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USA FORCED TO RECOGNISE CHINA

China and the United States of America established full diplomatic relations on January 1st 1979. This followed from a joint statement issued on December 15th last year.

The establishment of normal diplomatic relations represents a major step in a thirty year struggle against US imperialism's attempts to isolate China and protect its puppet clique in Taiwan.

US IMPERIALISM ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE PRC

After the defeat of Japanese aggression against China in 1945, the Chinese reactionary, Chiang Kai-shek, backed by US imperialism launched a counter-revolutionary war against the democratic forces of China, led by the Communist Party of China. In 1949, after four years of war the reactionary forces were crushed, and the People's Republic of China (PRC) was founded. Chiang Kai-shek retreated to China's island province of Taiwan.

In 1949 and 1950, the US government officially recognised that Taiwan was part of China, and that the Taiwan question was the internal affair of China. But it refused to recognise the government

of the People's Republic of China. In 1951, the US imperialists launched the war of aggression against Korea and to pursue their war aims sent troops and warships to occupy Taiwan and establish it as a military base. They have stayed to the present day.

The US imperialists have always called the Chiang Kai-shek clique the "government" of China and exchanged "Embassies" with it. Alongside its aim of isolating China diplomatically, the US also worked to isolate China economically, denying it trade and technology.

For over 20 years, the US strategy gradually crumbled. More and more countries, particularly third world countries appreciating China's resolute stand against imperialism, recognised the government of the PRC as the sole legal government of China, and established diplomatic and trade relations with it.

Alongside these developments, the US imperialists escalated their aggression in the 60's and early 70's against China's southern neighbours, Kampuchea (Cambodia), Laos and Vietnam. The USA

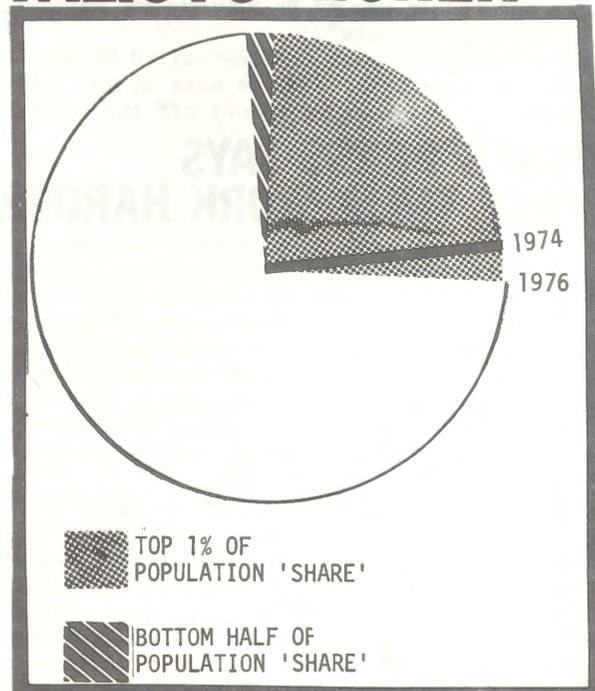
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LABOUR HITS WORKERS TO MAKE BIG CAPITALISTS RICHER

The latest issue of the Government's own publication "Economic Trends" shows that between 1974 and 1976 the wealthiest 1% (1 in every hundred) of the population got their claws into an extra 2½% of the country's wealth. This tiny minority of big financiers and capitalists at the present time owns and controls one quarter of the wealth. In the same period the "share" held by the poorest half of the population dropped from about 7% to about 5½%.

Between the years 1971 to 1974 when the Tories were in power, the top 1% of the population's "share" dropped from 30.5% to 22.5%. The poorest half increased their "share" from 2.8% to 7.1%. The reasons for this are that the top 1% of the population were hit by the drastic fall in share prices on the stock exchange. Tory Prime Minister Heath's attempt to shift the burden of this profits crisis onto the backs of the working class failed. It was left to the Labour Government from 1974 to succeed where he had failed. These figures show how much Wilson and Callaghan with the "social con-trick" and the pay limits have succeeded and brought more suffering to the working class masses to save the capitalist's bacon. They are indeed the best bosses party and he have nothing at all to do with the interests of the working class.

Number of workers employed in manufacturing industry in Scotland:	1974	676,000
	1975	637,000
	1976	608,000



Number of families living below supplementary benefit level:	1973	50,000
	1974	60,000
	1975	110,000
	1976	170,000

PARSONS WORKERS SOLD OUT!

Workers at Parsons in Newcastle, makers of turbo-generators for power stations, have accepted a £7 pay rise.

Management first offered a £4.50 increase for a worker earning £64 a week plus a productivity deal in November. The workers saw this as completely unsatisfactory, and took action by pulling out 35 joiners and crane men from the dispatch department. An important order was about to leave the factory for Canada. Management quickly retaliated by laying off over 1,200 workers within the next two weeks using the pretext of a swarf build up. Yet, the swarf bins were still empty and swarf wagons were being allowed through the picket lines by the workers, but not by management!

At a mass meeting of the 3,500 manual workers, the call for an all-out strike, the following Friday, was overwhelmingly applauded, as the only action possible. AUEW official George Arnold told the men that they were £16 behind other workers and needed to take strike action to get anywhere.

LABOUR JUMPS IN WITH THREATS

The Labour Government responded to the dispute in its traditional manner. It requested its "Think Tank" to reconsider whether the order for two new power stations at Torness and Heysham should go from Parsons to GEC, its main rival. This was a blatant attempt to threaten Parsons workers with future redundancies.

Scared to the bone at a possible strike, trade union officials organised a last minute meeting with management to get a settlement. Prior to the meeting the General Manager of the factory stated he would wouldn't pay a penny extra. However, the opportunists led by George Arnold were not perturbed by this stand. They proceeded to dress up management's earlier offer of £4.50 as £7! This was done by guaranteeing the first five per cent of the productivity scheme. But even in 1978, this figure was exceeded, so the net result was as Dr Hawley, the manager, said "Not a penny more".

At an emergency mass meeting called by the Works Negotiating Committee, workers were misled about the offer and recommended to put off the strike.

BOSSSES' PRESS SAYS MAKE THEM WORK HARDER

On January 3rd, the *Daily Mirror* carried a short report giving some latest figures from Citibank, one of America's biggest banks. They showed that "wage costs" in British industry are 25% lower than those in Japan and half those in Germany, Belgium and Holland. Did this mean that the *Daily Mirror* was exposing the low pay prevailing in British industry? Not in the least! With obvious contentment with the situation that the working class are being exploited, the article concluded,

"So why can't British industry compete? The answer must lie in management and productivity".

What this shows is that in the arguments among the bosses and in the columns of the capitalist press, on how to exploit the working class more, the *Daily Mirror* is saying that the British working class is poorer than workers of these other countries, but in relative terms (intensity of work and productivity) the British working class is less exploited i.e. producing less profit. So whilst adopting a phoney stand of siding with the workers against bad management, the *Daily Mirror* is arguing for the increased exploitation of the working class through speed-up, time and motion study, redundancies and the introduction of new machinery.

Whereas a week earlier, George Arnold had stated that the workers needed £16 to get the average pay of the area, he now said that with the £7 rise, Parsons workers had the highest fall back rate in the area! By conscious misleadership, strike action was defeated by 3-1.

Now, with-in reality a very poor wage increase, many workers have put in regrading claims to get more money. This has led to many very different claims, each with little chance of success. The struggle has been fragmented by opportunist misleadership and its collusion with the company and Government. There is, however, a great deal of anger on the shop floor at this sell-out. But this anger can lead to demoralisation. It is clear that the working class cannot succeed in defending jobs and wages if the trade unions are led by opportunists who sell-out the struggle. That is why the RCLB says that class conscious workers must fight to turn the trade unions into fighting class organisations and not collaborators with the bosses and their rotten system.

A study of Britain's biggest firms reveals that 228 men are in control of £30,459 million! Their average 'wage' for 1976/7 was £40,700. That's £783 a week! A trainee ambulanceman today earns £38.80, half of Britain's 450,000 unionised shop-workers earn less than £40, and the basic rate of 140,000 farm workers is £43 for a 40-hour week.

This comparison, stark though it is, underestimates the true extent of inequality, since almost all of the directors have further income from shares, property etc..

Cambodia in the Southeast Asian War

by Malcolm Caldwell and Lek Tan

This book was published in 1973. It is a detailed and well-researched history of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) from the days of its enslavement by French colonialism in the 19th century. It sympathetically chronicles the struggle of the Khmer people against first, French, then Japanese, and finally US imperialism. It gives an account of the development of the final national liberation war up until June 1972, exposing the barbarity of US imperialism and the Lon Nol puppet clique, the treachery of the Soviet revisionists, and the heroic struggle of the Kampuchean people led by the National United Front of Kampuchea.

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NEED FOR UNITY IN WILLS DISPUTE

The dispute in W.D. and H.O. Wills' Bristol factories - and Wills' factories elsewhere - has shown up the importance of handling divisions between men and women workers correctly.

When production workers are doing overtime during the week, mechanics do maintenance work as overtime on Sundays. Some ancillary women workers do Sunday overtime as well.

"PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION"

Under "protective legislation", if women work on Sundays they have to have a day off during the week. The company assumed this day off would be unpaid, when it first asked women to come in on Sunday. The women's shop stewards in the Tobacco Workers' Union and the T & G wouldn't have this. They pointed out that if the company got its way, women would be forced to have a day without earning in order to get double time for Sunday. They fought for a day off with pay, and won.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEN

Then the mechanics demanded a day off with pay during the week for themselves. They are saying that otherwise there is discrimination in favour of women - and this is true. In fighting to improve the position of women at work we sometimes come up against situations like this. Just because women are oppressed in capitalist society, just because they are not equal, there is some legislation to "protect" them from the worst abuses, as there is for children. In most cases we should aim to improve conditions for male workers up to what is legal for women, rather than accept worse conditions for women in the name of equality. Certainly in this particular case the mechanics should be supported.

SHORTSIGHTED ATTITUDE

The trouble is that the mechanics have not allowed the women workers to support them. They have said that they will only work on Sundays, if there are no women in the factory, until their demand is met. Women cannot accept this. A woman shop steward said in response "If only they would say 'We're not working any Sundays until we get the same as the women' I'd give them my full support." Bitterness and misunderstanding can gather around a dispute like this. To overcome them we have to see that the divisions between men and women are not the fault of our fellow workers, but of the whole capitalist system.

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A WORKER'S NOTEBOOK

■ The executive of the N.U.M. has dropped its always half-hearted support of Vladimir Klebanov, the Russian ex-miner who is at present imprisoned in a Soviet mental hospital for the crime of trying to found a free trade union.

An N.U.M. delegation headed by president Joe Gormley recently swallowed a string of lies from Soviet State Union boss Yefremenko. He said that Klebanov was deranged, had deserted his wife, and was a Jew with rich relatives in Israel who were backing him as part of a Zionist conspiracy.

Klebanov is not a Jew, but even if he was, it is anti-Semitism to use this as grounds for barring him from trade union activities. He has been judged sane by an eminent Moscow psychiatrist. Splitting up from your wife is hardly a sign of insanity.

Presented with these facts an N.U.M. official said, "What is the N.U.M. expected to do? If we took an opposite view, we would be saying that Mr. Yefremenko was a liar."

Exactly.

■ XMAS PRESENT. Workers at a Plessey engineering factory at Blunsdon, near Swindon, Wiltshire got an early Xmas dinner free from the company. Very generous of them. Until you know that Plessey is making a total of 1,250 workers redundant in the Swindon area. Then the tinsel took a little tarnished!

■ EAT, The Employment Appeal Tribunal has ruled that Kathleen Handley, a woman working part-time in the garment industry, is not entitled to the same hourly rate as a man working full-time at exactly the same job.

The company argued that "her work, although the same operation, is not in total of the same use to the employer" because "she is not able to be utilized when she is not there". This stunning discovery presumably justifies discrimination against anyone who doesn't work 24 hours a day!

EAT agreed this was a material difference, the chairman said she "was really contributing overall less to production and less to the utilization of the company's equipment..." But it is the company's responsibility, not the workers', if machinery stands idle while she is not being paid to operate it!

Since the majority of part-time workers are women, because they have the main responsibility for children, it is sex discrimination for part-timers to get lower rates of pay. As the Trico workers said in their May 1976 strike bulletin, "The key to better rates is for women to get equal pay. Otherwise they will continue to be used as cheap labour which keeps other rates low."

■ The Government set up ACAS, the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to try and head off strikes. It is claimed that it is a neutral body, deciding impartially between bosses and workers. This is nonsense. If it ever decides against a particular boss, what it is doing is enforcing the common interests of the whole bosses' class against the interest of a single member of that class. It is part of the nature of capitalism that such differences will arise.

Sometimes the individuals who make up ACAS will disagree with Government as to what course of action is in the bosses' overall interest. Then the Government simply over-rules ACAS. It has done this recently in the case of 3 ACAS awards to teachers, which had been agreed by both employees and employers.

So whichever way you slice it, ACAS does nothing for working people.

ONE FIFTH OF LONDON POLICE TRAINED TO

The *Observer* newspaper of December 17th, carried a report on the police truncheon giving way to the gun. It stated that one in ten policemen in county areas and one in five in the metropolitan police forces are trained in the use of weapons. This is the reality of the increased militarisation of the police. The television and cinema abandoned the "Dixon of Dock Green" image of the "sensitive" and "friendly copper walking the beat" long ago. Now the police are portrayed as having to be unfeeling and ruthless in order to be society's protectors. "The Sweeney" with its cult of police violence is screened to get people used and hardened to military style police operations.

WHOSE LAW AND ORDER?

The justification for the militarising of the police is always done by citing armed bank robberies and big-time gangsterism. But this cannot be the main target. During the two-year period of 1976 and 1977 guns were fired by criminals 96 times on London streets. This figure is undoubtedly much smaller in the provincial cities, yet one in ten are trained to use arms there.

In the name of fighting the big-time crooks, basic democratic rights such as the right to trial by jury and the right to be regarded as innocent

until proven guilty have been undermined. London police commissioner, David McNee raised the demand at the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, that the police should be given wholesale powers of detention, questioning and finger-printing. McNee argued that the police should be given these fascist powers because they had to get their way by stealth or should we say lying and illegal methods.

It is, to say the least, questionable that the police fights big-time gangsterism. The 1977 trial of the "Porn Squad" revealed that not only was this police unit up to its neck in bribery and corruption, but was in fact, as a state force, in the most powerful position in London's pornography gangland. In "Class Struggle" we have shown how the victims of racist gangsterism involving harassment and beating of national minorities are persecuted and charged by the police.

The point to grasp is that the police force is not some neutral body serving society. It is an organ of the capitalist state which protects the wealth and privilege of the ruling class. In a society which is based on robbery; that is the robbery of the wealth produced by the working class and oppressed peoples of the countries exploited by British imperialism, gangsterism and big time crime are inevitable. Even the rivalry between different

NO FREE GIFTS FROM THE BOSSES' PA

The two main capitalist parties have been preparing their public relations antics for the next election. One of the shaky planks they stand on is their various claims to improve the position of women. The Conservative Party does not even pretend to help women take part in production. Their Social Services spokesman, Lynda Chalker, said in an interview that her party has always "Concentrated more on the caring role of women than on their industrial role", and that if women wanted to work and have children too, "the financial responsibility for that child must, in toto, be theirs". The Tories claim to support "equal opportunity in the workplace". But this is just throwing dust in our eyes, since while there are hardly any child care facilities and women have to do the shopping, washing, cooking and cleaning "equal opportunities" are impossible. How can a section of the people who are oppressed in a particular way be made "equal" unless that oppression is removed?

EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT

The Labour Party's public relations job is rather more sophisticated. Its broadsheet "Labour and the

Family" has just been distributed to party workers for them to order their election copies. It lists what Labour claims to have done for women and the family: there are articles on pensions, child benefits and the Sex Discrimination Act. One reform stressed is the "Employment Protection Act" (EPA).

Labour grants reforms in order to keep its hold over the working class, which it has to do to remain monopoly capitalism's most efficient party. So legislation like the EPA is double-edged. It looks good but in practice doesn't always benefit the working class. The Act forbids employers to dismiss women workers because they are pregnant - unless they are thereby "incapable of doing the job adequately" and no "suitable alternative" exists. A Leeds shop assistant lost her case for unfair dismissal when the Industrial Tribunal ruled that since her job had involved lifting which she could no longer do, and no suitable alternative existed, the employer had the right to sack her for being pregnant. The EPA entitles women to return to their jobs up to 29 weeks after the birth of their babies, and either get their old job back, if it still exists, or a suitable alternative, if there is one.

DEPORTATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES INCREASING

Apart from the oppressive nature of immigration controls themselves, an important part of the immigration laws is that they take away basic democratic rights from any national minority person who the police or authorities brand an "illegal immigrant". Starting with the massive police raids on the Bengali community in Newcastle in January, 1978, all through last year national minorities have been terrorised by the police.

"Suspects" are held indefinitely until they are deported or released and figures for such cases are increasing. In 1977, 1153 people were deported; figures for the first quarter of 1978 showed an increase over the same period in 1977. In April alone 102 were being held, 40 had been held for more than

two months and one for eleven months.

This special oppression of national minorities denies basic civil rights. It is "justified" by racism which blames immigration for unemployment etc. Class conscious workers cannot hesitate in clearly blaming the capitalist system for its crisis and chronic unemployment. Special oppression of national minorities and the racism which "justifies" it hits the unity of the whole working class and is therefore a bosses weapon against the working class in its struggles against the capitalist class.

BUILD THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS
OPPOSE THE OPPRESSIVE IMMIGRATION LAWS

CARRY GUNS

monopolies which often involves arson and industrial espionage is a form of gangsterism. Further, capitalism began with piracy and plunder. The police force aims to protect the property and wealth of the monopoly capitalist class against robberies etc. But more than this the police force is there, with the army and other state agencies, to maintain the capitalist class in power, so that it can continue to amass wealth through its exploitation and robbery of the working class.

CAPITALISM A DECAYING SYSTEM

Labour, Tory and Liberal echo the cry of a break-down in "law-and-order" to justify giving the police more powers. It is true that there is an increase in crimes of theft, attacks on the person etc. etc.. But giving the police more arbitrary powers will not end or even drastically cut this. It will increase the oppression of the working class. Crime is on the increase because capitalism creates poverty and chronic unemployment. Capitalism is a dying system which cannot solve the social problems it creates. Only socialism and the revolutionary power of the proletariat can build a new social order which will mobilize the masses against crimes of theft, rape, murder etc.. ■

PARTIES

ONLY SOCIALISM CAN EMANCIPATE WOMEN

The two parties are different - they have different ways of trying to get the working class and working people generally to accept capitalist exploitation and oppression. They are two wings of a single bird of prey. But with their different voices, each speaks for the ruling class. The capitalist class has no interest in ending the oppression of women and could not do so anyway. For that it needs a different social system, socialism, to take the burden of household drudgery from women by providing cheap laundries, sewing and mending services, canteens and take-aways, good child-care facilities and full employment for men and women. The profit system cannot do this, not because it is technically or administratively difficult, but because it pays the ruling class to leave women as they are and to try to use all differences to divide the working class. We need genuine reforms which lessen women's oppression and help them take part in the struggle for socialism. But even for these we have to fight every inch of the way - neither capitalist party has any free gifts to offer. ■



Women in China have the right to take jobs in all spheres of the economy - these oil workers prove that women are quite capable of doing work traditionally seen as men's.

LETTER FROM EX-JOB CENTRE WORKER

Job Centres are supposed to be for workers to help them get employment. My view is they must have been built for the capitalists. I say this because I used to work in a job centre and I am appalled at the rights which are available for the bosses. There is "one law for the rich and one for the poor".

My job was to ring up all the bosses in-the area and inform them of their rights. For instance the capitalists can claim a grant if they employ a disabled person. Or, if they employ a school leaver they can have a government subsidy of £10 a week for a period of time, provided they employ them for a few months.

But for workers things are made difficult. When a worker goes to a Job Centre he has to fill out tiresome forms saying how many jobs he has had and why he left them. His skills and the wage he earned and what he would expected to earn are required, etc. He is given a choice of the jobs advertised. This is no favour as the person who benefits mostly is the capitalist as he gets someone to work for him and pays them low wages. The jobs offered where I worked were for unskilled men and women. Mostly working in factories as machinists, for clothes, handbags, shoes or packing goods. The hours were usually from 8.00am to 6.00pm six days a week with half an hour for lunch. The wage offered was for women on average about £30, for men between £35 - £40. Any higher wages usually included working overtime. How can a worker pay his rent, fares to work and support a wife and any children he has on these ridiculously low wages? Many go on the dole, and are made to feel like leaches, when they should realise it is their right to this payment as the state does not give money to people for nothing they will make sure they get a full return in terms of labour. When they go back to work they will be taxed to repay the state aid given whilst unemployed.

With there being an election this year I shall pay particular notice of the figures printed on the unemployed. No doubt when the figures of the unemployed go down the credit will go to the Party governing. What a farce this is! Figures used in unemployment statistics are not worth the paper they are written on. Firstly the method used to put out the statistics is selected. The Job Centre says how many immigrants are unemployed, how many men and women and school leavers are unemployed, etc. This gives a false set of figures for how many housewives and school leavers register, then return to college or find a job doing home employment. Then the government when they issue the next figures count these so-called unemployed as now employed, and they take the credit for getting people a job. Another factor is that at the end of the statistic month the Job Centre is pressured into getting people on the dole work, by suggesting they must find unemployment or their money will be withdrawn. The worker faced with this choice takes whatever job is offered even if the wages are not enough to exist on. They will be back at the job centre in a few months unable to work for this money and support their family.

But in the meantime the election propaganda will have used the new figures of these workers to show and fool the public of how good the government has been to reduce the number of unemployed.

So who benefits from the Job Centre - the worker or the capitalist? ■

KAMPUCHEA RESISTS MASSIVE VIET

On December 25th, the Vietnamese Authorities launched their biggest invasion yet against Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia). This move has been expected for some time. Over the last few months the Soviet social imperialists have been continuously building up the might of the Vietnamese armed forces including sophisticated weapons and MiG warplanes. Forced conscription has been brought in for men between the ages of 16 and 45. During this period Vietnam has carried out a number of aggressive attacks on Kampuchea. In early December, a Vietnamese regiment which penetrated into Kampuchea was cut to pieces by Kampuchean guerrilla units. Many Vietnamese lives were lost in spiked bamboo traps built by the local people. Recently, under Soviet guidance, the Vietnamese authorities helped set up an organisation called the "Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation" (KNUFNS). This counter-revolutionary group consists of a handful of Kampuchean traitors. In itself it is capable of doing nothing. But it is a convenient signboard behind which the Soviet-engineered Vietnamese aggression can be hidden. Now that Vietnam has launched a massive invasion of Kampuchea, Soviet and Vietnamese news agencies are claiming that the fighting is being done by KNUFNS. Not a soul believes this. No one can believe that a one month old organisation has a major airforce, tank regiments, rockets and artillery, and an army bigger than the Kampuchean Government's Revolutionary Army! Who are they kidding?

Finally in preparation for the major invasion, Giap, Commander of the Vietnamese Armed Forces, has been making militarist speeches in Vietnam during December (in which he let the cat out of the bag by

saying that it really was the Vietnamese doing the fighting in Kampuchea). He stated that they were determined to "defeat the reactionary clique in Phnom Penh" (i.e. the socialist Government of Kampuchea) and went on "we will win because we have the sympathy and...support of the Soviet Union!" The Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Nguyen Duy Trinh, boasted, "Vietnam is able to capture Phnom Penh in 24 hours".

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF US IMPERIALISM

On December 25th, the Vietnamese aggressors sent twelve divisions into Kampuchean territory. The fact of the full-scale invasion itself, as well as the Vietnamese speeches clearly shows that previous Vietnamese claims that Kampuchea was the aggressor are outright lies. All the fighting has been on Kampuchean soil.

By December 28th, three Vietnamese divisions in Kratie and neighbouring provinces of Kampuchea were decimated. The 307th division of the Vietnamese Army (no, it's certainly not KNUFNS!) lost 600 men and 200 weapons and had to withdraw. The 3rd and 5th divisions had 400 casualties in their drive north of Snuol. They lost many weapons, three tanks and four artillery pieces.

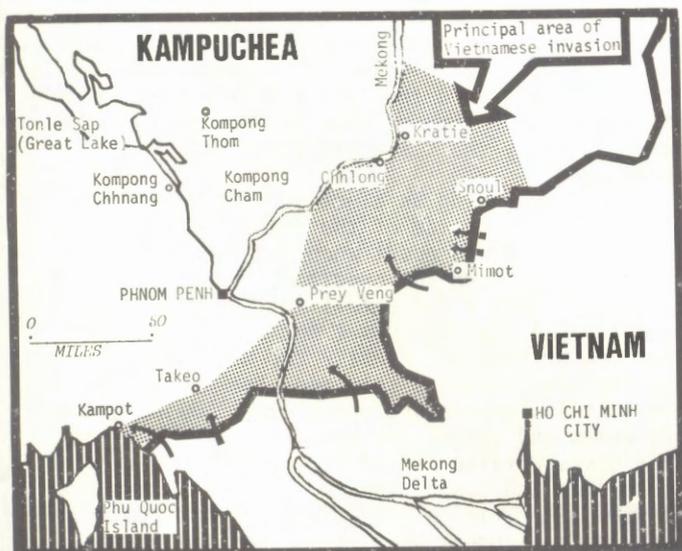
The Vietnamese invasion took place on a wide front, aiming at Kampot in the south, through Takeo, Kompong Cham and up to the north of Kratie. Undoubtedly, the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army (KRA) has been pushed back temporarily under the weight of Vietnam's vastly greater armed forces. At the time of writing, Kratie itself, has reportedly been occupied, and Kompong Cham is said to be under attack.

MiG warplanes piloted by Soviet airmen as well as Vietnamese are attacking populated areas. On January 2nd, MiGs bombed wharves on the Mekong river. On the 3rd many planes bombed and strafed Prey Veng and surrounding areas. Many civilians, young and old, men, women and children, have been killed. In Neak Luong the hospital was heavily bombed, and most of the patients are dead. The Vietnamese have certainly taken a leaf out of the book of US imperialism. Snuol, Kratie, Memot and Chhlong all suffered many casualties from heavy air raids.

KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE EXACT A HEAVY PRICE

Despite the fact that the Vietnamese invaders have made advances, the Kampuchean people have demanded a heavy price. The KRA and local guerrilla units are fighting hard. By the end of December, 14,000 of the invading troops were dead and 84 tanks destroyed.

The Vietnamese authorities and the Soviet social imperialists have forgotten their lessons of history. Aggressors always do. Through force of military might US imperialism occupied much of Vietnam,



SOLIDARITY OF KOREA AND KAMPUCHEA

The Korean Central News Agency reports that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the General Secretary of the Workers Party of Korea and President of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), sent a message to Comrade Pol Pot, the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and Prime minister of Democratic Kampuchea, on the 27th of December.

In his message Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The Korean people set great store by their friendship and solidarity with the Kampuchean people, their brothers and comrades-in-arms, and are

happy to note that the friendly and co-operative relations between our two parities, two countries and two peoples are favourably developing day by day through the common struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism". Kim Il Sung wished the Kampuchean people greater successes in the struggle to defend the sovereignty of the country and the gains of the revolution and build a new prosperous Kampuchea.

On December 29th, a new tractor factory, built with the help of the DPRK, was opened in Kampuchea.

NAM INVASION

Kampuchea and Laos. But it could never win the war. The people will fight back, and when they are led by a correct and tempered party, like the Communist Party of Kampuchea, their victory is certain. Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos defeated US aggression. They fought a heroic and protracted people's war. Today it is Vietnam, acting as an agent for Soviet social imperialism, that has become an aggressor. The Kampuchean people will defeat them too.

SHAMEFUL BETRAYAL BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES

The Vietnamese people fought a great and just struggle for independence against US imperialism. The Marxist-Leninists in Britain actively supported them. But today, the Vietnamese authorities dream of an "Indo-China Federation" headed by themselves. They want to annex Kampuchea and later on other countries. To do this they have more and more militarised their economy. They have sold Vietnam's independence for guns. Their industry is geared to military production. So they import necessities from the Soviet Union - for a price; putting Vietnam deeper into hock. Now they are sent Soviet "advisers" and "pilots" and experts of every description. The Vietnamese people have been sold out. Now the authorities forcibly conscript Vietnamese workers and peasants and force them to be cannon-fodder for the ambitions of the new Tsars in the Kremlin, and their agents in Hanoi.

The Kampuchean people and their Party are fighting back. In Vietnam itself, the authorities are unpopular. Soviet social imperialism is looking very strong, but at the same time its own actions are educating the people of the world as to its true nature. US imperialism met defeat in Indo-China. In time the other superpower will get the same treatment.

DR. CALDWELL MURDERED

Dr. Malcolm Caldwell, a well known supporter of the Kampuchean revolution, was assassinated in Phnom Penh, the capital of Democratic Kampuchea on December 23rd. Dr. Caldwell was a lecturer at the London School of Oriental and African studies, the co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Asia* and the author of numerous books, pamphlets and articles, including the book written with Lek Tan *Cambodia in the Southeast Asian War*.

Since the liberation of Kampuchea in 1975, Dr. Caldwell had vigorously worked to expose the lies about so-called "genocide" in Kampuchea, and supported the efforts of the government to develop the socialist economy of Kampuchea. In July, last year, an article by him was printed in *New Age* - the monthly paper of the Communist Workers Movement - once again exposing the lies of the capitalist press on Kampuchea.

In an article in the November 1978 issue of the *China Policy Study Group Broadsheet*, he castigated the lying "Moscow/Hanoi propaganda (which) is drawn from the notorious *Readers Digest* book by Barren and Paul (*Murder of a gentle land*) which has long since been refuted and discredited in the West." In the same article he pointed out: "every opportunity should be taken to expose Russian economic imperialism and sinister political interventions in the internal affairs of smaller countries".

He was greeted as a good friend of the Kampuchean people when he travelled there in December, in the company of two American journalists. After he had interviewed Pol Pot, he said: "I have been trying for years to create more sympathy and clear understanding for your country in Britain and I know that

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INTERNATIONAL NOTES



KOREA: The Secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland in Korea published a statement on Dec. 26, exposing the crimes of United States imperialism's puppet ruler of south Korea, Pak Jung Hi. The statement attacks the traitorous activities of Pak Jung Hi and the policy of dividing Korea, and goes on: "Even according to the extremely watered-down material that leaked out under the harsh press gag and strict news blackout, this year the south Korean fascists took "legal" action against over 645,000 patriots and people of all strata and formally prosecuted 387,000 of them. Numerous people were sentenced to death or received heavy penalties.

The statement calls on the south Korean people to take an active part in the struggle to overthrow the Pak Jung Hi clique and to realise the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

In his hypocritical "human rights" campaign Carter seems to have overlooked the activities of his puppet in Korea!

USSR: Facts show that far from being a voluntary federation of equal nations, the USSR today has reduced the position of the minority republics to that of colonies. The Tajik Republic produces 10.6% of the USSR's unginned cotton, but only 1.5% of its cotton cloth. Industry and wealth is centralised in Russia, and the Republic maintained as a producer of raw materials. 1.4% of the USSR's population lives in the Tajik Republic, but only 0.77% of total economic investment is made there. So Tajik is falling even further behind. Most of the collective and state farms make a loss each year, because of the low prices fixed by the state on their produce. The working people are therefore impoverished. Over the last 3 years the losses have increased every year.

Social Services given to each Tajik inhabitant amount to only just over half that given to Russians. The number of doctors for every 10,000 inhabitants is 3/5 that of the number in the Russian Republic.

In the last few years large numbers of Tajik cadres have been removed from their offices and expelled from the Party because of their protests. The state bureaucracy in the Tajik Republic has brought in Russians to replace them.

The Tajik language is being restricted in its use, the number of books published each year and the number of magazines in the Tajik language both dropped every year between 1970 and 1977.

IRAN: The Shah of Iran, his family, and his top supporters have made sure that they have feathered their nests, and will live comfortable lives after they are kicked out of power in Iran. In the last 2 years alone they have shifted £990 million to the USA. Most of the money is invested in property, in office skyscrapers, in shops and luxury apartments. The Shah's family have got their own mansions in the exclusive Beverly Hills suburb. One of his sisters paid a mere £990,000 for hers. The Shah himself owns over 140 acres of land in Bel Air - known as the world's most expensive suburb.

ZIMBABWE: On Dec. 22 a number of Rhodesian planes violated Zambian airspace and attacked targets in Zambia. Forces of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe shot down two of the planes.

sent vast armies to protect and build up its economic plunder of these countries. The PRC vigorously supported the armed liberation movements.

UN RECOGNISES PRC, DUMPS TAIWAN CLIQUE.

In the United Nations more and more countries were demanding that the government of the PRC should be given its rightful place as the sole legal representative of China, and the Taiwan clique kicked out. The US has for many years tried to counter this just demand, by calling for recognition of both China and Taiwan! It has tried to divide China and call it two countries. It has tried in this way to "legalise" its occupation of Taiwan province. The PRC refused to accept such terms. In October 1971 the US strategy was given a body blow, when the United Nations voted to recognise China and expelled the Taiwan ruling clique. The new representative of the PRC to the United Nations made his introductory speech on November 15th. After thanking the friendly governments, who had supported China's diplomatic struggle, he vigorously attacked the USA's anti-China strategy. "This is a defeat of the plan of the US government", he said; "this is a common victory for the people all over the world". On the question of Taiwan, he pointed out: "the Chinese people are determined to liberate Taiwan and no force on earth can stop us from doing so". He went on to attack US imperialism for its aggression in South East Asia and elsewhere, and to denounce the two superpowers who wish to lord it over others.

NIXON VISITS CHINA

Four months later, President Nixon, forced to recognise the failure of the US strategy, went to China. For 23 years the US had worked to isolate China. Nixon's visit was a stunning admission that the US anti-China strategy was crumbling. At the end of the visit a joint statement was issued. In their statement, China pointed out that the Taiwan question was the crucial question obstructing normalisation of diplomatic relations, and stated that the liberation of Taiwan was an internal affair of China, which no-one had any right to interfere in. "All US forces and military installations must be withdrawn", it said. China reaffirmed its support for the liberation struggle in South East Asia. The US accepted that Taiwan was part of China, and accepted the "ultimate objective" of the withdrawal of its troops. But it did not cut off its relations with the Taiwan clique.

US DRAGS HEELS, BUT IS FORCED TO ACCEPT REALITY

Over the last few years, the US has dragged its heels. It has not withdrawn its troops, nor in practice abandoned its "two-China" line. But the struggle has gone on. China's struggle has grown in strength. More and more countries have supported it. Simultaneously the US line has declined in strength. The US has been kicked out of Kampuchea, Laos and Vietnam. Throughout the world it has suffered defeats. Now it has been forced to accept the reality that it cannot ignore the voice of nearly a quarter of the world's population.

On January 1 1979, it recognised the PRC as the sole legal government of China. It has dumped diplomatic relations with the Taiwan clique; closed the US "Embassy" in Taiwan, and the Taiwan "Embassy" and "Consulate" in the USA. It had drawn up plans for the withdrawal of troops within four months. Its anti-China line is in tatters.

In Taiwan the reactionary clique are stunned. Martial law has been proclaimed, troops put on full alert, and elections cancelled.

The establishment of diplomatic relations is a great victory. But it does not mean that the struggle is over. The USA is still an imperialist superpower. That has not changed. China will not stop its opposition to US imperialism. China has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. That has not stopped its struggle against Soviet expansionism. China will continue to struggle against superpower domination. Even the struggle over Taiwan is not over. Whilst the USA now admits that Taiwan is part of China; that the PRC is the sole legal Government of China; and even though it has agreed to dismantle its bases, it still says it will sell arms to the Taiwan ruling clique! If it does, this will be a blatant intervention in the internal affairs of China. China has already said that it would regard such dealings as a violation of the agreement.

RECOGNITION IS A BLOW TO SOVIET EXPANSION TOO

The establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the USA has been welcomed throughout the world. It is regarded as a great victory, and a move that will strengthen peace. Only the Soviet social imperialists and some of their agents oppose it. Why? Cuba calls it a sell-out! What rubbish. Cuba conveniently forgets that its own Soviet masters already have diplomatic relations with the USA! What the Soviet Union is really worried about is that China will become stronger. It is now the Soviet social imperialists who are the main people trying to isolate China. It is the Soviet imperialists who have subverted the revolution in Vietnam, and who are now backing aggression against Kampuchea. The establishment of normal diplomatic relations between China and the USA is not only a blow against US imperialism, but is also a blow against Soviet expansionism. It will aid China's struggle to become a modern socialist country, with a highly developed economy and technology. China is vigorously opposed to Soviet aggression. That is why the Soviet Union wants China weak. That is why the Soviet Union is against recognition.

China has struggled hard over thirty years for this victory. It is a victory for socialism and a defeat for reaction. It is a victory for China, a defeat for US imperialism, a defeat for Soviet social imperialism. It is a victory for the third world who have aided the struggle and for the American people who struggled for recognition within America. It is a victory which will benefit all the world's people. ■

I shall be able to carry on this work much more successfully as a result of having the opportunity to visit your country". Dr. Caldwell was a good anti-imperialist who deserves high respect.

Dr. Caldwell was murdered by three anti-Kampuchean agents. They wanted him silenced. One of the assassins died, one was captured and one escaped. Now, in order to try to turn truth on its head, Soviet and Vietnamese propaganda is trying to say that Dr. Caldwell was going to denounce Kampuchea, and was killed by the Kampuchean government! These vicious lies have no basis. They are pure inventions, intended to divert blame. The 2 Americans, ordinary journalists, who were with him, certainly saw no such evidence! The *Morning Star* rag of course, propagated the lie, by hinting at "mysterious circumstances". Such vicious lies are fully in conformity with the lies backing Vietnam's aggression. The despicable behaviour of revisionists (sham marxists) knows no bounds. ■