involving over 10 U.S. battleships, numerous U.S. transport planes, the U.S. aircraft carrier "Independence" and assisted by the troops of several reactionary regimes in the West Indies. This invasion force has seized Grenada's two airports, the main power station, the radio station and has declared a 50 nautical mile blockade of the country. Reports already indicate that many people have been slaughtered by this brutal occupation force. This is a monstrous outrage.

This savage aggression has been carried out under the lying pretenses of "evacuating U.S. citizens", of "restoring law and order" and "peace and democracy", "forestalling chaos" and "calming fears", according to Ronald Reagan. But the bloodstained Reagan and the Pentagon criminals have known all along that U.S. citizens were under no threat. Indeed, both the ex-chancellor and the present dean of the American Medical College in Grenada have publicly confirmed that U.S. citizens were under no threat. The true purpose of this brutal invasion is to fulfill the previously declared aim of U.S. imperialism — to force the Grenadian people to their knees and install a regime that has the blessings of the hated warmonger and imperialist chieftain, Ronald Reagan.

U.S. imperialism has been awaiting an opportunity to carry out its aggressive schemes against Grenada. And, with the difficult situation that has arisen there, the warmonger, Ronald Reagan, acted.

On Thursday October 13, 1983, a coup d'etat was carried out in Grenada in which the administration of Maurice Bishop, the Prime Minister, was removed from office. This coup was an outcome of unprincipled strife that has been taking place inside the ruling New Jewel Movement (NJM), of which Bishop was a leader. And, this coup was carried out by a rival faction of the NJM which included the country's top military officers. Subsequently, on Wednesday October 19, Bishop, three other ministers and several civilians were slaughtered by the military forces; a Military Council was set up to run the country; a four-day curfew and other emergency measures declared (which was lifted yesterday).

The West Indian Voice condemns the unprincipled strife, the bloodletting and the murder committed by the ruling Military Council of the NJM—which has opened the Grenadian people to tragedy, bringing grist to the mills of imperialism and domestic reaction in the West Indies which have been posed for some time now for an opportunity to attack the people of Grenada.

U.S. imperialism opposed the Bishop administration and the Military Council that recently succeeded it. This does not mean that either Bishop, or the Military Council were Marxist-Leninist, for they were not. Nor was Grenada a socialist state. In fact, both the Bishop administration and the NJM and the Military Council of the NJM which overthrew it, stood for maintaining imperialist presence and "encouraging" the private sector in Grenada, while criticizing U.S. imperialist bullying and repression, both factions of the NJM stood, for a policy of coming to terms with imperialism and with the Grenadian bourgeois and landlords. But, not favoring these regimes, U.S. imperialism has insisted that it has the right to decide who should rule in Grenada and who shouldn't. U.S. imperialism demands the complete capitulation of the peoples and states in the region to its own hegemonic baton. It is this that has been behind U.S. imperialist aggression against Grenada all along. For, Washington sees the Caribbean as a private "backyard" for U.S. imperialist plunder and dictate.

Thus, with the invasion unleashed against the people of Grenada, U.S. state department officials have made it clear that this should "serve as a strong signal" to their other imperialists.

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Wage Mass Struggle Against Police Terror And The Koch Regime

The communities of the poor, the employed and unemployed, the oppressed minorities, as well as whites, live under a reign of "justice" meted out by the policeman's billy club and bullets. Two hundred people have been killed by the police in the less than six years of the Koch administration alone. The figure for the last year stood at 39. While police killings of people of various racial backgrounds, including whites, are steadily rising — the city's blacks and Hispanics are especially hard hit. They are a special target for whom racist police terror is a living nightmare and against whom racist gangs are being activated. The barbaric crimes of the NYPD are matched only by the support and encouragement with which the police are rewarded for their terroristic activities by the city administration and courts of the capitalists. It shows that police terror against the masses is not accidental. Police terror is an essential condition of the rule of a handful of capitalists.

But the outrage of the masses over the savage murders and the daily incidents of terrible and humiliating beatings by police is growing.
Down With The U.S. Backed Apartheid Regime

The Solidarity movement has the special duty of confronting the challenge thrown down by U.S. imperialism, which closely linked with, and backs apartheid to the hilt.

South Africa is not just a matter of some "ill-advised" investments or government "lukewarm" in the mass agitations of the U.S. imperialists. The U.S. has built a massive corporate and banking empire in South Africa involving over 350 companies, with investments and holdings in excess of U.S. $14 billion. The U.S. imperialists did not just accidentally stumble on this pot of gold. Rather, the high level of U.S. investment in South Africa is a measure of how U.S. imperialism is accustomed to the enormous superprofits obtained through the apartheid system. Thus, U.S. imperialism has a big stake vested in the continuation of the apartheid system in South Africa.

Moreover, the apartheid regime in South Africa has been an instrument of imperialism in this region. It is a regime which, armed to the teeth, is frequently un-leashed against subjugation of black masses and subjugated peoples, and the people in neighboring states. Finally, the South African regime provides a strategic haven for CIA-trained agents and serves as a trusted guardian of strategic sea routes patrolled by the navies of U.S. and other Western powers. In addition, this is an alliance based on profits and on common aggressive and counterrevolutionary objectives.

This is why South African apartheid has received the firm support of successive administrations in Washington. The Carter administration's hypocritical pro-caging behind the shabby "ban" on certain aspects of U.S. ties with the apartheid regime never altered this fact in the slightest. And Reagan, with his self-proclaimed policy of "constructive engagement" with the apartheid regime, is proudly carrying forward this long-standing support in a more naked form.

The Solidarity movement with the South African masses against apartheid demands resolute opposition to U.S. imperialism. The mass movement in solidarity with the people of South Africa must be vigilant to oppose the deception by various Democratic Party liberals, including various black politicians and public officials such as from the American Committee on Africa (ACA) who are opposed to the movement targeting U.S. imperialism as a system. To tone down the denunciation of U.S. imperialism, they argue that U.S. corporate investments in South Africa are "ill-advised," and represent "a risk," since the apartheid regime was one day be merely overturned. Their concern is to glaze the "fascism," the "perception," of U.S. imperialism by the South African masses in order to maintain the regime as a whole. Their "argument" is not against U.S. imperialist plunder of the African masses, but against the "danger" and "clumsy" way in which U.S. imperialism has tied itself to the hands that create and support the apartheid regime. And consequently, they favor a closer return to a Carteiste policy of giving "black rights" and to the imperialist plunder of the South African masses, intended as a safety measure to ensure that U.S. imperialism can live longer and die longer in the long run.


Solidarity with the revolutionary struggle of the Azanian people!

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Above photo is from June anti-apartheid protest.

On October 11th, close to 1,000 people militantly marched through the streets of Manhat
tan, New York to condemn the criminal U.S. backed apartheid and racist regime of South Africa. This is part of a series of protests - demonstra
tions, boycotts, meetings etc. - against the racist regime and their U.S. imperialist spon
sors. The demonstrations first included a Citi
teen pensioners and residents of the Democratic and Republican Party's headquarters (parties that both back the system of apartheid carry out their own racist policy at home).

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Condemn the racist police murder of Michael Stewart
No To The Cover-up!

On September 15th, Michael Stewart, a 25-year-old black youth was arrested and beaten into a coma by five policemen. The police claim that Stewart was writing graffiti on the walls at 38th Street and First Avenue. According to them he was "vicious and violent" and "had to be subdued violently." When alert, Stewart's body was placed in a cleansing solution which effectively removes all traces of hemorrhaging or bleeding. This is a common medical examiner vice, but Koch behind his, has gone to great lengths to cover up the details. He is a medical examiner by the racist police.

And there is more. Elliot Gross was informed by his family or their doctor about the removal of Stewart's eyes. They never found out until five (5) days after. In fact, the city's chief medical examiner has not only gone behind the backs of the family, he has arrogantly refused to work with the family's pathologist. Moreover, it was after the first autopsy of September 30th (from which Gross emerged with his vague "cardiac arrest" theory), and when family doctors had pointed out that there was evidence of hemorrhaging of the eyes, it was precisely at this point that chief medical examiner Gross, turns around and does a second autopsy and secretly removes Stewart's eyes.

Gross is not at all being acting on his own in the cover-up. He has been following the lead of the Manhattan District Attorney (DA) and the whole cover-up on behalf of City Hall and the NYPD. The Manhattan DA's office, headed by Robert Megerman, is conducting an investigation of the racist police, in conducting a rigorous interrogation of witnesses, alone police lines as if the DA were a grand jury. This is being done to intimidate and scare away all witnesses who can expose what happened to Stewart once he was in police custody. Meanwhile, the state, on the DA's "insulin" and the family's "disbelief", is trying to intervene under the plea that it doesn't have jurisdiction, since "technically" Stewart was not killed in police custody but rather at a hospital, which doesn't have the necessary facilities anyway. The City and State are colluding in this cover-up.

The capitalist politicians at City Hall are willing to push the police murder of Michael Stewart. The arrogant Mayor Koch who claims that police attacks against blacks are a matter of "perception", is pushing this cover-up so that this lie and the racism of the police and Koch doesn't get exposed. In particular, since a lot of public attention was focused on the question of police attacks over the last few years, it is eager to keep the lid on this case, and go on with "business as usual". It has been reported that a 12-year-old child was shot and killed by transit police during the 3rd week in October in Locust Point, a 17-year-old girl was shot and wounded by police in the Bronx on October 16th. The mass are unshakably outraged and are demanding that the truth be told and prosecution be organized.

However, the hearings on police brutality held over the summer were not intended to encourage struggle against police attacks but to replace the necessary struggle with the "respectable" approach of getting the system to "work for us." The black politicians and ministers who promoted the police brutality hearings as the best thing to have happened for black people in years in New York are dragging their feet on the murder of Michael Stewart. With the widely publicized hearings these gentlemen get the ears of large numbers of people in New York on this question. But do they organize and push forward the mass protests? Do they use the mass sentiment to encourage mass struggle against the brutal police murder of Michael Stewart? No! They are strikingly reluctant to 40 or so. It has been almost one month since Michael Stewart's death. Instead of mass struggle, all they have called for is an unpublicized, and in effect, "by-invitation-only" picket by a few black officials and ministers. This shows that they are treating the murder of Michael Stewart as a mass struggle against police brutality. This doesn't push forward the struggle of the masses but confines it. Such an approach only helps prolong the cover-up. It blocks the preparation of the masses for struggle over similar outrages that will inevitably occur in the future. For the demand of justice for Michael Stewart to have any meaning, it must be based on the necessary mass struggle. With this, without the mass struggle, all this "injustice" is without value, no matter how sincere, remains empty.

The masses must sweep aside the delays and all barriers and carry on the struggle for the total destruction of the habit of the rioters and the police. Don't wait on investigations! We are already enough the answers of this "inquiry". Cover-up - as has repeatedly occurred. The struggle is in its merely - this is the sentiment being expressed by the masses. How in the time to expose the cover-ups and white-washes of racist police murders by the Koch government. Enough is enough! Take up the mass struggle! Hit at the capitalist city authorities and wage a systematic struggle against all police atrocities and outrages. No To Police murders - Kill Koch! Forward with the Mass Struggle!

Azanian Masses Battle Apartheid

On June 9th, the apartheid regime put to death three freedom fighters in South Africa. There was a widespread outcry against these hangings that found expression in the streets of several countries, including the U.S. The three executions by the apartheid regime marked a major step in the racist government's increasing repression to stem the tide of resistance. Nevertheless demon-strations, protests, mass meetings, and clashes continued to spread all over South Africa to confront and battle apartheid. PRISONS AGAINST APARTHEID'S EXECUTIONS

For example: In Durban, 400 students and workers marched through the streets denouncing the executions. The marchers confiscated several of their banners and ordered them to stop chanting and singing to disperse. Three police officers and 25 demonstrators were arrested. Despite this, over 700 people marched the same night to denounce the hangings. In the same area police cleared a church with about 200 people as they sang revolutionary songs opposing the apartheid executions.

In Voskoper, Kokeng, 100 school children carried placards and staged a march to the police station to protest the hangings. At Fort Hare University near Alice about 400 students demonstrated and blockaded the administration's vehicle, stole the University windows, before the police were called in to break up the demonstration. Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, in South African, 700 black students demonstrated at the University of Zululand to protest against the death. Police went out in force to suppress the protest. Here, the students blockaded a police van and did thousands of dollars worth of damage to the South African National Bank.

Remember Stewart!

The South African government's hanging of three freedom fighters took place last week on the 28th of the commoration of the 1976 Azanian Rebulion. Since the Memory of Stewart's murder, the struggle, the bourgeoisie is consciously trying these executions of "terrorists" to frighten the people into silent protest and opposition. This is why the execution of the 3 cold bloody murders, took place at this time and under these circumstances were done days of bans and curfews placed on all activities to commemorate the Soritwa anniversary.

Again Rebulls Erupt!

But there were protests anyway. Remembering Stewart, the masses once again rebelled. Street fighting and rebellions erupted in several areas, including in Cape Town, in Lusonville; Durban clashes erupted with the army after the killing of two blacks. See APARTHEID... pp 14-17
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Liberalism Opposes The Mass Struggle

The DANGER of LIBERAL PHONEY "OPPOSITION TO POLICE TERROR"

Phoney "opposition" to Koch and the police attacks is fashionable among the city's liberals, including some of his fellow Democrats. This "opposition" is most of all opposed to the development of mass struggle against the police and their allies. To contain the masses within the bounds of appeals for worthless "investigations," and to quickly move the Democratic Party and the system as a whole.

For instance, in a recent article on police brutality entitled "Police Brutality on the Front Line," the Village Voice carries some facts on the outside of the Kremlin and the Mayor's office to prove its "good record" on police brutality. But the Village Voice somehow fails to note the linkages it shares with Koch himself to perpetify the crimes of the police. The Village Voice frankly argues that police shootings take place "in an instant of justifiable fear" since the cops "may be only a twitch ahead of a gunman's equally fatal fire," but that unfortunately it "almost as often" happens that the victim is unarmed. But the basic deception employed by the Village Voice is contained in its claim that things were getting better before Koch took over and got things mucked up. The Village Voice goes to great lengths to perpetuate the record of the preceding Beame administration. The Village Voice itself admits at one point that the "annual discharge rate under Koch is higher than under Beame of the final two Beame years if all that is counted is the numbers of the discharge, not the emphasis in the (original). This is understandable since the Village Voice makes no effort to probe the propping up of the capitalist order.

But this is exactly the reasoning of the liberal opposition to Koch. It is a phony as well as a phoney in a whole, in particular; there is an absence of respectable black and Hispanic Demo- cratic Party "leaders" who represent the masses, etc., who occasionally pretend to be anti- racist warriors. Its representatives are infiltrated by Koch's "Leadership" liberal blocs of "police-community relations" over the years. This "opposition" regards police attacks as a "product" of a "system," the same body that is behind the so-called "police-community relations" in the NYPD and explains away the systematic occurrence of these attacks as simply the "product" of a system behind them in the City Hall. As remedies, it stands for the wider use of "complaint boards" and "police-community relations including regular meetings between police and "inactive," but "reliable" community leaders," and so on.

THE HEARINGS

The Abortion of the First Hearings

It was the mutual concerns shared by Koch and Conyers that led to the abortion of the first hearings which were scheduled on July 18th, before it even got off the ground. As a courtesy to Koch, Conyers agreed to hold the first hearings in a small conference room in the Harlem State Office Building, effectively excluding several hundred of the people who showed up. The mass própria; this prevented almost all the police - this was seen upon to declare a disruption and to call a recess after only a half an hour.

Together with Mayor Koch and the police commissioner, Conyers and local Congressman Engel and Owens conferred privately and agreed to immediately call off the hearings. The atmosphere was not right for the friendly, inoffensive "dialogue" with the mayor and police commissioner which they hoped for. One of Koch's officials pointed out afterwards that: "It was very important that the Mayor not appear as someone on trial." (By Times 7/21). Conyers and the other black Democratic Party liberals on the scene had hoped to lure the black masses to "put their money where their mouth is." Koch and his police commissioner.

The racial aspect of the hearings chiefly in Conyers' hands. Koch beat a hasty retreat accompanied by the angry and militant genun-

eration of the masses. Conyers and Engel hid out until they could quietly sneak out of the building unnoticed. They were afraid to even inform the people in attendance that the hearings had been postponed. That job was left to the local black assemblies and ministers who, though offended by Conyers' failure to consult with them or to inform them of the postponement, thought it wise to stage a "silent" hearing" to have the masses let off steam. For, as Reverend Reverend National chairman of the Black United Front, said afterwards:"I kept reflecting on what would happen if we had people out for their grievances - we lost the official status, but on the other hand, those people, I should say that what would have happened if they had not had a chance to testify." (Big Red News 7/ 23). While on the one hand people militantly denounced the police, the mayor and made calls for struggle - on the other hand, Conyers and Engel indicated the Black voice was "leadership repeated that of-source:"we are not saying all cops are bad,"

THE 2ND HEARINGS

Subsequently, and from the safety of City Hall, Koch arroguantly denounced the masses at the 2nd hearings as 'rioters, while making the need for struggle powerless rebellion, the concern of the black politicians, ministers, businessmen and other respectable black fat cats for the maintenance of "order and stability" in other major cities was aroused. It should
The fight against racism in Chicago

Tokenism or the mass struggle

The filthy racist campaign that was whipped up in the recent Chicago mayoral elections is being continued today. During the election campaign the Republican candidate, Bernard Epton, based his campaign on a program of racist terror and segregationism, of handouts to the monoplies and cutbacks for the working masses. Not only the Republicanites, but also the bosses of Chicago’s Democratic Party machine railed to the banner of Epton and actively campaigned for him as the “great white hope” for the city.

But Epton lost. And now the local heads of the Democratic Party machine have again turned to race baiting in an effort to maintain their lucrative posts in the City Council and their positions of power over the working and oppositional sections of the “white” rule. Chicago has long been a city of rampant segregationism, fascist gang terror and brutal murders by the police. The current race baiting by the machine’s bosses is a signal to step up the discrimination against working masses and to take part with the racist offensive of the Reagan government.

This vile racism must be opposed! A real fight against Reaganism must be unleashed!

But Harold Washington, the newly elected Democratic Party mayor, does not stand for such a fight. Whether it is his pro-bosses fight for the “reform” or his austerity cutbacks against the workers, or his appeals to beef up the racist police department, Washington’s program differs little from that of Epton or the Democratic Party machine. His disagreement with them centers almost exclusively on putting a few more black politicians into office. And, on this issue too, Washington has declared that he is more than willing to compromise.

The black, latino and white workers cannot rely on Washington in the fight against Reaganite reaction. Rather, they must build up their own class, movement, a movement independent of and in struggle against the capitalist class and their Republican and Democratic Party.

Washington Program: No Obstacle to Reagonite Reaction

For example, Washington promised “full employment.” But his concrete proposals all revolved around his call for tax cuts to create a climate for business to come in. He advocated measures such as eliminating the corporate head tax. Washington’s program differs little from the program of the “full employment” bosses. His program differs only in some $15 million in a year; increasing the state income tax and utility bills of the working masses; and going on an “austerity city budget” cutting jobs, wages and services. For all talk of “full employment” this is just another version of Reagan’s trickle down” economics, where impoverishing the working masses will help out the rich corporations is supposed to somehow, some day, provide jobs for the unemployed.

Similarly, Washington pledged to reform the racist police department. But then going to the kitchen of the killer cops? No, he proposes to hire an additional 1,000 policemen, expand the Chicago Transit Authority force and increase patrols.

Is Washington going to stop their racist attacks? Well, that would be hard to imagine since he has failed to raise a peep against any of the innumerable and well-publicized police escapades through black and latino communities over the last several years.

At his taking office, Washington has been in a rush to put his policies into practice. In his inaugural speech Washington announced the beginning of an “austerity program” including an immediate freeze on city hiring and a freeze on the wages of city workers. Only a day later, however, he admitted that “the programs are going to have to be ended and the fat removed until they are slim and bone.” He has begun a struggle for an increase in state incomes taxes. And he is now “reassessing” his promise to not raise local taxes. Nowhere is Washington even suggesting that the burden of taxation should fall on the rich. No, this is a program of impoverishing the workers.

Within a week was out. Washington even began backsliding on his promises to do away with the patronage system. He introduced a lawsuit appeal to get the order that bars the city from hiring employees on a political cronny basis. Washington demanded that he be allowed to hire 1,200 people who pledge loyalty to him. It seems that Washington may be against patronage only when it applies to others besides himself.

No matter how you put it together, Washington’s policies simply do not add up to a fight against Reaganism. Rather they are what has become the typical program of the Democratic Party: hollowed phrases to sweeten up the bitter impoverishment and oppression of the working masses. Wash-ington in this sense, is but another politician, but’s po-itics as usual at city hall.

A Fight for Tokenism and the Spoils of Office

This fight over the spoils of office is being portrayed as a stirring struggle against racism.

Condemn the U.S. Imperialist Intervention in Grenada

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1st rival — the Soviet Union, and to non-sense about the U.S. “considers the Monroe Doctrine to be still applicable in the Caribbean.” But in fact such declarations are examples of unbridled imperialism are meant as a brutal ultimatum and warning to the oppressed peoples of the Caribbean. Either accept U.S. imperialist domination or face “fascist” armed forces. The U.S. armed forces, including the American gang, have used such armed forces against the Grenada people.

The West Indian Voice calls on the American people, including the West Indian community, to denounce the carve being conducted by U.S. imperialism in Grenada, and to STAND UP AGAINST Reagan’s gunboat diplomacy. Stand firmly with our laboring brothers in Grenada. U.S. imperialism must get out of Grenada!

The West Indian Voice just as sternly condemns domestic reaction in the West Indies which has condemned this brutal invasion and is making common cause with reactionaries against the Grenada people. In particular, we condemn the running dogs of U.S. imperialism such as the regimes in Barbados, Jamaica and Dominica, amongst others. These regimes, while they have always made clear their eagerness to see calumny descend on the heads of the people of Grenada, and

while they themselves applied savage pressure on the Bishop regime — are now shedding hypocritical tears of remorse over his murder and, posing as the guardians of “democracy” in Grenada, are now co-sponsoring this brutal invasion.

These regimes, hard at the control of the U.S. armed forces, have sent their armed forces into Grenada, on the orders of the U.S. marines.

The only exception to the West Indies is seeking vengeance on the Grenadian people for the removal of the fascist regime of the dictator Eric Carby, in 1979. Imperialists are using this to strengthen its own hand over the affairs of the people of Grenada. The support and participation of these reactionary regimes in the invasion of Grenada will go down as the single most brutal crime yet, which the West Indian bourgeoisie has perpetrated against all the peoples of the West Indies.

Indeed today, that loyal stooge of U.S. imperialism, Tom Adams of Barbados, is permitting Barbados to be used as a main staging ground for the bloody carnage that is now unfolding in Grenada.

Eugene Charles of Dominica, left to Washington to serve as a point-man for U.S. imperialism’s desperate public relations campaign to cover up support for this criminal invasion. Seaga of Jamaica already has his troops on the ground in Grenada participating in the bloodbath. Such treachery shows exactly the type of ruthless reactionary stuff the West Indian bourgeoisie is made of. This outrage being falsely conducted in the name of the peoples of the West Indies will never g unansw ered by the people themselves insdie these countries.

Finally, the West Indian Voice calls on the West Indian community to mercilessly denounce those varied bourgeois parties and communities that are allied with U.S. imperialism and domestic reaction in the West Indies, and who are rubbing their hands with glee and are working on their own invasion.

The working people of Grenada must be allowed to decide their own affairs. This is a clear demand of the peoples of Grenada, who are fighting with U.S. imperialism and the forces of domestic reaction in the West Indies. The people of Grenada must find the way to resist this criminal invasion and drive out the murdering occupationist forces.

The working people in the heart of the U.S. imperialist beast have the special obligation of not allowing U.S. imperialism a moment’s rest at home. Organize the masses to come out in militant demonstrations of solidarity with the people of Grenada and other protests denouncing that U.S. imperialism Get out Grenada!
Condemn the Racist Persecution of Haitian Immigrants!

The Reagan regime is carrying out one policy after another against the working class. Over the past four years, the Haitian refugees and immigrants have been singled out for special persecution. While Carter and then Reagan sentenced the Haitian refugees and immigrants to concentration camps and raids at their workplaces on the coast, the U.S. government has stepped up its backing of the criminal Duvalier regime on the other.

The latest outrage has been the slandering of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta against the Haitian community, a raid on a New Jersey factory where one hundred and sixty-seven workers were arrested - the largest Haitian raid ever - and the U.S. imperialism's attempts to establish a military base in Haiti for aggression in the Caribbean region.

With Reagan as their figurehead, the U.S. Imperialist bourgeoisie calculated that by carrying out one brutal attack after another against the Haitian immigrants that they will cow down. But contrary to the designs of Reagan and his capitalist bosses, the Haitians in the U.S. are standing up against these attacks. They face and express their solidarity with the struggle to overthrow the Duvalier regime.

This is demonstrated on September 24th when over 500 people came out to protest against the attacks by the CDC on the Haitian masses. This was a militant and spectacular protest. Starting at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, the Haitian and other masses denounced the CDC and U.S. Imperialism. Continuing in this spirit, a militant march was held along Eastern Parkway and down Nostrand Ave. to the Downstate Medical Center. A number of people, Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) and other government agents were violently attacked.

Young's Detroit and elsewhere. But nowhere has it ever led to relief for the long-suffering black masses.

The fight against racism requires not the tokenism of Washington, but the serious mass struggle of the working class.

For a REAL FIGHT AGAINST REAGANISM

The racist onslaught in the Haitian community continues. The racist bosses should be condemned at every turn and a stern mass struggle organized against discrimination and racist terror.

But such a struggle cannot be waged with the likes of Harold Washington. Washington is a weak spine who has already cancelled out speaking at an anti-war rally; he has called a halt to any marches against the racist "machine" bosses; and he has busied himself with "negotiations" for a compromise on the question of the poor.

Washington promised reforms. But he himself is now presiding over the squalor attacks on the workers.

Washington promised to stand independent. But he is proving that he is just another Democratic Party politician who pledges you the moon, moon and stars on election day, but delivers cold oppression once in office.

KOKK... Continued from page 7powers! For sure - when it means injecting a dose of Congressional hypocrisy and deception to convince the masses that struggle can be avoided! So Grover and his subcommittee can go to hell. The plain reality is this: It is up to the masses of people to challenge police terror and the racist xerox cop. It is our struggle based on the strength of our numbers, united and mobilized by our own initiative, that is fully capable of waging systematic struggle against police terror and racial brutality. Police brutality against the masses will end only when the mass-rising system of capitalist oppression is toppled by action, and the violent apparatus of the rich is smashed.

The investigations, as is very well known, are always stretched out to simply tire out or kill the action of the masses. And...
DOWN WITH THE FASCIST BURNHAM REGIME!

Hunger, scarcity, suffering and savage repression are the lot of the ordinary working masses. The basic protest against hunger, unemployment and repression is growing in size the longer the regime lasts. The ordinary working people of Guyana against the unprovoked attacks of the C.A.S. (Congress of the People) and the New Guyana Congress (PNC), led by Forbes Burnham. A severe crisis has long gripped Guyana's capitalist economy because of the regime's economic policies which includes policies of "cooperative socialism." In their tens of thousands workers, small farmers, unemployed and students stave hunger in the face with no relief in sight. The regime which is still new at all in Guyana. For a long time now the Guyanese masses have been tragically forced to turn to the black market to pay extortionist prices for essential foodstuffs. And in the past, government officials would frequently release food supplies into the black market to corner its profits. Now, faced with a foreign exchange crisis, the Burnham regime came out with a road policy designed to squeeze the masses to the wall for them to turn to the black market and literally starve themselves into submission. The Burnham regime has declared the mere possession, in any form or circumstance, of foreign exchange (other than wheat flour - a staple item of the Guyanese diet) to be a criminal offense - subject to arrest, fine and imprisonment, and in the worst of cases, death. Earlier, in Marun, the police started conducting raids in baking shops, seizing wheat dough, accusing it of possessing foreign exchange. In beginning May, a long campaign was launched in which even school children's lunch boxes were searched, homes were raided extensively and people were subjected to Striking factory workers and school children demonstrate in Guyana demanding food. spot searches resulting in hundreds of arrests and the return of thousands of cash in foreign exchange.

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be recalled that several squads of the above were rushed into Miami. The commentaries, as well as the black market, are to abandon their resistance to the police murderers of Arthur McCall. This "commentary" led black congressman, John Conyers from Michigan, who heads the House Sub-committee, and various other black leaders to identify New York along with two other major cities as "cities with particularly explosive potential" for a mass rebellion. Conyers' sub-committee has been delegated to function as an "early warning mechanism" for the economy, to identify "hot spots" beforehand; conduct hearings; recommend measures to the city administration and to work in conjunction to diffuse the anger and militancy of the masses before they lose control, particularly among the black masses. The state is in full-scale that the masses could work for them. Conyers fits this role to a tee since his reputation dates back to the 1967 DeFlait rebellion when he was quit with a bullet and was driven around, with lots of police protection, to appeal to the black masses to "get their act together." He made a similar appeal in Miami in 1976.

Conyers is also no enemy of the racist Koch. In fact, they regard each other as good friends with respect to the collaboration when they served together in Congress. And naturally Koch has publicly expressed that he had "the same aims of Conyers and his sub-committee. But since the sub-committee is not here, Koch will have to do its own job" of course, objects to the publicity being generated which might obstruct the day's "legislative business." But the report in the "La Times" is that "a problem of perception." In New York, if Conyers had his way, he would surely prefer to avoid this issue to suit Koch's taste. But from the beginning, the masses made it clear that they wanted no Conyers/Koch relationship. The Koch regime was paying instead to militantly denounce police terror and the Koch administration.

KOCH -- A MODEL OF CAPITALIST SLEDDERIVING, TERROR AND RACISM

From the early days to the present, the Koch administration has made it clear that it stands for "tough measures" against the masses. Koch has earned a reputation as an open advocate of the supremacy of the police as "P.T.'s No. 1" and "K.F.'s Vicious" citizens. Under "law and order" rhetoric, Koch regularly crusades for the death penalty and just as often he pushes for legislative changes giving the police greater powers of search, arrest and detention.

Koch coolly and uncritically labels even the most bizarre crimes carried out by the police as "justifiable" and as "proper procedure." One of Koch's latest and most bizarre remarks following the strangulation of Avatar Miller by the police in 1976, and meandering death sentence of Luis Ravez - shot 21 times in 1979, Koch is a well-known example of an "exposed" racist - but his is not some strange sickness.

The Democratic Koch is continuing where the preceding Democratic city administrations of Lindsay and Beame left off. Under Lindsay, annual police killings in New York City hit a record of 93 in 1971 as the city sought vengeance for the rebellions of the 1960's. Even though the figure dropped to an annual average somewhere in the 30's during the early 1970's - this was not Beame's doing. Everyone could recall the police nonstopness under Beame which culminated in the Beastial police shooting of 10-year-old Clifford Glover in 1973 and the subsequent release, by the courts, of the cop responsible.

Furthermore, what Koch is doing mirrors what is being done on national scales by the capitalist politicians, both Democratic and Republican. For instance, Koch's devotion to the state police apparatus in N.Y.C. under talk of "reforming the criminal justice system" takes inspiration from the measures outlined in Reagan's "criminal code revision," the infamous S-1 bill, which is an offspring of more than a decade-long effort by Democrats and Republicans alike to remove mild deterrents to the powers of the police. Similarly, on another score, the Democratic Koch, like the Republican Reagan, says that

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Inevitably, after a year or two, verdicts are issued which safely rubberstamp the crimes of the police or, in very rare cases, those given are given to split their ranks and eventually force the issue.

This militant strike by the black workers touched off a wave of on-going protests by workers, housewives and children. Ten children have been taken to the streets demanding to know who is responsible for the shootings, when it is a matter of firing city workers, teachers and other city employees.

There isn't really much that is peculiar to Koch's tactics. Quite aside from his frase for buffoonry, he is a model politici-

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nian capitalism capitalist sledderiving, terror and racism. In short, Koch heads up the local front of the general offensive of the capitalist exploiters against the working masses. Right across the country, from city to city, all over the nation, the same tactics is going on against the working class and people. Far from ever having become obsolete, "law and order" is the "allergy justice" dispensed by bigly clubs and bullets reigns supreme. Koch is the new version of the "Law and Order" movements of the past, to the Detroit of Coleman Young and John Conyers. Blacks, Hispanics and other minority groups are targeted under a new guise as "get tough on crime." So too, in city after city, the capitalist courts, standing grand juries and civil, complaint review boards systematically cover up and rubberstamp the horrendous crimes of the police and the atrocities committed by racist gangs. Therefore, opposing police terror and racist shootings and beatings, is an important part of the fight against the capitalist offensives against the working class; part of the struggle against the信息化 and systematic oppression of the black people and other minorities by the class. Such efforts are long overdue. At the same time, the Koch regime must be put on a militant and revolutionary path.

TURN TO STRUGGLE NOT TO CONGRESS!!

Could we convince the middle class to work on other federal level interventions in our struggle against police brutality and racism? For sure - when, in the future, it comes to dispatching national guard troops to work alongside the police to suppress the struggle. But currently, as is the case recently in Miami and as occurred repeatedly during the 1960's! For now, when it is a time of legislating to boost police

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Concerning the stand of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group towards the CPTT

At an Internal Conference called in June 1983 to mark the 5th anniversary of the CPT (Caribbean Progressive Study Group), the conference took the question of our evaluation and stand towards the CPTT (Communist Party of the Tobago Trinidad and the Guyana). This was due to the unanimous assessment of this conference was that the CPTT was a political organization that was not only the most significant factor in the productive and subsequent work of our organization.

From this beginning, CPSG wholeheartedly supported the revolutionary work of the NRM in Trinidad and Tobago. The NRM (National Revolutionary Movement) was founded in 1975 by the Marxist-Leninist organization built by the Party of Colombia in the year 1971. The NRM was born in Trinidad and Tobago. A banner-carrier, battered and persecuted by the Trinidan colonial bourgeoisie, and transformed into a weapon in the hands of the revolutionists and the oppressed.

The armed struggle and the vigorous work of the NRM in Trinidad and Tobago inspired many activists of the West Indian community in New York participating in the revolutionary struggle unfolding in New York at the time. The comrades, who were to later form the CPSG, concluded that our movement needed a similar study group. We organized an extremely widespread work to popularize the ideas of the Comintern, our students and revolutionary-minded people in New York, especially so, in the West Indian community. The CPSG quickly joined up this work. CPSG and the NRM had no formal relations. This work was based on our support of the Marxist-Leninist, which the NRM powerfully championed. A stand, which has been the cornerstone of our organization: to play the role of the vanguard of the revolutionary masses; and to defend the revolutionary movement against the attacks of the enemy; to participate in the struggles of the NRM and of the revolutionary movements unfolding revolutionary movements; and our work in solidarity with the revolutionary movements in the West Indies.

Experience in the revolutionary movements in the U.S. and in the West Indies had taught the comrades of the CPSG to consistently oppose the parties and political influence of the rich and of opportunism, and by the same token, support the Marxist-Leninist forces of the proletariat. The CPSG, the NRM and the Party have joint and fastened to the CPTT, considering it the most significant factor pushing forward the work of our organization on all fronts.

Within this context, the CPSG, after a correct analysis of the Centro, and recognizing each other as the genuine communist organization in the respective countries, the CPSG decided to implement its relationship with the NJM. The existence of these relations, established before our organization was founded, voiced the interests of the revolutionary movements in Trinidad and Tobago and here in the U.S. This militant, brotherly cooperation speaks volumes of the significant encouraging factor in the founding and subsequent work of our organization.

The NRM led us, in good faith, to extend that support to the CPTT when it was declared in August 1975. For we were aware that the CPTT, and this was made clear in the subsequent years, that it has been an open support and a weapon against the forces of the state. Events were to prove otherwise.

In 1980, the NJM in Trinidad and Tobago, taken completely by surprise, individuals in our organization were secretly contacted through a series of telegrams from Trinidad and Tobago. Our comrades were ordered to go to Canada behind the back of our organization and the MLPUSA, for the purpose of participating in a network that was being developed in Trinidad and Tobago by the Communist Party of Canada M-L (CPC-M-L) to strangle our fraternal comrades of the MLPUSA. The leadership of the NJM, violating every norm and trampling on the very spirit of Marxism-Leninism, had launched a war to strangle the insurrectional projects of the MLPUSA. The NJM refused to adopt conciliatory stands towards opportunists, but on its own. It was, from the very first day, to play in the hands of the leadership of the CPC (ML). The MLPUSA was an unexpected surprise because without saying one word the leadership of the CPTT launched such an extremophilic provocation - of the most serious kind - against the MLPUSA, opening the way for the wrecking schemes of the CPC (ML). The leadership of the CPTT did not think twice about the consequences of its action, which it had no previous basis to base the same. The leadership of the CPC (ML) and the MLPUSA were involved in a direct confrontation that stood simply in the way of cooperation. The leadership of the CPC (ML) could not understand the reasons for this action. It simply pointed out the leadership of the CPC (ML) as the cause of this action. The leadership of the MLPUSA had not previously been involved in such a confrontation, but on its own. It was, from the very first day, to play in the hands of the leadership of the leadership of the CPC (ML). The MLPUSA was an unexpected surprise because without saying one word the leadership of the CPTT launched such an extremophilic provocation - of the most serious kind - against the MLPUSA, opening the way for the wrecking schemes of the CPC (ML).

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In late 1978 the NRM entered a severe internal conflict which, if not correctly solved, could have led to a split. This in turn could have led to the state of disintegration to which it had not been the recent events of the same. The NRM was formed with overcoming the pressures brought about by the momentous changes in the world and the growing mass movements in the general revolutionary movement, and with reaching the necessary stage of solidarity and organizational weakness that had simultaneously contributed to the building of a leadership of the MLPUSA. The NRM never emerged from this crisis.

The organization, in an attempt to turn it into a new stage, was faced with a crisis of leadership. A new leadership was installed, including a new leadership which was to be in the midst of its crisis, experiencing its death. The new leadership of the NRM in Trinidad and Tobago was, at the time and inspired by CPC (ML), was busy with the organization of the organization whose base was to be in Canada under the leadership of the CPC (ML) and its actions. The new leadership of the NRM in Trinidad and Tobago simply in order to justify its existence and revolutionary activity in the country.

The scathing forces of the CPTT include a handful of elements who had been active around the NRM. And what is of even greater importance, is that the CPTT did not arise out of a struggle to solve the problems that had afflicted the NRM. For a true Marxist-Leninist party, it does not exist, it is not a party, it is the battle against the bourgeois conditions that had arisen in the work of the NRM. To do otherwise, is at best only a petty bourgeois petit-bourgeois struggle, and, at worst, leads to the treacherous stance represented today by the CPC (ML). The uncompromising struggle of the NRM for the legitimacy and prestige of the NRM in Trinidad and Tobago simply in order to justify its existence as a revolutionary organization in the country.

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The spread of liquidationism poses serious dangers to the revolutionary movement in Trinidad and Tobago. Liquidationism in the movement signifies open opposition to the working class, which is thus deprived of its political leadership. From the outside, liquidationism is seen as a tool of the bourgeoisie, in favor of subservience to the political influence of the bourgeoisie and particularly in falling behind the demands of the NLM [People’s National Movement]. However, liquidationism in the NLM is decisively hostile to the working class; constructing its own true Marxist-Leninist communist party, forming its own political leadership.

Liquidationism is the manifestation in the revolutionary movement of the influence of the political crisis facing the bourgeoisie and especially of the liberal mood fostered by the World Economic Crisis. The result of the further degeneration of the opportunism of the followers of Soviet and Chinese revisionism in the workers’ movement in Trinidad and Tobago.

In recent years, the rise of the poverty epidemic meant an increase in the politically active masses, primarily among the workers. The Communist Revolution Congress (CRC) of the CPC(L)M (Communist Party of the Caribbean (Liberation Movement)) has been working in the NLM with the slogan “Constructing a new party of the masses.” The Communist Party of the Caribbean (Liberation Movement) is the Marxist-Leninist communist party that is the political expression of the vanguard of the working class in the Caribbean.

The Workers’ Advocate

The Workers’ Advocate resolutely supports the stand taken by the comrades of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group against liquidationism in Trinidad and Tobago. This is not merely a question of theory, but a question of how we as a people can fight the liquidationist leaders of the National Liberation Movement (NLM). The Workers’ Advocate, the organ of the CPC(L)M, is the only organization in Trinidad and Tobago that bears the name of the “Workers’ Advocate”.

The political and economic crisis in the world has been accentuated by the liquidationist policies of the CPC(L)M, which has been working within the NLM. This liquidationist movement is supported by a small group of leaders, who control the Party’s leadership and give the impression of being a core group of revolutionary militants. The CPC(L)M is not simply a group of liquidationist leaders; it is an integral part of the liquidationist movement in the Caribbean.

The CPC(L)M is not the only organization that is trying to build a new party in the Caribbean. However, it is the only organization that has the support of the vast majority of the masses of Trinidad and Tobago.

The CPC(L)M is not an isolated organization. It is part of a broader movement of revolutionary workers throughout the world. This movement is not only made up of workers, but also of peasants, soldiers, students, and other social divisions that are facing the revolutionary movement in many countries.

The Workers’ Advocate is not alone in its fight against liquidationism in Trinidad and Tobago. The Workers’ Advocate is part of a larger network of revolutionary organizations throughout the world that is fighting against liquidationism.

The CPC(L)M is not only fighting against liquidationism in Trinidad and Tobago, but also in the Caribbean as a whole. It is not simply a question of defending the revolution in Trinidad and Tobago, but of defending the revolution in the whole of the Caribbean.

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Pierce firing broke out in Region Maldi when uniformed and undercover police attacked hundreds of people returning from a communist rally attracting an estimated 4,000 people. The racist police were equipped with tear gas, masks, truncheons, numeric numbers and also a large number of machine guns, shielded police jeeps and even helicopters. Braving this massive fire-power one small group of men managed to storm the police and set their vehicles on fire. Four people died and 10 were injured. Town sporadic fighting also broke out. In Lusvartis, Darban, fighting lasted three days. The town was filled with abandoned used stones but also petrol bombs to pepper the police. As well, some protesters stabbed members of the police. The protesters then attacked the police. Barricades of old cars, wood and tires were used as shields by the fighters from the people of the town. The attempts of the apartheid troops to clear the streets, contain and suppress the uprisings. The police set up roadblocks to prevent the street fighting from spreading. They shot several people, many of them innocent bystanders, as well scores were beaten and arrested. Two babies, one 7 month old and another 2 month old, were shot dead from tear gas thrown into their houses by the racist police. Despite severe repression, 11,280 people had held firm and stood up bravely in the spirit of the Soviet rebels in 1976. So terrified was the bourgeoisie that they had to close all mines for three months. The closes... (Continued on page 8)

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against opportunism in defense of the revolu- tionary movement in the context of the struggle of Marxist-Leninism. Its vigorous revolutionary spirit, its commitment to the people of the working masses confronting the working masses and revolu- tionary movement provided a rallying point for the masses. As the 13th congress of NATO has shown, there is their great militancy and confidence in their cause and provided a powerful mobilizing tool among the masses. And, the CPTTT has put the spirit of building a disciplined organi- zation of tested communists, wholly distin- guishable from the flabby, liberal opportun- ist organizations. HUM's work established great prestige and respect with the leadership of Marxist-Leninism in Trinidad and Tobago. Indeed, these traditions had to be re- enforced and carried to the next level. This is where the battle against the regime has stepped into the forefront and... (Continued on page 8)

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"special trend" of CP(M)-L. This imposed leadership had a scurrilous attitude towards the traditions of the NLM. Step by step it ate away all that was alive and healthy in the NLM and frustrated away its traditions. This is the CPTTT's battle against the revolutionary movement of the toilers of Trinidad and Tobago.

...For the moment, the CPTTT's task is to con- struct the proletarian party and there is a dangerous situation developing. The key task for the consciousness workers revolution and revolutionary workers to throw off the momentary liquidationist base and fight on the glorious road of Marxism-Leninism.

...Against the CPTTT's...
Introducing MAP/ML

On this page a number of articles have been reproduced from the Nicaraguan newspaper Prensa Obrera. This is the periodical of the Movement of Popular Action/Marxist-Leninist (MAP/ML) which is an revolutionary organization with deep roots in the Nicaraguan working class and revolutionary movement. MAP was formed in 1972. It soon developed into a revolutionary organization with strong links with the urban workers of Managua and elsewhere among the students. It built up a revolutionary workers’ organization called Frente Obrero (FO, Workers Front), which was a center of the organized working class opposition to the Somoza dictatorship. MAP reflected the reformism of the Nicaraguan revolutionaries and aligned itself internationally with the revisionist Marxist-Leninist communist forces.

While always maintaining its separate identity, MAP maintained links with the Sandinistas in the struggle against the dictatorship. The new Sandinista government was part of the Sandinista-led Patriotic National Front (FPN).

In 1978 MAP organized the Popular Anti-Somocist Militias (MILPAS). Based mainly in the urban areas the MILPAS carried out guerrilla actions against the Somoza regime. In the summer of 1979 the MILPAS played a role in conjunction with the forces of the Sandinista Front for National Liberation (FSLN) in organizing the general popular uprising which sealed the fate of the Somoza dynasty.

In March of 1979, in the midst of the revolutionary crisis when Somoza was on his last legs, the FO launched the newspaper El Pueblo in Managua. El Pueblo was an important weapon in the workers’ hands in waging the revolutionary struggle.

Four days after the triumph over the dictatorship, the new Sandinista government disarmed the MILPAS; suppressed El Pueblo, and for a time jalled the MAP/ML and FO leaders. In January 1980, 140 MAP and FO militants were imprisoned for two months for their role in a series of worker strikes. The Sandinista government suppressed the MAP/ML out of its policy of conciliation towards the bourgeoisie, who they even brought into the state council. At the same time, the Sandinistas had ended up under heavy pressure from the local bourgeoisie and U.S. imperialists. Thus, as a counterweight to the Sandinista government felt the need to allow the malignant elements of the working class to gather and mobilize the masses in defense of the revolution. Thus their zigzag policy towards the MAP/ML:

Today MAP/ML still does not have complete freedom. The censorship and other restrictive measures which are applied against the reactionary bourgeois parties are applied to the working class organizations as well, and in practice they place a much heavier burden on the working class organizations which lack the capital and means of the bourgeois parties.

The present strategy of the MAP/ML is to defend and deepen the re- volution, to place the proletarian stamp on the revolutionary process so as to bring it forward towards socialism. It strives to expose and combat the counter-revolutionary role of the bourgeoisie and landlords, and struggles to forge the unity of the proletariat and the alliance between the workers and exploited peasants as the bulwark of the revolution. It rallies the militant watchword that “The emancipation of the working class is the work of the working class itself.”

The following articles reprinted from Prensa Proletaria reflect some of the stands and activities of MAP/ML in the complex situation now prevailing in Nicaragua.

The revolution is the only way out for the toilers

Four years ago, the Nicaraguan people broke with the toilers to which they had been subjected by the Somocista dictatorship and opened up a new stage in order to consolidate that triumph and achieve new revolutionary conquests. During many years, the Nicaraguan people had remained either oppressed by the dictatorship or footed by the same old song of the supposed bourgeois opposition. Even today, like the January 22, 1967 conference which had those who wanted to believe or to make others believe about the supposed “patriotism” and consistency of the bourgeoisie, that only the people could bring about a solution to their own problems. The murders against the people carried out by the mercenary gangs of today, led by elements who until recently militated officially in the legal opposition parties, show the people once again that there was not a single essential difference between the Somocista and the “patriotic oppositional” bourgeoisie. Presently Alfonso Robelo [former leader of the bourgeois opposition to Somoza and currently a leader of the contra bands on the Costa Rican frontier — WA] is such a murderer of the people as was Somoza or any other similar henchman. And this in spite of the fact that the same Robelo is now a member of the (new) ruling Junta and the decrees of the first revolutionary stage are signed by him. The reactionary essence of the exploiting classes and their political agents just shades itself like the chameleon, according to the environmental conditions. The same thing occurs with the rest of the local pro-imperialist forces in Nicaragua. Not that all of them are at present at the same level as Robelo, but in their class essence they are indeed waiting in turn for their own moments to manifest themselves more clearly.

In this way events like those of the bourgeoisie opposition parties — WA [Adolfo Calero (Democratic Conservative Party), Chamorro (Social-Democratic Party), Davila (Social-Christian Party), etc.,] have been coming about. Local reaction in Nicaragua undoubtedly synchronizes its internal activity with the aggressive activities of imperialism and that includes the pastoral services of [Archbishop] Obando y Bravo and his Catholic hierarchy. It becomes scandalized when the people mobilize themselves, and plays deaf, blind and dumb when imperialism and reaction strike against the people. The bourgeoisie speculates, sabotages, conquers, blackmails, pulls out capital, continues to steal and corrupt. Meanwhile it launches a tenacious political and propaganda campaign in collusion with the external fascist and social-democratic forces and pulls along behind it the shameful revisionists and opportunists. Thus, it opens up more political space for itself.

This political space of the legal reaction in Nicaragua is being institutionalized with the approval of the Law on the Political Parties. This law recognizes the “right” of the imperialist forces to contend for power and guarantees their freedom of expression “according to the economic capabilities of each party and respecting free enterprise.” These concessions occur at a dangerous moment when the cause of U.S. imperialism is not only widening and deepening its support for the aggressive armed gangs, but is also preparing to participate more directly in the Central American conflicts.

In this context, the revolutionary tasks are all the more demanding for the forces of the proletariat in Nicaragua. The working class must take up the military tasks from its own class perspective, fighting to defend the revolutionary way of life, the defense of the people, and the overthrow of capitalist, and also to guarantee the revolutionary advance in the economic and political sphere. Against the internal exploiting classes and against imperialism. This implies saying NO to the institutionalization of the counter-revolutionary political activity of the pro-imperialist forces. It is necessary to further develop the layer of organization and participation of the workers in the latter, and to raise their political understanding so that they do not allow the imperialists to impose on them the reality of life in Nicaragua.

The alliance of interests between the exploited classes, the workers and peasants, is the revolutionary answer to the new historical challenges. The revolution of the toilers is the only way out of the crisis, of the threats and sufferings, for the peoples. Nicaragua is not the exception to this historic rule.

Defense should be given a class content

The escalation of imperialist aggression against the revolution has forced all the social sectors and classes in the country to express their views to try to explain this aggression.

There are those who ask, why is imperialism attacking Nicaragua, even though it has a mixed economy and political pluralism? There are others who see the formula to avert the threat of war in the tactical discrepancies between a part of the U.S. Congress and Reagan.

Up to now, the versions expressed regarding the aggression have failed to point out which class interests Reagan represents and the class character which the defense of the revolution should have.

In other words it seems, according to some opinions, that the monopolies have nothing to worry about. This kind of interests of the international bourgeoisie have nothing to do with it; and that it is only Reagan and a gang of paranoids who are responsible for the aggression against Nicaragua.

On the other hand, the latter thesis is complemented by another that believes that every Nicaraguan, including the bourgeoisie and the landowners, is going to fight against imperialism.

Those analyses, lacking in the fundamental element of the confrontation, namely which class attacks the other class, only result in creating a smoke screen which prevents one from getting to the root of the problem.

From the perspective of imperialist logic, what Reagan is doing, as the most perfect representative of an imperialism in crisis, is the only thing which will capitalism can do to try to solve its economic crisis. Or are there still people who believe that capital sacrifices itself for the benefit of the worker?
No to Reagan’s War Against Nicaragua!

Below, we reprint an article from the Workers’ Advocate of July 18th, 1984, Vol. 13 No. 5, denouncing Reagan’s war of aggression against Nicaragua. Since that time, Reagan has dramatically escalated the criminal acts of the CIA and the murderous bands of “contras” against Nicaragua. Aerial bombing raids against the country’s airports, oil and other economic facilities etc., result in millions of dollars in losses; and massacres of unarmed civilians are the means which the Reaganites are using to strangle the Nicaraguan people and overthrow the government. And, it is a known fact that it is the CIA that is directing this whole imperialist onslaught. Reagan has also unleashed “Operation Big Gun Run II,” filling the Caribbean waters and skies with warships, bombers and some 5,000 U.S. troops in “war exercises” lasting until next March. Rock blockade operations are being carried out and Reagan has threatened a “quarantine” against Nicaragua which is nothing but a blockade of ships arriving at Nicaraguan ports. Also, two new air bases have been constructed in Honduras and preparations are underway for a $150 million air and naval base for the U.S. in the Atlantic coast of Honduras. And the Pentagon plans to continue a permanent naval presence in Nicaragua. It all put out the fires that are scorching U.S. imperialism’s tentacles in Central America, in particular, to crush the regime in Nicaragua and the revolution in El Salvador.

The U.S. government is waging war on Nicaragua. This is not a war of words. It is naked aggression with guns and troops.

Naked Aggression

Reagan has unleashed 7,000 CIA-armed and trained counter-revolutionaries against Nicaragua. From camps in Honduras and Costa Rica the CIA is now directing their terror raids of murder, rape and destruction into Nicaragua. Most of these mercenaries are former members of the hated National Guard of the late dictator Anastasio Somoza. The undisguised aim of this CIA/Somoista invasion is to top the Sandinista government, and to crush the people under a restored Somoza-style dictatorship.

All the tried and tested weapons in Washington’s arsenal of destabilization are being brought to bear against Nicaragua: economic blockade, subversion, threats and blackmail.

U.S. warships and warplanes swarm the Nicaraguan coast and airspace. And 100 more U.S. military personnel are being dispatched to Honduras to beef up the U.S.-puppet army there as a striking force of provocation and aggression against Nicaragua.

Imperialism Wants to Restore the U.S. Jackboot

Reagan’s drive to strangle Nicaragua is a monstrous crime against a small and poor people. The Reaganites find the Sandinista government to be incompatible with the U.S. imperialists, and so they are determined to destroy it. So they think nothing of trying to break the Sandinista regime, no matter how ruthless the means.

Imperialism can only defend its system of imperialism, Imperialist aggression defends the superprofits of the monopoly capitalists who hold power in this country.

When the Nicaraguan people rose up and overthrew the Somozas, the U.S. government was shocked. But now, the CIA-backed, U.S.-supported Somozas have returned to power. The Somoza dictatorship has a hard blow was struck to this imperialist project. For four decades, Somoza’s tyranny had guarded the U.S. multinational companies which drew huge profits from the desperate poverty of the workers and peasants. Now Nicaragua is giving Reagan and the imperialists nightmares about falling dominos as the working class of this country and dictators is setting all of Central America ablaze with popular revolt.

To restore the U.S. jackboot in Nicaragua the imperialists will stop at nothing. When their superprofits and other “vital interests” are at stake, no crime is too brutal or too extreme. Yesterday we saw this in Viet Nam today we see it all over again in Central America.

Hands Off Nicaragua!

The Nicaraguan revolution was a giant step forward for the people. Contrary to the ravings of some right-wing politicians, the Sandinista government that came to power in this struggle is not a Marxist-Leninist one. This is unfortunate because the revolution would have been much stronger if it were. The new regime is weakly formed; and it is ideologically unclear, being influenced by bourgeois, socialist-reformist and revisionist (mainly Soviet and Cuban) trends. Nevertheless, the gains won by workers and peasants in the revolution are of enormous value for advancing their revolutionary cause.

If the people of Nicaragua are not about to give up the freedom won at such a high cost, each new atrocity of Reagan’s “freedom fighters” against the people is multiplying their unbending hatred for the U.S. imperialists. A firm policy of non-violence has been thrown upon the invader: “No Pasaran!” is the watchword on the lips of the armed people — the CIA mercenaries “Shall Not Pass!”

Today, the U.S. let us also declare a firm NO! to the CIA invasion of Nicaragua. The American workers and progressive people must not let Reagan have his way. Only then can the Nicaraguan people have the elementary right to self-determination. They must be allowed to determine their own fate, to live free of U.S. betraying and dictating of the U.S. imperialist overlords.

Solidarity with the Nicaraguan people against the CIA invaders!

U.S. imperialism, hands off Nicaragua!

The Boland-Zablocki amendment

Reagan’s latest policies of gunboat diplomacy in Central America have resulted in widespread indignation among CIA critics. Under these conditions, the Democratic Party bighits in Congress are once again stepping forward to wring the hands over Reagan’s decisions. But this is pure posturing. Far from being opponents of Reagan, the Democrats are in fact his partners in aggression. The fight against U.S. intervention in Central America cannot rely on the Democratic politicians.

Just take a look at the recent much-touted Democratic “opposition” to Reagan’s covert aid program for the Somoista contra rebels against Nicaragua. Last December, the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives passed the Boland amendment. This ostensibly banned all U.S. covert aid for the contras for the purpose of overthrowing the Sandinista government. Far from being a real obstacle in their path, this resolution didn’t bother Reagan much.

The interesting question is whether the answer being given is correct. There is no logical solution which will force imperialism to back down. The example of the massacre of the Salvadoran people is very illuminating. The Salvadoran guerrillas’ constant declarations in favor of a dialogue have also not stopped the stepping up of U.S. intervention in favor of the Salvadoran bourgeoisie and imperialism.

Imperialism is so faithful to its interests that it attacks at the smallest hint of a perspective that might have defavorable results for it. And many times it attacks not because the government of a given country speaks to it without the respect it thinks it’s due, but rather because the class dynamics which events take lead to unforeseeable situations.… Imperialism…financially financed the insurrection of Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954 because he was pushing for agrarian reforms which did not break through the capitalist framework but which opened possibilities for the masses to push beyond the reforms. Nobody can accuse Arbenz of being more of a capitalist than was, a consistent bourgeois-demo-

The Democrats want to cover the tracks of the CIA invaders

gan very much. All along he has simply chosen to lie that the aid for the contras is not for the aim of overthrowing the Nicaraguan government. This spring, the contra stepped up their raids against Nicaragua and it became impossible to deny that they were up to, the Democrats began to complain that Reagan had violated the Boland amendment. But did they therefore take any serious action against Reagan? Not a chance. Instead they began to work for a refurbished version of the Boland-Zablocki resolution. This resolution, the Boland-Zablocki resolution, was passed with much fanfare by the House of Representatives.

But this is just another empty resolution. If the Democrats let Reagan violate the last resolution, why can’t we disregard the next measure with impunity? Besides, even if the Boland-Zablocki amendment were to become law and Reagan promised to agree to it, this resolution still wouldn’t put a stop to the aggression against Nicaragua. The Democratic plan is simply to oppose covert aid for the contras while simultaneously giving the aid of $80 million to “friendly governments” in the region, especially the Honduran regime. But everyone knows that the Honduras military would not attack another country if it was fully integrated into the CIA machinery for training and backing up the contras. Thus, if the Democrats were to have their way, it would only mean that the contras would get the money from Honduras instead of the CIA directly. Big difference!

Clearly the Democrats do not intend to stop Reagan’s CIA plots against Nicaragua. Rather, by funneling money to the Somoista thugs by honoring the Boland-Zablocki amendment the Democrats only want to keep U.S. imperialism’s hands clean in the Gordian invasion. The Democrats are not “opposing” that Reagan’s covert operations have become widespread public knowledge — hence they are interested in devising a new way to hide the criminal hand of U.S. imperialism.

Reagan’s aggression cannot be fought by the empty congressional resolutions of the Democratic Party liberals. We have to fight by relying on the strength of the working masses, by organizing the popular movement against the contras and other mass actions. The mass movement must be built independently of both the capitalist parties, Republicans and Democrats alike.

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