A disgusting Stalinist spectacle
Murderous nationalism in Indochina

In the early morning hours of 31 December Radio Phnom Penh lifted the last veil of official secrecy surrounding the border clashes which have marked relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) and the Democratic State of Kampuchea (Cambodia) ever since the Indochinese war ended in early 1975. Broadcasting out of the still nearly deserted capital, President Khieu Samphan Kampuchea denounced Vietnam's "undeclared and premeditated war" against the "liberated territory of Democratic Kampuchea" and severed diplomatic relations (LaCanard, 15 January). The Vietnamese were "the most aggressive and ferocious armed forces ever to attack Cambodia and the Cambodian people," charged the Samphan statement. They had "raped and killed our [1] women in the same or

even worse manner than the Chieu-Ky and South Korean mercenary troops of the past". Radio Phnom Penh went on to compare Vietnam with Hitler's Germany before World War II.

Hanoi quickly countercharged, claiming Cambodia had "abducted thousands into Vietnam as early as May 1975 and that "many divisions" of Khmer Rouge troops had attacked all along the southern frontier, shelling populous areas deep inside Vietnam. An SRV statement accused the Cambodians of "the most barbarous crime", which if true would reinforce the bloodcurdling accounts of recrudescent peasant atavism under the Khmer Rouge regime:

"looting, burning down houses, schools and pagodas, chopping up people, killing children in the presence of their parents, taking out livers, cutting open stomachs and removing foetuses from mothers' wombs and, in some places, rounding up people and butcherimg all of them." (Arriere-cour, 13 January)

While the mutual exchange of atrocity allegations has reached an increasingly fevered pitch (Hanoi now bluntly calls the Cambodian leaders "kill kings"), the actual battlefield situation remains somewhat obscure. Hanoi's repeated claim that it has not occupied any Cambodian soil but has only protected the "motherland" are as self-evidently ludicrous as Phnom Penh's boasts of "total victory" and the "annihilation of thousands of Vietnamese troops". However it appears that the Khmer Rouge, heavily outnumbered and outgunned by the battle-hardened Vietnamese army, haave suffered significant reverses.

After what was clearly a carefully prepared campaign, the SRV apparently now occupies whole chunks of Cambodian territory, including the Parrot's Beak region, a longtime NLF stronghold. While Hanoi has most likely ruled out an outright march on Phnom Penh for fear of provoking retaliatory military action by Cambodia's Peking

Vietnamese army: after decades-long struggle against imperialism, led like their Cambodian brothers into squalling nationalist border war by Stalinist leaders.

hinder Hamn and Phnom Penh. China recently sent a high-level delegation including Chou En-lai's widow on a morale-booster trip to "Democratic Kampuchea". The Kremlin in turn has confined itself to reporting only the Vietnamese side of the fighting, churning out its own statement which blames China for the armed clashes.

And where Hua and Brezhnev go, of course there follow their loyal acolytes in the Nest. But the most stomach-churning role of all may well be that of the Moscow Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) (CPA[ML]), whose chairman, EF Hill, happened to be in Peking on one of his frequent pilgrimages when news of the fighting broke. Courtesy of Hua and Deng Hsiao-ping, Hill was flown down to Phnom Penh to meet with Pol Pot, after which came lavish praise of the Cambodians for "heroically defending their hard-won national independence" and the now-ritualistic denunciation of "the extremely sinister Soviet social-imperialism and those who do its bidding" (Pingquirg, 19 January). Pingquirg reported that Hill and Pol Pot expressed "thorough-going agreement on all questions", including, presumably, the competition between the Vietnamese Stalinists and "Thieu-Ky".

A whole generation of CPA (ML) supporters found their way to Mao/Stalinism out of identification with the Stalinist leadership of the heroic struggles of the Vietnamese workers and peasants. Now they are expected to accept that their erstwhile heroes are worse than those imperialist pangs Thieu and Ky and must be smashed by the Khmer Rouge in the struggle against "hegemonism".

The US imperialists themselves, and their client states and the various corrupt dictators which together make up the Association of South East Asia Nations (ASEAN),
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can hardly conceal their delight with the bloody fratricide between their former military foes. Zbigniew Brzezinski, “national security adviser to President Carter, declared it to be the “first proxy war between China and the Soviet Union.” Brzezinski’s exaggerated hope nonetheless hinted at the value of the conflict to the imperialist bourgeoisie, allowing it to pit one deformed workers state against another.

And even before the extent of the fighting was known, the authoritative bourgeois journal “Asia-Week” (Stuttgart 1977) confidently espoused that “the new ‘war’ for Indochina augurs a poor future for the socialist [i.e., Vietnamese] states.” Unlike China, which has fulsomely praised ASEAN as a bulwark against “Soviet imperialism,” Vietnam has until recently denounced ASEAN as the US-promoted counter-revolutionary instrument of the West and foremost at the Indochina workers states. However, the current deployment of ASEAN’s front倒 first to the Burma-Cambodia, NE, and then to the Thai foreign minister -- thus at least formally ending the sporadic border fracas with its Thai neighbour -- the Vietnamese foreign minister, Nguyen Duy Trinh, spent his January winging around the capitals of ASEAN.

None of this is particularly startling. The “neutral coalition government” under Sihanouk can point to the barbarous treatment of the Cambodian FUNK (Front) and its origins and politics the CPR (which has split into two factions) the Gang of Four and the consolidation in power of the Hua/Teng regime in Peking. The long-simmering split is rekindled with the purge of the CPR and the founding core of American Trotskyism, unlike elsewhere, included a whole layer of seasoned Communist cadre who were expelled along with its leader, Sihanouk, in 1965. It took with it the unique revolutionary heritage of Communism -- maintained to this day by the CPR.

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Spartacist League holds summer camp

“We trace our roots to the Russian Revolution”

The Spartacist League of Australia and New Zealand (SL) held its third annual summer camp and eighth Organisational Plenum Meeting (OPM) in January, 1986. The week-long summer camp included a number of educational presentations and special discussions presented by the outgoing Central Committee to discuss perspectives for particular areas of work -- campus, the national report, national (OPM), etc. over thirty members, sympathisers and fraternal visitors included comrades who had been won to Trotskyism from the Communist Party (CPA), International Socialists (IS), Socialist Workers Party (SWP), Student Alliance, Socialist Labour League (SLL), Workers Alliance and the Communist Party USA. The IS convinced the SL of the ability to regroup subjectively revolutionary militants from a myriad of false-left groupings.

Modern guest and several noteworthy successes was how the OPM national report summarised the last year. At the previous summer camp it had been noted that, due to the commitment of cadre for necessary international expression, the organisation would face a challenging period, even possibly entailing cutbacks in certain areas of work. In assessing the SL’s work since that gathering, the most positive expression satisfaction at the progress made by the organisation, particularly marked by the development of a layer of middle-level cadre. Out three main campaigns -- the La Trobe Valley power strike, exposure of ASIO infiltration within our movement and the defeat of a feminist-inspired attempt to exclude SL supporters from Sydney Women’s Liberation -- created a continued upsurge of revolutionary militancy.

With the CL’s collapse into reformism and the Healyite SL even more erratic and discredited, the SL is increasingly prominent as the communist pole of attraction on the Australian left -- a point confirmed by the reports of the three of their own areas by the reporters from the campus commission and the women’s commission (which unlike the left-exclusionist “women’s caucuses” set up within reformist groups like the IS and the CPA was a working body under the direction of the entire organisation). The SL’s continuing vitality among the rubbish of our centrist opponents is no accident -- we are firmly anchored in the revolutionary programme.

The national report focused primarily on the coming year’s immediate tasks centre around a better utilisation of resources through the acquisition and improvement of skills -- an important part of the process of training a professional cadre. The reporter stressed the importance of continuing to develop a Marxist, revolutionary fraction perspectives while continuing to work on the campus and in the socialist movement. On a note from the sales commission the OPM voted to conduct the SL’s first public ATC subscription drive early in the year.

Three new members admitted by the OPM had their first experience of a genuinely Marxist approach to political work. The visiting representative of the international Spartacist tendency (IST), SL/US Central Committee member Ar Nelson, greeted the OPM with a report on recent international developments, in which the reinstatement of a group of supporters in Sweden and exciting prospects for the London Spartacist Group. And the national reporter reminded the comrades that, “It’s one of the most important functions of this section -- to develop cadre for use throughout the world movement.”

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Exit the Communist League

The swelling of the Communist League (CL) had reached a new peak with the 8-15 January "Fusion Conference" brought to an end five years of open, bitterly hostile squabbling between CL and the USWP. Headed by the "United Secretariat" (USec) of the "International Communist Party" (ICP), this body, which has already included in its ranks the major Trotskyist groupings of the world, was united in its opposition to the USWP and its major tendency, the Spartacist Tendency, and had apparently decided to drown or subvert the USWP, its most serious rival. The USWP, on the other hand, had a slim but real chance of surviving its many enemies, the "pro-fusion" elements of the ICP, the military appetites of USWP leaders, and the sectarian rancour of their Trotskyist counterparts. Both sides in the conflict were united in their desire to survive, and in the days leading up to the conference, it became clear that the USWP was in a much stronger position than had been supposed.

The fusion conference was held in the Brisbane civil-liberties campaign (where the USWP had been soundly thrashed by the CL). It seemed that both sides were determined to use the conference as a vehicle for their own ends, and that the conference would be a forum for the airing of dirty secrets and the denunciation of political opponents.

Despite the tension and political intrigue, the conference was a success for the USWP. The USWP leadership, led by Jim Percy, emerged from the conference with the support of the majority of the delegates. The conference adopted a resolution condemning the CL and its leaders, and calling for a united front against the ICP. Percy, in particular, was praised for his leadership and his ability to unite the USWP behind him.

The USWP was not alone in emerging from the conference with a sense of victory. The CL, too, had achieved some of its goals. The conference had been a forum for the airing of dirty secrets and the denunciation of political opponents, and the USWP had been forced to face some of its worst fears.

The conference was a turning point for the USWP. It was able to emerge from the conflict with a clearer sense of its political direction and with a stronger base of support. The conference was also a turning point for the CL. It was forced to recognize the strength of the USWP and to begin to consider its own future.

The USWP was able to use the conference as a platform for its political agenda. It was able to define its opposition to the ICP and to articulate its vision for a new political direction. The USWP was able to build a more cohesive and united organization, and to begin to establish itself as a serious political force.

The CL, on the other hand, was forced to confront the reality of its own weakness. It was unable to impose its will on the conference, and was forced to recognize the strength of the USWP. The CL was forced to consider its own future and to begin to plan a strategy to deal with the USWP.

In the end, the USWP came out of the conference stronger and more confident. The CL was left to confront the reality of its own weakness.

Not with a bang, but a whimper

Percy calls cops on Spartacist League

Letter to the SWP

Sydney 12 January 1978

Conscious of the need to maintain the momentum of our joint "Fusion Conference" with the ex-Communist League, Socialist League and Socialists into the new year, we call on those members of the SWP (Percy) who have been found guilty of practicing "anti-Trotskyism" to resign from the SWP, and on all of our members to vote for the resignation of Percy, Ward, and any other members of the SWP who have been found guilty of practicing "anti-Trotskyism".

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The January 4 plebiscite orchestrated by General Pinochet, brash Caesar of the military junta which for the past four years has ravaged the people and the territory, is a clear indication of the deepening isolation of the bourgeoise's regime and particularly of its ultra-rightist organization Patricia y Libertad (Fatherland and Freedom) in new opposing the junta.

by the Organizacion Trotskista Revolucionaria de Chile

The farcical "national consultation" of the junta, in which a narrow group or even a single "individual" set itself above the normal tugging and pulling of competing class forces, expressed through the mechanisms of bourgeois democracy, to act as supreme arbiter and protector of capitalist class interests. In the present case, it differs from a traditional Latin American caudillo (from Rosas to Somorin or Streusser) in that the officer corps of the armed forces -- the very essence of the state -- directly assumed governmental power in the face of international blackmail.

Moreover, the junta's economic model is sharply different from the corporatist regimes of fascist Italy and Germany. The "block treatment" of Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman, based on a program of "free market" liberalism (free trade and export stimulation, devaluations "mini" and otherwise), has been unable to overcome runaway inflation and despite optimistic government figures the foreign debt is reaching mammoth proportions. It all comes down to unloading the burden of the deficit on the backs of the working class and petty bourgeoisie.

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The farcical "national consultation" of the tyrant Pinochet constituted a setback for his ambitions of personal grandeur and discredited the junta as a whole. The exercise laid bare the bankruptcy of a regime which has embarked on a deliberate program of de-industrialization, perhaps the only country in the world where a government has produced large-scale starvation among the poor as a conscious policy; of a dictatorship which openly imitated the Nazi Reich, of a dictatorship which openly imitated the Nazi Reich, of a dictator who has declared himself "protector of capitalist class interests. In the present case, it differs from a traditional Latin American caudillo (from Rosas to Somorin or Streusser) in that the officer corps of the armed forces -- the very essence of the state -- directly assumed governmental power in the face of international blackmail.

Moreover, the junta's economic model is sharply different from the corporatist regimes of fascist Italy and Germany. The "block treatment" of Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman, based on a program of "free market" liberalism (free trade and export stimulation, devaluations "mini" and otherwise), has been unable to overcome runaway inflation and despite optimistic government figures the foreign debt is reaching mammoth proportions. It all comes down to unloading the burden of the deficit on the backs of the working class and petty bourgeoisie.

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The Christian Democrats came out against the referendum because it was not "clear and legitimate," nor does it represent the will of the people. The Christian Democrats' passage into active opposition over the issue of the referendum came in large part from tolerating the junta. "The armed forces," it said, "cannot split from the will of the people."...

Rather, the opposition against the referendum because it was not "clear and legitimate" of displeasure emanating from the State Department. The picture of an emerging alliance running from the fascists through General Leigh to the US should not be surprising. Both Patricio Libertad and the Christian Democrats have received fabulous sums from the US in the past, and Frei, together with other DC leaders started his political career in the fascistic Falange. During the Allende period the DC's ties with the government provided the meeting ground between these enthusiasts of the "Alliance for Progress", the CIA, and the fascists.

The left and the Pinochet plebiscite

Likewise the parties of the UP [Unidad Popular, Salvador Allende's popular front] and the MIR came out against the referendum at all levels. According to press reports the Communist Party, the MR and the Radical Party called for a "null vote," while the socialists came out in support of a boycott of the plebiscite. A joint statement of the UP (signed by the PCUS, the Radicals, the WFP [United Popular Action Movement -- a "Marxist-Leninist" offshoot of the MRP]) [Christian left a later Christian Democratic split from the DC] and independents denounced the "no" as "a single massacre of the worst Hitler-Franco variety." However, the UP, like Frei, <![CDATA[<strong>...the junta to the opposition against Pinochet's maneuver within the junta. The armed forces," it said, "cannot...]]></strong>

"cannot count" on this as a valid national policy, which has brought about such a dangerous situation to the political and economic life of provoking the international community" (quoted in Nudo Obreo [Madrid], 5-11 January 1978).

There is no doubt that the plebiscite was unilateral, popular and democratic and the Chilean working class and other exploited sectors can transform this "vacation" into a "victory" in this game to strengthen his position and their struggle. The "referendum" is nothing but a monstrous fraud and the Chilean working class and other exploited sectors can transform this "vacation" into a "victory" in this game to strengthen his position and their struggle.

The "referendum" is just such a minimum program for a glorified Duma, this joint call to the parties of the UP and the DC sector of the MR to make the greatest effort so that 1977 can be the year of the definitive consolidation of the unity of the people and of the resistance." The Chilean Castroists view the United Proletariat with references to the "democratic sectors" of the DC. But didn't these "democrats" participate, directly or indirectly, in the preparation of the military coup? If one didn't already know the political implications of these appearances of the DC party, one might think that they had been hoodwinked. Not at all! Communists of the MR, one does not fight the bourgeoisie with a bourgeois program, and it is precisely in the bourgeois program which you signed with the UP in August 1977. Falling into line with the Christian Democrats' call for a glorified Duma, this joint call to the parties of the MR and social democrats raise no demands for the legalization of the workers' political and trade-union organizations, as well as amnesty and the right to return to Chile for all those forced into exile by the junta's repression. Counter-poised to reformist adaptations to the bourgeois program, as Trotskyists we raise the immediate demands of the working class, as a precondition of full democratic liberties, permitting a legitimation of the participation of working-class movements. Thus it requires as a precondition the revolutionary overthrow of the junta, something which the DC and the reformists can never even dream of, a full list of demands, full to the point of not by democratic demands alone...

The proletariat does not turn its back on other social sectors that want to struggle alongside it. However, our expression of revolutionary democratic demands is set in the framework of a program of transitional demands incorporating the needs and aspirations of the democracy. As such, other sectoral exploited sectors of the petty bourgeoisie and laborers linked to the historic objectives of the proletariat: destruction of the bourgeois state through the taking of power by the workers and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

We fight for the power of soviets, or workers and peasants councils. This type of class organization was represented in embryo in Chile by the council of industrial workers (industriales) in the mining area after November 1972. But the victories appeared at a time of mounting worker struggles and (despite the treacherous misleaders). Conditions prevailing in Chile today are very different from what existed in early 1973; we presently face the full fury of a counterrevolutionary regime, under which even the most minimal democratic liberties have been eliminated. Under one of the harshest reactionary dictatorships to which the Latin America has known, the major sector of the working class must take place against the bourgeoisie which is supported by the reformist bureaucracy.

A dramatic proof that the struggle against the junta cannot be limited to democratic demands was provided by the 12-day strike of the El Teniente copper miners in November. This walkout involving thousands of workers against the efforts of the puppet "union" leaders imposed by the junta. While granting demands for payment of arrears in wages, the junta subsequently expelled several of the Christian Democrats' miners union leaders in the north of the country. Today the reformists and centrists hail the latest El Teniente strike as a "rebellion"! Yet the Stalinists and social democrats raise no demands for working-class struggle, such as the fight for a sliding scale of wages and hours to protest against inflation and open jobs for the unemployed.

When the El Teniente workers struck during the UP regime (April-May 1973) in defense of their new pork unions (industriales) and their union leaders (cordinadores), the Trotskyists of the International Socialist tendency were in the vanguard of the working-class organizations which defended the miners' just struggle to protect this union gain, and their struggle ended in total defeat when the union leaders imposed by the junta were able to crush the miners' efforts of the puppet "union" leaders imposed by the junta. While granting demands for payment of arrears in wages, the junta subsequently expelled several of the Christian Democrats' miners union leaders in the north of the country. Today the reformists and centrists hail the latest El Teniente strike as a "rebellion"! Yet the Stalinists and social democrats raise no demands for working-class struggle, such as the fight for a sliding scale of wages and hours to protest against inflation and open jobs for the unemployed.

In April 1973, the Christians were catapulted into the quagmire of the "cordonazo". While the Christian leaders called for a "null vote," the Trotskyists called them out-and-out "fascists" and "reactionaries." They pointed out only the Trotskyists can stand before the El Teniente miners today and tell them to place no confidence in their so-called Communist leaders; the parties of the UP and the MR would only betray them. For Leninists democratic demands are a subordinated part of the workers' class program. As such we set the precedent for demands in fascist-ruled countries: "But the formulas of democracy (freedom of press, the right to unionization..."

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Chile.

Communist Party (the PCE or PCE/ Marxista-Leninista) provided the political lead for a mass demonstration in Santiago on 27 January. The Chilean government has responded by banning political parties and banning the PCE.

The PCE argued that the main reason for the recent changes in Chile was the economic crisis. They claimed that the government was trying to use the crisis as an excuse to further suppress the left. They also argued that the government was trying to use the crisis to divert attention away from its own failures.

The PCE called for a new mass movement to defend the gains of the workers and peasants. They called for a new revolutionary struggle to overthrow the Pinochet dictatorship.

Indochina.

The Vietnamese workers and peasants are fighting for a new socialist order. They are fighting against the Vietnamese government, which is controlled by the Vietnamese bourgeoisie. The Vietnamese workers and peasants are fighting for the right to control their own country.

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The Vietnamese workers and peasants are fighting for a new society. They are fighting for a society that is based on the principles of equality, freedom, and justice. They are fighting for a society that is run by the people, for the people, and by the people.
Communist League ... Continued from page three

abashedly open violation of workers democracy, she was perceptibly disaffected to the conference! But not one member of the SWP/CL rose from the floor to demand an accounting from Percy for calling in the cops against another working-class tendency. Nor any of the documents or discussion of this incident demonstrated both the thoroughly social-democratic character of the fusion and the timid nature of the opposition.

The Special Conference declared the federation of the Spartacist League (SL) and the Workers League of Australia (WLA) to be a "united front" against imperialism.

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The Opposition...

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Lift the ban on Horta!

On 9 January, the Fraser government announced its refusal to grant a visa to Jone Rasos Horte, United Nations representative of FRETILIN.

The ban on Horte is a blow to the government's professed commitment to working-class solidarity and to the unity of the oppressed.

The following telegram was sent by the Workers News to the minister of interior.

"Overseas rates: surface mail -- $3 for 12 issues (Europe/North America) airmail $5 for 12 issues (except Asia, Australia, New Zealand). Subscriptions outside USA should send remittance to SPARTACIST, 101 10th Ave., New York, NY 10019 (US). Please add 20% to cover higher postage costs in certain countries. Overseas subscriptions will be dispatched by air.

"Letter...

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US Healyte denied visa

According to an account in Workers News (12 January), the paper of the Healyite Socialist Labour League (SLL), Fred Healy, a leader of the Workers League - the GL's class-neutral alternative to the Trotskyist tendency which went before a bourgeois court in Manila - the ban on visas for FRETILIN's - Fornce Revolucionaria de Timor Oriental - healyite denied visa was a "shadow ban" on the politics of the fusion and the SL's class-neutral tendencies. The ban "fails to meet even the single-handed direction of the vendetta perpetuated against our comrades that day leaves no cause for doubt as to who is the architect of the shots and how in this newly fused organisation of small-fry Schieffelins and Hokes.

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Whitlam quits, “lefts” routed: new fakers replace old Is Labor moving right?

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