

# U.S. IMPERIALIST PLOT UNCOVERED!

## REVISIONISTS LINKED WITH C.I.A.!

During the past two weeks the PEOPLE'S VOICE has uncovered a federal government plan to buy up informers in the Watts area and other working class districts of Los Angeles for the purpose of gathering information which could then be used against the people of these areas. Essentially, the plan is designed to buy off the dissatisfied people in the working class districts while gathering up the information which the government would need in order to further enslave the already oppressed people of South Los Angeles.

This plot against the people takes the form of a semi-secret "study" financed by the federal government and administered by the "Institute of Government and Public Affairs" at UCLA. Before the August uprising was even over the federal government had appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of "studying" the uprising. In the time since the uprising the amount allotted to this "study" has been increased by the federal government to \$200,000. This money supposedly is coming from the Commerce Department, but the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. would benefit from the information gathered much more than would the Commerce Department.

The formal purpose of the money is to hire thirty "interviewers" for the purpose of discovering the "causes and effects of the Watts riots including the attitudes and organizations in the community both before, during, and after the riots."

The number of "interviews" to be conducted is 2700 with the great majority of the "interviews" in the working class districts where more "trouble" may break out again. Those who are being hired and paid off with the \$200,000 are largely those who have been identified with "civil rights" and "radical" organizations. The information from the "study" is to be the exclusive property of the federal government and the federal government will do whatever it wishes with the "study" while revealing only what it wishes to reveal.

On the surface the "study" seems legitimate and benign, but when some essential questions

are posed some interesting answers and relationships appear and the real nature of the "study" is revealed.

The questions which must be asked are: Why is the federal government interested in spending so much money in order to secure basic information about the working class districts and the people in those districts? Why was the federal government not so interested in gathering up such information before the uprising? Why is it that the same imperialist federal government which pays off thousands of National Guard and Army troops to suppress the people in Los Angeles, New York, Rochester,

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## Mao Tse-Tung On Guerilla Warfare

PROBLEMS OF  
STRATEGY IN  
GUERRILLA WAR  
AGAINST JAPAN

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### CHAPTER I

#### Why Raise the Question of Strategy in Guerrilla War?

In the War of Resistance Against Japan, regular warfare is primary and guerrilla warfare supplementary. This point has already been correctly settled. Thus, it seems there are only tactical problems in guerrilla warfare. Why then raise the question of strategy?

If China were a small country in which the role of guerrilla warfare was only to render direct support over short distances to the campaigns of the regular army, there would, of course, be only tactical problems but no strategic ones. On the other hand, if China were a country as strong as the Soviet Union and the invading enemy could either be quickly expelled, or, even though his expulsion were to take some time, he could not occupy extensive areas, then again guerrilla warfare would simply play a supporting role in campaigns, and

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## FOUNDING CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A.

(Marxist-Leninist)

Representatives of the American working class met the weekend of Sept. 4-5, 1965 in Los Angeles at the Founding Conference to reconstitute the COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A. (MARXIST-LENINIST). The groups represented were the Provisional Organizing Committee to Reconstitute the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party in the U.S.A. and the Workers' Organizing Committee (Marxist-Leninist).

The Founding Conference made preparations for a Party program, a Party constitution, a public Party declaration (to be issued shortly), and for the first National Party Congress to be convened within a year. The Founding Conference elected a Central Committee, and decided to issue two Party organs—The RED FLAG, the theoretical organ of the Central Committee, and the PEOPLE'S VOICE, the semi-official agitational organ of the Party. The reconstituted Party is to be known as the COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A. (MARXIST-LENINIST).

### STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLACK LIBERATION FRONT COESTAB

... We call upon the militants, revolutionary nationalists, freedom fighters, enlightened sections of the patriotic black bourgeoisie, genuine Communists and all the anti-imperialist forces to unite in the broadest possible front against U.S. imperialism, its running dogs and lackeys, renegades of the "left," the modern revisionists and their Trotskyites running dogs; struggle for liberation of the Negro nation and its right to self-determination. ("Observer," Black Flag No. 15).

For information concerning the Negro Liberation Front,

Please Write:

Committee for the Establishment of the Black Liberation Front, — P.O. Box 16022 San Francisco, Calif.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truckee, Calif.

Sept. 1, '65

Comrades:

Received your new paper, "People's Voice" and I must say that it's by far the best yet in the line of a Proletarian press. Comes payday I will send you a five buck sub—gladly! You are absolutely correct about the L.A. situation. It was more in the line of an unemployed "riot" similar to our old "Basket Brigades" of the dirty 30s. It might also be called an incipient "Paris Commune."

Karl Marx said of the Peasant War, "We need a second edition of the Peasant War." Lenin said words to the effect that the Proletarian Revolution would be led by "the most oppressed of the working class." Yes, the new paper is tops and keep it going!

Seeing as how I only draw 80 bucks a month on social security, I figured that if I worked ANOTHER fifty years I would draw 160 bucks a month, so I could then enjoy the "golden years" of retirement! Old Dad worked 70 years in lumber and died a pauper. I have worked 50 years in lumber, and my son has worked 15 years in it. We are also both pauperized! How could it be otherwise? We made LUMBER, the Boss made MONEY, as that was HIS department. Well, as the old Wobbly song says,

"When the Earth is owned by Labor, and there's joy and peace for all, in the Commonwealth of toil that is to be . . ." So keep pitching, you are doing a fine job.

Comradely,

Old Lumberjack

Tom (Scribner)

8 September, 1965

The Editor  
PEOPLE'S VOICE

Los Angeles

Dear Brother:

This morning I was given a copy of the "People's Voice," Vol. I, No. 1.

I intend to keep it as a priceless historical document of the American people's socialist revolution.

Knowing the savage reaction your paper is likely to receive from the local imperialists and their lackeys, I can only salute your bravery and fearless endeavor, and congratulate you and your associates.

Guided and inspired by the "P.V." the American working people must surely defeat the tyranny of monopoly (U.S.) right in its own front door.

I guess the best help I can give you people from this far away is something to help with expenses. So find enclosed—1 Pound—N.Z.

Yours fraternally,

Norm Tully

Auckland, New Zealand



FASCIST ATROCITIES MUST BE COMBATTED—To this end the People's Party (C.P.U.S.A.-M.L.) has been reconstituted to lead the liberation struggle in the United States.

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

In our last edition (Nos. 3-4) we noted the passing of Comrade Michael McCreery of Britain. Due to an inexcusable error in composition reference was made to Comrade McCreery as "Mr. McCreery." Editor's apologies.

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## SPECIAL IN NEXT ISSUE: DECLARATION OF RECONSTITUTED C.P.U.S.A. MARXIST-LENINIST

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Cambridge, Natchez and thousands of other locations both here and abroad is now so interested in gathering information about the people it oppresses in Los Angeles? Is it possible that the same imperialist government which has been responsible for inhuman conditions of life in Los Angeles and other areas of the world will use the information it gathers for other than oppressive ends? Why is the government paying off people in "civil rights" and "radical" organizations to gather up the needed information?

### ANSWERS TO ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS REVEAL TRUE NATURE OF "STUDY"

Once these questions are examined thoroughly the answers become clear:

The federal government is interested in spending \$200,000 on this "study" at this time because it needs the information which will be gathered in order to suppress the already oppressed people in ways more subtle, sophisticated and less costly than sending in thousands of fully armed combat troops. With the relatively small sum of \$200,000 the federal government will be able to buy up the information it needs in order to discover and smash the patriotic efforts of freedom-seeking people including the smashing of self-defense liberation units organized and organizing in the area. In order to continue to suppress the people without spending millions of dollars in putting down armed uprisings, the government must have information on where to strike most effectively and subtly in the working class districts before effective collective action can be initiated by the people. This is why \$200,000 is being spent by the federal government to secure basic information about the working class districts in Los Angeles and about the people in those districts.

It is only now, after the heroic August uprising, that the federal government feels threatened. Before the uprising the

government felt it had the people "in their place" and that it could continue to step on the people and rob them while not a sound of dissent was uttered. Only after the people arose collectively to fight off the common enemy did the federal government feel it was worth while to spend \$200,000 on finding out what the people are doing on behalf of their own liberation. That is why the government was not interested in such a study before the uprising.

It is evident that the imperialist U.S. government, which has been responsible for the oppression of millions around the world including the entire Negro nation in the South is not very interested in changing things in any meaningful way, for to do so would threaten the position of ruthless superiority U.S. imperialism attempts to maintain in the world. If the rulers of the U.S. government wished to change anything they would not need to undertake an elaborate information-gathering study, for, as the designers and builders of this house of oppression and exploitation, they already know in great detail what is wrong and what needs changing. But to change anything which would alleviate the people's oppression would ruin the position of power which the parasitical ruling class in the U.S. attempts desperately to hang on to. That is why it is idealistic and uninformed foolishness to think that the information which this "study" gathers for the imperialist U.S. government is going to be used by that government for anything other than oppressive ends.

### REVISIONISTS AND TROTSKYITES UNMASKED AS PAID AGENTS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

An important aspect of this "study" is that many of the 30 "interviewers" who are being paid off with the \$200,000 to secure the needed information are with groups which like to put up phony facades of "radicalism"—groups such as the revisionist-C.P.U.S.A., W.E.B. Du Bois

clubs, CORE, SNCC, the Trotskyite S.W.P. and Y.S.A. People such as Jimmy Garrett of SNCC, Ronald Ridenour of the revisionist-C.P.U.S.A. and of its stillborn baby the DuBois clubs, Jon Travasti of CORE, and a host of other opportunists are busy as "interviewers" gathering information for the criminal U.S. government at \$2.25 an hour.

To these individuals the desire for money outweighs all other considerations. As Ronald Ridenour of the revisionist-C.P.U.S.A. said, after contemplating his wage, "The study itself isn't any terrible thing." The money these "radicals" receive is being paid by the same government that paid 15,000 National Guardsmen to suppress the people of Los Angeles, for the federal government recognizes that the function of these "interviewer" jobs serves the same purpose as the jobs of National Guardsmen: that is, to help further enslave the people.

Operating from the very start on the assumption that the August uprising was a "riot" rather than a spontaneous uprising of the most oppressed elements of the United States working class, the "study" reveals itself as nothing more than a facade to gather up counter-revolutionary information for U.S. imperialism. The reason the federal government has enlisted the aid of "civil rights radicals" in such an endeavor is because the federal government believes it can buy off dissatisfaction in the working class districts by buying off these people and groups, while at the same time buying up much needed information. Unfortunately for U.S. imperialism, however, not much dissatisfaction will be drained off and not much information will be discovered by utilizing this benign "Left," for this petty-bourgeois, campus-oriented "Left" has about as much rapport with the working people of Los Angeles as has John McCone of the C.I.A.

These groups and these individuals which are once again prostituting themselves have long served the interests of U.S. imperialism, and their relationship now as directly paid agents of U.S. imperialism once again con-

firms to the working people the true traitorous nature of these groups and individuals as slaves of the ruling class in the United States. This new, blatant chapter in the revisionist and Trotskyite history of betraying the working class indicates that the revisionist-C.P.U.S.A., W.E.B. DuBois clubs, P.L.P., Trotskyite S.W.P. and Y.S.A., SNCC, CORE, S.D.S., are all enemies of the working class serving on behalf of U.S. imperialism to drain off, inform on, and becloud the finest efforts of the United States working class. The finest efforts or intentions of any of the separate individuals participating in this "study" are overwhelmed by and lost in the usual revisionist and Trotskyite counter-revolutionary consequences, because the federal government's imperialist voice is calling the tune to every step of this phony "study."

The purpose of this article is not only to expose the true nature of this secret "study" and the individuals involved with it, but most important to warn the working people of Los Angeles, especially the people of Watts, to be on the lookout for agents of this "study" and not to cooperate with the "study" in any way, shape or form. Every bit of information which is gathered from the working class areas is going to be used by the federal government against the people of those areas. This fact is as certain as the fact that every one of the National Guardsmen used against the people of the working class districts is employed by the U.S. government. To cooperate with this "study" or with any individuals involved with it is to tighten even further an already tight noose.

**IF APPROACHED BY ANYONE GATHERING INFORMATION FOR THIS U.C.L.A.-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "STUDY," DO NOT COOPERATE IN ANY WAY, FOR SUCH A PERSON IS YOUR ENEMY AS SURELY AS IS ANY COP OR NATIONAL GUARDSMAN!**

**LONG LIVE THE AUGUST 11 MOVEMENT!! DOWN WITH UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM!**



# PROBLEMS OF STRATEGY IN GUERRILLA WAR

MAO TSE-TUNG BOOK

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would naturally involve only tactical but not strategic problems.

The question of strategy in guerrilla war does arise, however, in the case of China, which is neither small nor like the Soviet Union, but which is both a large and a weak country. This large and weak country is being attacked by a small and strong country, but the large and weak country is in an era of progress; this is the source of the whole problem.

It is in these circumstances that vast areas have come under enemy occupation and that the war has become a protracted one. The en-



PEOPLE'S self-defense units are needed to combat police brutality.

guerrilla warfare against Japan has broken out of the bounds of tactics to knock at the gates of strategy, and it demands examination from the viewpoint of strategy.

The point that merits our particular attention is that such extensive as well as protracted guerrilla warfare is quite new in the entire history of war. This is bound up with the fact that we are now in the 1930s and 1940s and that we now have the Communist Party and the Red Army. Herein lies the heart of the matter.

Our enemy is probably still cherishing fond dreams of emulating the Mongol conquest of the Sung Dynasty, the Manchu conquest of the Ming Dynasty, the British occupation of North America and India, the Latin occupation of Central and South America, etc. But such dreams have no practical value in present-day China because there are certain factors present in the China of today which were absent in those historical instances, and one of them is guerrilla warfare, which is quite a new phenomenon. If our enemy overlooks this fact, he will certainly come to grief.

These are the reasons why our anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare, though occupying only a supplementary place in the War of Resistance as a whole, must nevertheless be examined from the viewpoint of strategy.

Why not, then, apply to guerrilla warfare the general strategic prin-

ciples of the War of Resistance?

The question of strategy in our anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare is indeed closely linked with the question of strategy in the War of Resistance as a whole, because they have much in common. On the other hand, guerrilla warfare is different from regular warfare and has its own peculiarities, and consequently many peculiar elements are involved in the question of strategy in guerrilla warfare.

Without modification it is impossible to apply the strategic principles of the War of Resistance in general to guerrilla warfare with its own peculiarities.

## CHAPTER II The Basic Principle of War is to Preserve Oneself and Destroy the Enemy

Before discussing the question of strategy in guerrilla warfare in concrete terms, a few words are needed on the fundamental problem of war.

All the guiding principles of military operations grow out of the one basic principle: to strive to the utmost to preserve one's own strength and destroy that of the enemy. In a revolutionary war, this principle is directly linked with basic political principles. For instance, the basic political principle of China's War of Resistance Against Japan, i.e., its political aim is to drive

out Japanese imperialism and build an independent, free and happy new China. In terms of military action this principle means the use of armed force to defend our motherland and to drive out the Japanese invaders. To attain this end, the operations of the armed units take the form of doing their utmost to preserve their own strength on the one hand and destroy the enemy's on the other. How then do we justify the encouragement of heroic sacrifice in war?

Every war exacts a price, sometimes an extremely high one. Is this



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emy is occupying vast areas of this large country of ours, but Japan is a small country, she does not have sufficient soldiers and has to leave many gaps in the occupied areas, so that our anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare consists primarily not in interior-line operations in support of the campaigns of the regular troops but in independent operations on exterior lines. Furthermore, China is progressive, that is to say, she has a staunch army and broad masses of people, both led by the Communist Party, so that, far from being small-scale, our anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare is in fact large-scale warfare. Hence the emergence of a whole series of problems, such as the strategic defensive, the strategic offensive, etc. The protracted nature of the war and its attendant ruthlessness have made it imperative for guerrilla warfare to undertake many unusual tasks; hence such problems as those of the base areas, the development of guerrilla warfare into mobile warfare, and so on. For all these reasons, China's

### QUOTATION OF THE WEEK . . .

"Man's dearest possession is life. It is given him to live but once. He must live it so as to feel no torturing regrets for years without purpose. So live as not to be seared by the shame of a cowardly and trivial past. So live that dying he can say: 'All my life and all my strength were given to the finest cause in all the world—the fight for the liberation of mankind.'"

-- V. I. Lenin

### WHO SAID THIS?

"... The fascist atrocities committed by the U.S. imperialists against the Negro people have laid bare the true nature of the so-called democracy and freedom of the United States and revealed the inner link between the reactionary policies pursued by the U.S. government at home and its policies of aggression abroad.

"... I call on the workers, peasants, revolutionary intellectuals, enlightened elements of the bourgeoisie and other enlightened persons of all colors in the world, whether white, black, yellow or brown, to unite to oppose the racial discrimination practiced by U.S. imperialism and support the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination."

—Mao Tse-tung  
Chairman, Communist Party of China  
August 8, 1963

not in contradiction with "preserving oneself?"

In fact, there is no contradiction at all; to put it more exactly, sacrifice and self-preservation are both opposite and complementary to each other. For such sacrifice is essential not only for destroying the enemy but also for preserving oneself—partial and temporary "non-preservation" (sacrifice, or paying the price) is necessary for the sake of general and permanent preservation.

From this basic principle stems the series of principles guiding military operations, all of which—from the principles of shooting (taking cover to preserve oneself, and making full use of fire-power to destroy the enemy) to the principles of strategy—are permeated with the spirit of this basic principle. All technical, tactical and strategic principles represent applications of this basic principle. The principle of preserving oneself and destroying the enemy is the basis of all military principles.

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