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## REVISIONISM – MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY

The most dangerous enemies are always the ones who pretend to be your friend. Labour governments pose as the workers' friends. But for eight of the last twelve years Labour has been running the country in the interests of big business. The pretence of friendship has worn very thin. Last month Callaghan threatened third world countries that Labour would try to intensify exploitation of the developing countries of the world. He demanded 'stability' in the international economy. He said the developing countries should "guarantee an assured supply" of raw materials to the imperialist countries and told them to recognise "the principle of interdependence". Callaghan would like to get back to the days when the third world countries had to supply raw materials at a give-away price. The Labour Party and its leaders grew up on part of the super-profits from this kind of super-exploitation. Through its work to justify imperialism to the working class they became the "labour lieutenants of capitalism". But the experience of oppression has ensured that the developing countries will never allow that situation to return.

### LABOUR AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM

Since the last war Labour has also defended the vicious exploitation and aggression of US imperialism. In Vietnam it tried to name the Vietnamese as the aggressors! More recently it has also been trying to curry favour with the Soviet imperialists. Like Labour, the Soviet leaders use socialist words when it suits them, but practise imperialist deeds. In November a representative of the Soviet revisionist 'Communist' Party, Ponomarev, came to Britain to meet Labour leaders. This has never happened before. The bourgeois

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# Revisionism – most dangerous enemy

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Labour Party is not supposed to have any anything to do with 'Communists', even false ones. In fact, Labour had to pretend that Ponomarev was from the Soviet Academy of Sciences. 'Pravda' gave the game away when it boasted that the Soviet delegation represented the 'Communist' Party and acclaimed its developing relations with British Labour. Labour, and the revisionist 'Communists', both say they represent workers' interests while really serving the bourgeoisie. This official Party visit by a Soviet imperialist chief is a sinister threat to the British working class. We must remember the threats by the Soviet imperialists to nearby Norway including the occupation of the Norwegian Svalbard islands (see 'Class Struggle' last month).

## REVISIONISTS SUPPORT LABOUR

Who greeted the Soviet revisionist delegation with the greatest pleasure? It was of course their fellow revisionists in Britain. They published welcoming stories and pictures in their 'Morning Star' newspaper.

The same 'Morning Star' which pretends to be socialist acts as an agent for the Labour government. It has finally succeeded in its begging campaign for Government advertisements. It already receives a subsidy from the Soviet imperialists in payment for the 14,000 that they take each day. The British revisionists depend on this for survival. But as they only sell 25,000 a day in Britain - less than their claimed Party membership - they are desperate for State subsidies. Last year they got £1,000 from Labour for advertising on behalf of the 'social contract'! Now Labour has promised to advertise regularly. The revisionists are a living proof of Lenin's teaching that the active opportunists in the working class movement are the best servants of the bourgeoisie.

In world affairs they serve the Soviet social imperialists. They pretended to oppose the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia and the suppression of those in the Soviet bloc who fight back against Soviet social fascism. But they cover up the class nature of these struggles and say that the problem is just 'mistaken policies'. Like the revisionist Kautsky,

whom Lenin attacked for the same thing at the beginning of the century, they try to separate imperialist politics from imperialist economics.

They do the same in Britain and try to create illusions that peaceful "mass pressure" can change Labour's imperialist politics. They claim that it is by "changing the balance of forces between left and right" that Labour will introduce 'socialist policies'.

## REVISIONISTS 'SAVE' IMPERIALISM!

For the past few months the revisionists have been trying to sell their 'Counter-Crisis Programme' to the working class. This programme is a typical case of reformists inventing plans to refashion society and preaching to the capitalists and their hangers on about improving the lot of the workers. Real Communists on the other hand organize and lead the class struggle to overthrow the capitalists and their State.

The preaching of the revisionists is aimed to spread illusions that the lot of the workers can be improved by trying to turn back the clock to pre-imperialist capitalism. They say that what is wrong with present-day capitalism is that it has been carrying out a "dear-money policy which has made investment more expensive and therefore less profitable". As good agents of British capital these 'Communists' want to show their bosses where they have gone wrong.

## IMPERIALISM IS NOT A POLICY

First of all they say, British money must be kept here and not invested abroad. At the same time, foreign investors in Britain should be given high rates of interest to persuade them to keep their money here. Then they advise that British companies should sell their investments abroad and bring the money home. All this, they say, would provide plenty of cheap money which would be invested and thus make Britain rich again. This is separating imperialist politics from imperialist economics with a vengeance. They are really saying that British imperialism for the past hundred years has been a mistake, which they, the revisionists, can reverse. However, in the real world imperialism is not a 'policy' but an

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# SOVIET NAVY THREATENS EUROPE

Despite their talk of 'detente', and claims that "No Soviet menace exists at all...the Soviet Union threatens no-one", since they signed the Helsinki agreement, the Soviet rulers have shown that their military menace against western Europe is no "fabricated myth" but very real indeed.

Soviet military exercises in north, central and southeast Europe are held more frequently than ever. The Soviet armed forces in central Europe have been reinforced, and now greatly outnumber NATO forces. Soviet aircraft, guns, tanks and other armour there outstrip NATO's in number, and existing Soviet weapons are constantly being replaced by more sophisticated ones.

The scramble for naval supremacy is a particularly important part of Soviet social imperialism's strategy for domination of Europe. The USSR has rapidly expanded its naval forces, and 30% of the defence budget is spent on the navy, compared with 15% in Khrushchev's time.

## NEW TSARS MORE AMBITIOUS THAN THE OLD

In the early years of the 18th century,

Peter 1, Tsar of Russia declared, "Areas of water - this is what Russia needs." "A monarch with an army is a person with only one arm, but with an army and a navy he is a person with two arms." To realize this ambition, the old tsar pursued a policy of strength on the seas, as the new tsars do today. The Soviet Union has outstripped the United States by more than a third in expenditure on building warships. From 1967 to 1973 the Soviet Union produced about 12 new types of important warships, including the helicopter carriers 'Moscow' and 'Leningrad', both equipped with missiles. From 1972 it has built an average of 39 big surface warships and 6 guided missile nuclear submarines each year. The social imperialists now have a permanent fleet in the Mediterranean sea, which it uses to bully and threaten the people of north Africa, the Middle East and southern Europe.

## OPEN GUN BOAT DIPLOMACY

In August 1975, the new tsars dispatched the aircraft carrier 'Kiev' to intimidate the Mediterranean states. The build-up of Soviet naval forces in the Mediterranean, and the intimidating behaviour of the

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inevitable drive of capitalism faced with overproduction and falling profits. As this happens at home it is inevitable that the capitalist, hungry for profit, will seek abroad for markets, for cheaper raw materials, for investment at higher rates of interest and for political and economic domination. In this drive, British imperialist companies come into competition with other imperialists. In this cut-throat competition British imperialism has come out second best.

The revisionists want to treat this as an accidental street fight. They want to pick up British imperialism, dress its wounds, and feed it up at home until it gets strong again. Finish with this 'policy' it urges, forget about overproduction. Increase trade with the 'socialist countries': in short, Soviet social imperialism will save you. The fact that the crisis-ridden Soviet economy is deeply in debt to the West, because it cannot pay for the machinery it has already bought, is conveniently ignored.

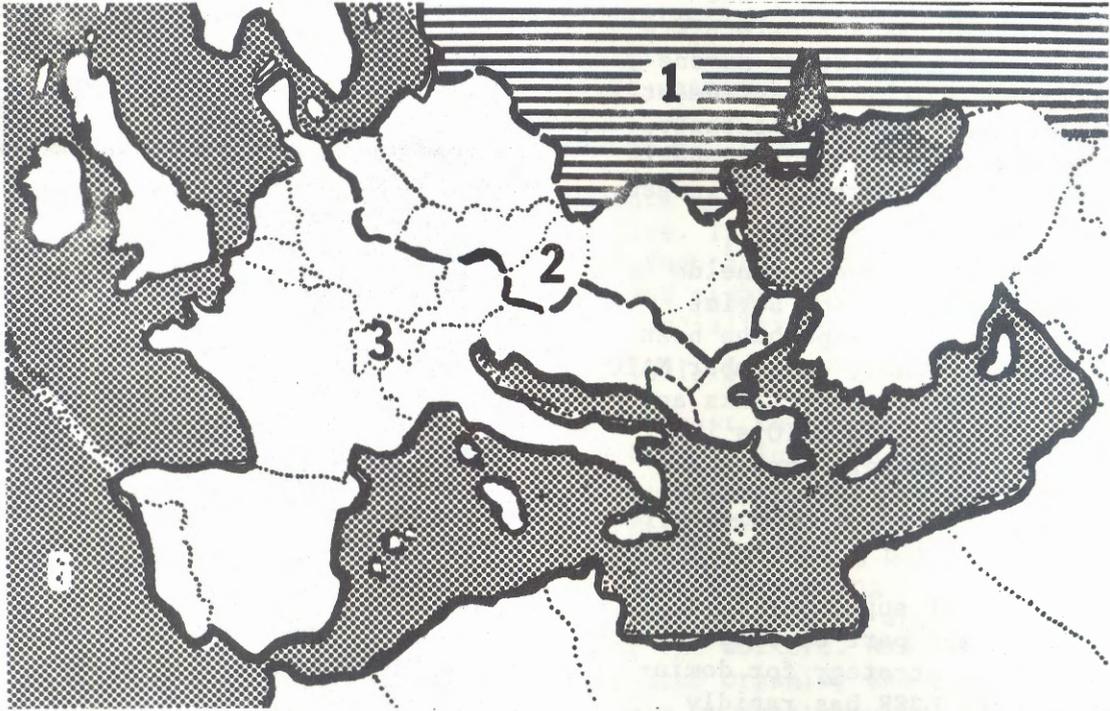
## REVISIONISTS WORK TO DISARM THE CLASS

The 'right wing' social democrats openly defend British imperialism and work to act as junior partner to the US imperialists. At the same time, the revisionists and 'left' social democrats of the Labour party cover up the imperialism of the Soviet Union, painting the Soviet Union in glowing red colours; they cover up the real nature of British imperialism; they cover up the inevitability of crises under capitalism. They work in the working class to spread the illusion that the crises will be solved by links with the Soviet social imperialists, and by a few 'changes in policy'. They act to disarm the working class in the face of imperialist onslaught, whilst wearing the mask of 'saviours' of the working class.

In the fight for real communist policies, in the fight to rid ourselves of the root cause of imperialism, inflation, unemployment and low pay - the capitalist system and its state - these opportunists are our main enemy.

# Soviet navy threatens Europe

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The Soviet Union 1, increased its military strength from 3 million men to 4.2 million men in the first half of the '70s. It already occupies half of Europe 2, and threatens Western Europe 3. At sea, it is encircling Europe by deploying its massive and rapidly expanding Navy in the Black Sea 4, the Mediterranean Sea 5, and the Atlantic Ocean 6.

'Kiev' is particularly important, because they mark the start of an era of Soviet 'gun boat diplomacy' in Europe, as Soviet fleet admiral S.G.Gorshkov has himself admitted. In his recently published book, 'The Sea Power of the State', Gorshkov showed that he had learned from the old tsars, and that he was determined to implement Soviet policy, which has changed from "offshore defence" to "attack in distant seas."

In his book, Gorshkov said that "In 1783, the tsarist government, taking advantage of its naval superiority in the Black Sea, annexed the Crimea without war and made it a part of the Russian state, and in 1830, without taking any military action, formed a defence alliance with Turkey in its favour."

"In many cases, a show of naval force without taking armed action, may achieve political ends, merely by exerting pressure through its latent power, or by threatening to take military action."

These remarks by the chief of the Soviet navy, are worth reading, as at least they are honest, unlike the lies about 'European security', 'disarmament' and

'detente' that come from the Kremlin. They show that Soviet social imperialism's real aims are to

- 1) annex the territories of other countries by means of Soviet military strength.
- 2) dominate the seas by relying on their naval supremacy, and force other countries to conclude unequal treaties with them.
- 3) realize their political aims by such gangster methods as displaying their "latent power" and "threatening to take military action".

## PEOPLE NOT BOMBS DECIDE WARS

All aggressors believe that weapons decide everything and the social imperialists are no exception. But it is people, not weapons, who make history, as the Vietnamese people so heroically showed when they crushed US imperialism despite all of its military power.

Any country wanting to launch a war of aggression, no matter how powerful it is on land or sea, will never escape the punishment of the people. Countries want independence, nations want liberation, and people want revolution. The people, not boats and bombs, are the most powerful force in the world today. ■

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# BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

In Britain, and throughout the world, capitalism is in crisis. Imperialist governments like those of Britain, and especially the 2 superpowers, are stepping up their exploitation and oppression of the working people. Inevitably the workers of Britain, like workers and oppressed peoples and nations throughout the world, are fighting back. But in Britain the working class does not have its own Party.

The Labour party claims to speak for the workers, but is the party in power attacking the working class.

The revisionist 'Communist' Party of Great Britain (CPGB) tries to tie the working class to the coat tails of the Labour party and reformism, while serving Soviet social imperialism by working to turn the vigilance of the working class away from the threat of war.

The working class needs its own Party to lead it through the twists and turns of the class struggle; a Party that works only to strengthen the working class; a Party that fights for the overthrow of the imperialist state, and the establishment of working class political power - the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Only with its own state power can the working class end exploitation and build socialism.

## A VANGUARD PARTY

The working class Party will only lead the class struggle successfully if it really understands what is happening in the world, and in Britain, and if it uses that understanding to guide its work. Lenin, who led the first successful working class revolution, in Russia in 1917, summed this up - "Without a revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement... The role of vanguard can be fulfilled only by a party that is guided by the most advanced theory."

In other words the Party must sum up who are the friends of the working class and who are its enemies. It must have a correct strategy and tactics at each stage of the struggle, so that it can unite all who can be united to defeat the main enemy. No army could win a war, if it did not understand the strengths and weakness of the enemy, and of its own forces; if it did not know the lie of the battleground, and when to advance and when to retreat. The working class needs to know this as well.

## "NO OTHER WEAPON BUT ORGANIZATION"

The Party must be well organized, and act



*Mao Tsetung: "If there is to be a revolution there must be a revolutionary party. Without a revolutionary party, without a party built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style, it is impossible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism."*

collectively. No army would win a battle if each platoon or soldier did whatever came into his own head. Of course Party members need initiative, but it must be as part of a well organized force. As Lenin said: "In its struggle for power, the proletariat has no other weapon but organization."

Party members must be active. If Party members did not attend meetings, how could they understand the policy and tactics of their Party? How could they give their experience to the Party to help the Party understand the situation better, and use it to guide further work? If they do not play an active part in the class struggle, among the mass of the workers, how can they be considered leaders? The proletarian Party needs to be an active, fighting Party.

The working class needs to build its own Party to lead it in the class struggle. That Party must be the organized, vanguard detachment of the working class - its members the more class-conscious workers that have been tested in the struggle. The only socialist states that have existed, have been built through revolution. The exploiting classes have only ever been overthrown by revolutions led by such Parties - revolutionary Communist Parties.

# "PEACE" RALLY PRETTIFIES BRITISH IMPERIALISM

The recent "Peace Rally" in Trafalgar Square showed that the Irish women's Peace movement is playing into the hands of British imperialism. This movement is led by middle class women who are demanding peace at any price. Like the rest of the middle class they want the present system of British imperialism to continue with a few face-lifting reforms for the middle class. Police state tactics, repression and divide and rule would continue for the working class who provide the cheap labour and the market for giant British and foreign companies. The British and Irish ruling classes have welcomed this movement. The imperialists have tried a whole number of tricks to pull the wool over the eyes of people in Ireland. Fake reforms, open terrorism, "power-sharing", powerless assemblies - all these ploys have failed. And the resistance against them is as fierce as ever. So they have opened their arms and their pockets for the "Peace movement". For example, Trafalgar Square has been banned in the past for "Irish demonstrations". Not this one. The "Peace Movement", Church leaders, Lord Longford and a whole crowd of moralizers and ruling class parasites crowded into Trafalgar Square; but not one of them said that the only way forward is for the Irish people to decide their own future.

## PEOPLE FIGHT IMPERIALISM

The only way for the Irish people to find peace is to throw out British imperialism and decide their own future. All over the world since 1945 the British Army have been fighting wars to prevent people from deciding their own future. In Malaya, Kenya, Cyprus, Aden, and many other places they behaved as terrorists and tried to claim they were "keeping the peace". Yet they were thrown out of these places because the people there and all over the world saw that it is imperialism which causes war - not the people. They saw they had to make war to free themselves. It will be the same in Ireland.

## RULING CLASS TERRORISM

Who are the terrorists in Ireland? In October, 28 people were killed in the North. Eight of these were either in the IRA or were in the forces of the crown. Of the remaining twenty civilians, one was killed by the British army, and sixteen were killed by loyalist assassination

gangs who are struggling to get back to the old days of Protestant supremacy and open state fascism. Of the remaining three, one died through not hearing a bomb warning, and the remaining two were shot by an unknown republican force in an area notorious for sectarian murders. The violence therefore came from the British army and from their most reactionary allies in Ireland. And to this must be added the long toll of torture, internment, interrogation, search and intimidation handed out every day by the British Army bully boys.

Peace will come when the British Army are thrown out and when the reactionary forces in Ireland can no longer rely on their support.

## SELF-DETERMINATION

The Irish women's peace movement does have some working class support in the North. Why is this? Eight hundred years of British imperialism has led to deep divisions between the Irish people - between Protestant and Catholic in the North, and between the people of the North and the people of the South. This means that it is a very complicated struggle. The "peace" movement tries to exploit the peoples' genuine opposition to sectarianism, and uses it to cover up the real enemy British imperialism. The present crisis has gone on for seven years; seven years of torture, murder and repression, day in and day out. The Irish struggle requires a leadership that can unite all the Irish people so that they march hand in hand to demand self-determination and the right to control their own country. Experience with people's war around the world shows that such leadership and such unity is only built in the course of long and protracted struggle. In Ireland the struggle does not yet have a leadership which acts in the interests of the majority of the people and unites them. The "peacemakers" are exploiting these difficulties and confusions. But they will only be a temporary obstacle on the road of the Irish people to self-determination.

The Irish people have the right to determine their own future. They will only be able to exercise this right when their country is no longer run as a giant factory-farm for British imperialism and its local parasites.

# DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN!

## TRICO WORKERS WIN EQUAL PAY

In May 1950 workers at Trico, Brentford went on strike for equal pay for women. They said: "We aren't going back in till we get it." In October, they got it. The bosses gave in to all their demands and the women got their increase of £6.50. The papers and TV have kept quiet because this was a victory for the whole of the working class. The Department of Employment and the TUC kept quiet because the increase showed up their 'social contract' as the 'social con trick' that it is.

### LONGEST STRIKE FOR EQUAL PAY

Trico is an American-owned company with a monopoly on windscreen wipers. The workers at Trico went on strike when negotiations between union and management for equal pay broke down. Women and men were working at the same job. Men were paid £6.50 more, on the excuse that they used to work night shift.

Men on the same job came out in support of the women's demands. They got organized with a strike committee, a 24-hour picket, fund raising and speakers sent to raise support. It was the longest strike for equal pay that's taken place.

### THE CARROT AND THE STICK

There were many twists and turns to the bosses' tactics before they realised they would have to give in, if they wanted any more windscreen wipers off the line. They tried to get the men to take a cut in wages! They also said that rates at the factory were low so the women should accept a low wage. The strikers replied in their bulletin: "The key to better rates is for women to get equal pay.

Otherwise they'll continue to be used as cheap labour which keeps other rates low." They offered increases of about £1.50 and later £2.30: the strikers rejected both and held out for a better rate and one that was an hourly rate, not depending on bonus. The bosses organized scab labour and strike funds were stolen.

The workers didn't just have to fight the bosses. The 'Equal Pay Tribunal' ruled that there was a 'material difference' in conditions between men and women workers. A placard on the picket line showed the workers' reaction:



*Victorious Trico workers returning to work after winning their 21-week strike for equal pay.*

"Tribunals do not work for us, We don't care what they say. Outside Trico we will stay Till we get equal pay."

Police were turned out to break through the picket lines to get scabs in. Many strikers couldn't get money from social security because the bosses claimed there was no strike. But none of these different forces of the bourgeoisie could stand up to the united struggle of the workers. The Trico workers have learned through bitter experience who are their friends and who are their enemies.

The workers stuck to their demands and ignored both the bosses' carrots and their sticks. The bosses had to break their own rules. They lose out when a factory stands idle.

The struggle of the workers at Trico shows how the struggle for equal pay is one for the whole of the working class. Marx and Engels wrote: "The Communists fight for the attainment of the immediate aims, for the enforcement of the momentary interest of the working class; but in the movement of the present, they also represent and take care of the future of that movement."

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# BOSSSES' ANTI - PEOPLE PROPAGANDA

Not content with throwing 1½ million workers on the dole, the bosses, through their press, are stepping up their vicious campaign to brand them as scroungers, layabouts and parasites. Of course, when workers fight sackings, redundancies and layoffs, they are attacked as 'unreasonable' fools.

These victims of the capitalist crisis are presented in the press as the cause! One worker who had been unemployed in South Wales for 7 or 8 months found a job in Hyde, near Manchester. He and his family moved into his father-in-law's small council flat in Stockport, while they looked for a house. They couldn't find one and were warned that both families could be evicted for over-crowding; so they asked SS for help. The SS moved them into a hotel while looking for a house. As the housing department told them they were not its 'problem' and they couldn't find a home quick enough they were thrown

out on the street again, and now the SS and housing have proposed that they go back to S. Wales. As if all this, and the money it has cost them, was not bad enough; the bosses' press vilified them. At the time they were thrown out of the hotel, papers like the Mirror, Sun, Mail and Express disgustingly attacked them as parasites, who were "laughing" at other workers, and presented them as typical scroungers. The press did not of course give the real details of why they were in the hotel, or their efforts to find a job and a home.

In fact this working class family is typical. It is a typical family that does not like being unemployed or without its own home - and the sick story in the press is also typical: it is typical of the deceit and anti-people propaganda that is being used in a vain bid to divide the working people and invent the victims as scapegoats for the capitalists own crisis ■

## INDIAN PEOPLE KNOW THEIR ENEMY

The two Superpowers have long struggled against each other for domination of India. Soviet social imperialism is now the main imperialist power that profits from the oppression of the Indian people.

Before Gandhi imposed a "State of Emergency" on the Indian people, they were already struggling for real independence against conditions of near fascist rule. Since the emergency, the fascist dictatorship has increased the number of political prisoners to over 100,000, executed peasant leaders fighting against landlord tyranny, outlawed the right to strike, and shot, arrested and beaten up strikers, stopped elections and attempted to enforce widespread sterilisation. The people have responded by stepping up the resistance. Heroic mass struggles have been waged all over India. Political and economic strikes, mass govt breaks, street confrontations with the police and sterilisation officials

are all taking place. Genuine Communists of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) are deeply involved in these struggles. The people are learning who are their friends and who are their enemies. This is an important lesson for workers in Britain too.

The Gandhi regime is applauded as 'socialist' by the Soviet bosses, the so-called 'Communist' Party of India, the revisionist 'Communist' Party of Great Britain, and several 'left' Labour MPs like Sidney Bidwell - a frequent writer for the 'Morning Star' - who calls it his "kind of socialism", and Michael Foot. It is also supported by the big monopoly capitalists and landlords of India, like Birla and Tata.

The revisionist 'Communist' Parties stand clearly exposed in their support of fascism and imperialism to the working people of India and the whole world. ■

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# VICTORIOUS CHINESE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO GRASP REVOLUTION AND PROMOTE PRODUCTION

Workers and oppressed people the world over are hailing the recent victories in the People's Republic of China in continuing the socialist revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. Led by the Communist Party of China (CPC), the people are carrying out Chairman Mao's correct principle of "grasping revolution, promoting production". They are studying more the works of the great teachers of the workers and oppressed, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Chairman Mao. They are also constantly raising production and working harder in their factories, mines and offices and on the railways. In this way, the workers and peasants remain the masters of China, while at the same time building her into a powerful, prosperous socialist country.

Victories like these could only be achieved through struggle. Most recently the CPC and the people of China have struggled against and defeated the notorious "gang of four". These four were leading members of the Party who tried to split the class unity of the Party and the workers and peasants. The "gang of four" time and again, within the CPC, attacked many revolutionary leaders instead of supporting their work to carry on the fight to build socialism. They even slandered the great revolutionary fighter, Comrade Chou En-lai.

In years past the four had done some good work for the revolution, but after forming their own small group they completely negated this past work. Instead of being good Communists, uniting with and learning from the masses, they divorced themselves from the people. They went against Chairman Mao's revolutionary principle that Communists have "to serve the people

## Dare to struggle

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We must struggle for the "immediate aims": for women that means equal pay and conditions and better facilities for child-care. But under capitalism what we win is limited: equal pay means only equal exploitation. In the course of that struggle we must "take care of the future" by building the unity and strength that we need to fight for socialism. It's only under socialism that working men and women will build true equality based on freedom from exploitation.

whole-heartedly and never for a moment divorce ourselves from the masses, to proceed in all cases from the interests of the people and not from one's own self-interest or from the interests of a small group."

As long ago as 1974, Chairman Mao knew of their splittist activities and criticised them that forming a faction went against the struggle to build socialism. And again in May last year, he warned them "Practise Marxism-Leninism not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and above board, and don't intrigue and conspire."

Despite these serious warnings and critic-

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# Revolution

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# Victorious Chinese people

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ism by Mao, the four continued to work secretly as a small clique. After Chairman Mao died they stepped up their intrigues, attacking large numbers of comrades in and outside the Communist Party, both nationally and in the localities.

They set themselves above the masses and criticised practically everyone who was trying to grasp revolution and promote production. This would have eventually split the Party and held back the revolution, resulting in a capitalist restoration in China, like that in the Soviet Union. In fact the "gang of four" did sabotage production, as recent reports from the People's Republic show.

The New China News Agency on Nov. 12th reported from Shanghai how railway workers there are denouncing the crimes of the "gang of four" in sabotaging production. The report says how the workers "pointed out that the anti-party 'gang of four', in their attempt to restore capitalism, flagrantly opposed the Party Central Committee's directives on railway work, opposed unified Party leadership and sabotaged centralized command in railway transport. They sowed dissension between railway and local organizations and between railway bureaus and sub-bureaus, tried to disrupt the normal, necessary system of management and slanderously described the revolutionary efforts of the workers to study theory and make greater contributions for socialism as a reflection of the 'theory of productive forces'." This 'theory of productive forces' was a revisionist theory that says growth of production is more important than political struggle in building socialism. The "gang of four" tried to pin this label on anyone who said production was important at all. "This greatly dampened the socialist enthusiasm of the cadres and masses."

Since the "gang of four" were exposed and defeated both revolution and production have surged ahead.

The Party has decided to publish more of the works by their great leader Chairman Mao. They are initiating and leading a mass campaign across China to deepen the study of his works. They have elected a new leader, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to succeed and carry on the work of Mao. And the workers and other labouring people are



*Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, warmly acclaimed new leader of the Chinese Communist Party.*

studying and criticising the errors of the "gang of four" to learn from them by negative example. This is concretely how the Chinese people are achieving even greater victories in "grasping revolution".

One striking example of advances in "promoting production" comes in a report from the struggle in the Capital Iron and Steel Company of Peking. The 100,000 workers there have been deepening their understanding of the crimes of the "gang of four". This has fired the workers with an even greater enthusiasm for socialism. As a result, they have made a considerable increase in the output of steel, pig iron, rolled steel and dressed ore and coke in the last 20 days of October over the same period of September. Construction projects at the plant have also progressed at a greater speed.

The workers, peasants and all labouring peoples under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, are in this way achieving more victories in grasping revolution and promoting production. Both of these strides forward for China will make her an even stronger and more prosperous socialist country. And one which continues to be a great bastion and faithful supporter of the ever-growing struggles of the oppressed people and nations of the world against the two superpowers, the United States and Soviet social imperialism.