Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

Smash Racialism ~
Black People's Alliance Demonstrates

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ON March 2nd a demonstration was held outside the US Embassy and in Oxford Street to protest against the savage attempt of the U.S. state police to destroy the militant Black Panther Party by murdering or locking up its members. Most particularly the protest was directed against the murder charge framed against Bobby Seale, Chairman of the B.P.P.

The demonstrators were attacked by the police who charged into their ranks swinging their truncheons. Sixteen were arrested and five of those detained were refused bail, thus proving that the police who serve the monopoly capitalists react in the same way to a militant fight against racialism whether here or in the U.S.

On March 15th the Black People's Alliance called a second demonstration to combine the attack on racialism in Britain, and in this country. Hundreds of protesters black and white joined together in a march to the U.S. Embassy where a statement condemning "U.S. imperialism's butchering of black militants" was delivered to the U.S. Ambassador. The statement concluded: "Just as the people of China got rid of your attempts to dominate them, just as the people of Vietnam are at this very moment forcing you to withdraw, so will the black people of the U.S.A., along with their white allies, overthrow the system of oppression, exploitation and war that the U.S. government upholds. Bobby Seale, Huey Newton and all other black revolutionaries will be liberated! U.S. imperialism and its puppets will be crushed! The oppressed peoples of the world will triumph."

The demonstration was directed just as much against racialism in Britain. As was pointed out: "Racialism in Britain is very necessary so that the authorities cause the oppression of black people as a lever to introduce all kinds of fascist measures. Already the erosion of civil liberties for which the British fought valiantly for centuries is quite obvious. The persecution of Asians from East Africa through the passage of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act of 1968 which refuses them entry into Britain although they are British citizens holding British passports is perhaps the clearest example of this. If the Labour Government could overnight create two kinds of citizens in law simply on the basis of race, then what is to prevent any future government from deporting British citizens born and bred in Britain but who are black? Enoch Powell is merely stating what has already been begun by the Labour Government. It is quite conceivable that one day even white Britishes might have their passports confiscated and their citizenship revoked if they are a threat to the established order!"