The drums for war against the Soviet Union are beating in Washington and they are being faithfully echoed by Bob Hawke’s Labor government in Canberra. We said this would be the main battlefield (slaughterfield in German). So the US and its NATO allies are concerned about a “hot autumn” of mass protest against the Euromissiles, whose deployment will indeed bring the world a large step closer to nuclear holocaust.

Then comes the Korean Air Lines Flight 007 provocation, so convenient as a means to whip up the level of anti-Soviet hysteria and, in both the US and West Europe, necessary to push through the Pentagon’s war plans. With bipartisan support Congress duly passed Reagan’s military budget, including the MX missile as well as the B-1 bomber and nerve gas. The MX, called the “peacemaker” by Reagan in a touch borrowed from George Orwell’s 1984, is the Pentagon’s premier first-strike weapon. This fact was openly stated by then Democratic president Jimmy Carter, who promoted its development. “With the MX deployed in substantial numbers, in addition to the Minuteman, the US would have acquired the capability to destroy most of the Soviet silo-based ICBM force in a first strike” (quoted in Robert C Aldridge, First Strike/ [1983]).

In the aftermath, however, the KAL 007 provocation has not worked out exactly according to the Reaganites’ plans. As more and more facts about the ill-fated flight come out, fewer and fewer people believe it was an innocent commercial flight which just happened to stray 300 miles off course over some of the most militarily sensitive areas of the USSR. In other developments, the Soviet press reported that Richard Nixon canceled a reservation on the doomed jetliner at the last minute “because the CIA ‘did not dare send a former president to his death’ and alerted him” (Philadelphia Inquirer, 25 September). The West German magazine Quick had reported in its 6 September issue that Nixon had been booked on KAL 007 in seat B-2, in the row next to ultra-conservative US Congressman Larry McDonald, traveling to an anti-Communist celebration in Seoul. And the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle (3 October) reports that American officials are now crowing that, “Analysis of the KAL incident gives US intelligence what one source called ‘a bonanza’ of new information about Soviet radar gaps, communications capabilities and chains of command”.

The Reaganites’ wild anti-Soviet bellicosity in the past few weeks has to some degree backfired. Three weeks after the KAL 007 provocation and also after the sight of US warships bombard Lebanon a New York Times/ CBS poll showed that for the first time significantly more Americans disapproved of Reagan’s conduct of foreign affairs than approved of it. The Reagan gang itself realized that their
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unrestrained warmongering rhetoric was getting them into trouble. According to a senior White House official, there was concern that "we were beating the drum too loudly and that it was turning off a constructive peace-maker, to consolidate his image" (New York Times, 30 September).

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From Roebourne to Redfern Blacks Face Cop Terror

**Vengeance for John Pat!**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: On 29 September 17-year-old Aboriginal John Pat was murdered in the Pilbara town of Roebourne, 1200 kilometres north of Perth. Eight police, including four off-duty cops, attacked a group of black youth outside the town's only hotel. A gang of white police then beat and insulted Pat. Pat was punched to the ground, repeatedly kicked in the head, then dragged unconscious by the hair to a police van. "They threw him in like a dead kangaroo," said one of the witnesses. One hour later he was "discovered" dead in his police cell.

From Roebourne to Redfern

Four SWP members, Pauline and Andrew Giannakis, Terrence O'Flaherty and Rosemary Flanagan, were the only ones to do so. It was the SWP that pointed out that the Kurds live over 150 people, mostly Kurds. An SL jailed Mavis Pat for swearing at the police they openly flaunt their racist Fifth. Senior cops at the inquest defended Pat's murderous treatment as perfectly normal: "you grab Aborigines where you can get a secure hold on them" because "when stirred up and looking for a fight they tend to get very Sloppy", testified sergeant Pethick who heads up the police force at Wickham (Sydney Morning Herald, 2 November).

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Days later the cops arrested and jailed Mavis Pat for swearing at the muslims or to remark that the SWP is a party of the workers. When challenged after the meeting by their entry into Beirut as a joint anti-Shah rebellion, we said their entry into Beirut as a joint anti-Shah rebellion, we said.

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Pat was murdered in the Pilbara town of Roebourne, Western Australia still roam the streets.

We remember Ronald McIntosh, a young Aboriginal shot dead in Moree last year by white racists that are now out free on bail. More recently, on November 2, in the heavily black residential sections of Sydney's Redfern, Aboriginal fury exploded in running battles with police as a production for the Kurds or the national question was it a victory? It was no victory: for the working class, where strikers get savagely repressed; for the left, whose parties are all banned; for women who are forced to wear the veil; for the homosexuals. It was a victory for the Kurds or the national minorities of Iran. While traditional feudalist Kurdish leaders like Mohammad Ahmad Mebedzadeh, a religious leader, offered to support Khominei's Islamic Republic, the People's Party, and the Democratic Party, and the Communist Party, the whole osbense left of Kurdish Khominei's rise to power. They governed a victory! It was not a victory.

To Kurdish militants, to the Kurdish oppressed across the four countries where Kurdish separate identity is not even recognised and their language illegal, we of the Socialist Party of Australia, the whole ostensible left of Kurdish Khominei's rise to power. They governed a victory! It was not a victory.

**On the Kurdish Question**

Reprinted below is a slightly edited and abridged presentation by Spartacist League Central Committee member Andrew Giannakis to a solidarity meeting organised by the Kurdish Association in Sydney on 27 August.

We look instead to the social power of organised labour to champion the rights and defence of blacks and their integration into the proletariat as part of a revolutionary strategy to smash White Australia. We do not pretend to hide the guilt that presently exists between the organised workers movement with its racist Laborite leadership and the desperately oppressed black population. We believe that Marx meant when he told the English working class that they could never hope to emancipate themselves while they were complicit in the colonial oppression of the Irish. This goes doubly for the Australian workers in this nasty white imperialist outpost, built on the near genocide of the original black population. While the Australian proletariat remains in, at best, racist indifference to the daily racist discrimination and terror that excludes or marginalises Aboriginal people from this society they will never make a social revolution. Even the most elementary justice, democratic rights and human dignity for Aboriginal people requires a revolutionary proletarian perspective for it means destroying the racist capitalist state root and branch. Vengeance for John Pat! Jail his cop killers and throw away the key!}

**Kurdish militants shot by Khominei's firing squad.**

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Anti-Soviet SWP Dumps "Trotskyist" label

Big Lies and Strange Bedfellows

"Leon Trotsky is an agent of the United States to promote Russian gold."
"Jewish ritual demands drinking the blood of Christian youth."

Now we hear that the Spartacist League (SL) attacks meetings to defend Vietnam. And where does this big Lie come from? The Soviet Workers Party (SWP) and the SWP/CARPA, always re­nowned for its championing of the Croatian Movement for Statehood (HDM) while painting convicted Ustasha assassins as "freedom fighters" now attempts to wreck an important meeting in defence of Trotskyist, Spartacist rev­olutionaries, and the counterrevolutionary Charter of Australian Labor (HDP) who has been busy discussing how to ring the troubled waters of this highly important meeting under the auspices of the CARPA front at Sydney Trades Hall, a venue historically open to the entire workers movement as a line of stick­wielding goons across the entrance to the building to physically enforce the political exclusion of the Spartacists, and then when some of their goons got hurt in the course of this dirty work, squared with the "counterrevolutionary attack" completely justified the decision of CARPA not to admit the Spartacists to the meeting.

Of course, the SWP has plenty to fear from our political exposure of their alliance with the Ustasha movement in Croatia. As Australasian Spartacist has pointed out, the SWP's idea of "aile [sic] the embattled Vietnamese workers state is the US Marshall Plan (1), Eisenhower's instrument for "con­taining" communism in post-war Europe following Hitler's defeat by the Soviet Red Army (see "SWP Calls for Marshall Plan in Vietnam", SL 103, Aug./Sept 1983). The source of this treachery isn't hard to find: since coming into power, the Australian imperialist Labor government has vowed to "free" Vietnam from "stifling economic dependency". But while rene­gading on resuming token economic aid to the US, China, and the SEAN states.

While maintaining a fig leaf of opposition to particular government poli­cies the SWP has been eager to dem­onstrate its own brand of US­loyal social patriotism. Thus they organised a "protest" around Central America this year on American Independence Day (July 4) under the slogan "No More Vietnamese", the very slogan which encapsulates the program of all wings of US and Australian imperialism, still smarting from their military and political defeat on the battlefields of Indochina. But for the workers and peasants of Central America, for rev­olutionaries here and around the world, Vietnam was a victory! Speaking from Managua airport on Sep­tember 6, visiting Vietnamese foreign minister Nguyen Co Thach warned the US government that "North American intervention in Nicaragua could lead to many Vietnam's" (New York Times, 7 September). Against those like the SWP who grovel to the imperialist rulers, who spilt on the Vietnamese and the Central American fighters, the SL says: two, three, many defeats of US imperialism and its Australian lackey!

Perhaps the SWP is hoping that a smear campaign against the Reds who oppose Hawke and defend Vietnam and the Soviet Union will distract at­tention from the stench of corruption surrounding the HDP affair. For the waves created by the HDP affair have been felt inside the SWP as well, stir­ring the troubled waters of this highly unstable organisation and aggravating already inflamed factional polarisations. Latest reports are that Nita Keig, formerly a top insider in the Percy regime, faces expulsion for forming a "secret faction". Of course it's a question of whether the Mandeliste Communist League leader Ron Poulsen went oppositional nearly two years ago over whether it was good "tactics" to support Solidarnosc counterrevolution by marching with the "patriotic" National Vietnam. In this Keig cited the dubious authority of "the US comrades", namely Jack Barnes' American Socialist Workers Party which happens to be at war within the "United Secretariat Front Ernest Mandel" on this very question. But a few months after Keig's Barmleeite line was voted down at the SWP's 1983 national confer­ence, the final coup de grace to the SWP's "national unity" conference. Now it's rumoured that both Mandel and Barnes have condemned the SWP's consorting with the HDP.

Meanwhile Barnes' local supporters continue to revolt over Afghanistan, demanding that their party bring its quiescent pro-Soviet stance into line with the US (and Mandel's) third-camp "troops out" position. Social­ist minority reporter David Howard to an SWP national committeeman plenum last year: "I get the impression from a number of comrades that they aren't terribly enthusiastic about the presence of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. I'd just as soon comrades go back to the original copies of Direct Action and the way we motivated, the way we explained, the way we presented the Soviet interven­tion to the Australian working class... In fact, we hailed it!"

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In fact, as Howard and the SWP well know, it is the Spartacist League which first hailed, and continues to hail, the Soviet Red Army in action against CIA-backed mullahs who shoot school teachers for instructing little girls to read and write. This is not the least of the reasons for the SWP's dishonorable charge that Barnes has once before threatened to throw the opportunity to split with what the SWP has always called the "hard line Stalinists", and along the way reports the SWP grabbing the opportunity to build "alternative worker movements", widely and truly, are terminally indis­ted with the "Trotskyist" label.

"We don't feel that the label Trotskyist is either useful or accurate in describ­ing ourselves or our political posi­tions. SWP official Doug Lortimer told Tribune... Breakaway groups from the Fourth International, such as the Socialist Labour League and the Spartacist League, exhibit quite strong sectarian tendencies and these are, in our view, just logical exten­sions of certain ideas that have been prevalent in the movement generally... taken to their furthest extreme," Lortimer said.

"Strange new alliance of left parties, Barnes tells Tribune... Of course the SWP's dumping of "Trotskyism" is not mainly for the benefit of the SPA Stalinists but rather the Labor Party circles which the SWP-SPA "alliance" hopes to influence. Both of these organisations are in trouble and on the outs with the Cold War Labor mainstream but their desperate search for "unity" is doomed to a mis­erable end. The SWP is an aggress­ively anti-Soviet grouping, as was so amply demonstrated over Poland, and, no matter how capitulatory, the SPA is damned in the eyes of Hawke's ALP so long as it remains a Moscow-line party.

For our part we welcome the SWP's admission that it has nothing to do with "sectarian" Trotskyism. As Hawke beat up Reagan's US war drive at home these increasingly panic-stricken Labor politicians fear their very survival rests on throwing overboard every pretence to a rev­olutionary stance. Now they are guard­ing to suppress the Trotskyist SL with political exclusions, violence, and Big Lie propaganda, the last hard­ly being suppressed and, as the SWP has already found out, it will pay a price if it tries to rash on the Trotskyist League.
In Reply to the Healyites (and all "Little Australia" Nationalists) Against White Australia "Socialism"

Last April Australasian Spartacist no 101 ran an article entitled “Life in a Remote White Imperialist Enclave” (originally printed in the International Women’s Day issue of the Socialist League/US journal Women & Revolution in May-June). The article took up the question of women’s oppression in this country as an integral part of a revolutionary and internationalist perspective. Its main fire was directed at the program and values of the Australian Laborite nationalistic tradition which has historically dominated the left and workers movement. Laborism, with its White Australian racism, brutal male chauvinism, narrow economic trade unionism, parliamentary cretinism and glorification of the phallocentric “national culture”, is the political trade union/ALP bureaucratic. This bribed and reactionary labour aristocracy are the agents of the Australian bourgeoisie in the working class, who want to maintain this country as a bastion of white imperialist privilege and reaction in Asia.

The article was meant to needle anti-Soviet and Laborite nationalistic sensibilities and we are glad to report it succeeded, provoking a somewhat hysterical response headed “Australasian Spartacist hysteresis”, a pseudo-Trotskyist tendency which long ago degenerated into petit-bourgeois nullity. Their denials and press are out for hire and they lost their hero Qaddafi called the ABC’s “a gunner for Gough Whitlam’s career as an international cold warrior”. What the Healyites did take from us was our call for the forging of an international communist class-struggle workers party – these are among the critical issues facing the woman worker today. For the Healyite scribblers this is just the views of an “unstable section of the ‘little Australia’ middle class. We don’t have the right at a rate of knots”. But those who are moving rapidly rightward are the ALP/ALP-Laborite “left” who in the past have Apollo to the springs of the bureaucracy and the Cold War Hawke government and completely incapable of challenging the forging of an internationalist class-struggle workers party – these are among the critical issues facing the woman worker today.

Out of Their Own Mouths . . . .

The Healyite defence of Laborite nationalism is quite open and un-nuanced. Workers News simply quotes sections of our article with no attempt at refutation:

“According to the Healyites, Australia is a ‘land of sport and drink’ where ‘wife and child beating are a ‘normal’ part of life’. This is the Spartacist’s view of the working class. ‘Racial reaction is on the rise, not only in the country towns where black unemployment runs at 90 per cent, but in the industrial cities, like the coal and steel towns of Wollongong and Newcastle, where unemployment stands at 30 per cent and protectionism is feeling anti-Asian racism’. There is more: “In this penal settler-colony outpost in Asia, East of British and now American imperialism, little Australia’ social-democratic nationalism is not only white racist, but proof of its brutality male chauvinist and self-indulgent parochial philistine ‘national character’ – best described as the culture of the ‘little Australia’.

For our Healyite hack, one Mike Head, such simple truths about Laborism and Australian reality are a “jaundiced middle class view of the working class”. Our hardly controversial observation that the working class “re-mains dominated by the reformist Labor Party bureaucracy” is turned into a “mournful” denial of its revolutionary potential. For such left Laborites, unable to conceive of breaking the working class away from the purge of Qaddafi rests on their domestic posture as the “militant” workerist wing of Laborite nationalism. Thus answering the Healyites, queues of outrage is just not a matter of elementary political hygiene, because if you talk to the “little Australia” Laborite nerve we hit is one they share with all the Australian reformist “left”.

Communist Party of Australia delegates with Asian comrades at the fourth congress of the Communist International, Moscow, 1922.

July 1983/84

Left, Workers News hails the advent of the messiah Hawke last March. Right, taking up the cudgels for White Australia Laborism.

murder of communists in Ba’athist Iran.

In Australasian Spartacist we sketched a class-struggle perspective: “The fight for industrial unionism, sit-in strikes to fight sackings, a political break with the Labor traitors, that support to the imperialist anti-Soviet war drive and eternal loyalty to the ALP at election time are two of the most decisive questions on which the Australian “left” must pass the test or be cast outside the Laborite pale. The central pillars of social-democratic reformism are support to its “own” imperialism in war, and subservience to the capitalist state and “democratic” parliamentarism.

The Healyites have ignored their straitjacket on the Cold War Struggle.

Backward Workerism vs Class Consciousness.

It is telling that the Healyites say nothing about women’s oppression, a key question for the socialist revolution which our original article was all about. They have always denied the existence of special forms of oppression (racial, sexual) and their dim-witted lider maximo Jim Malgrew is known for his vile abuse of women political opponents. Their workerist glorification of the backwardness of the working class is summed up in former American Healyite leader Jim Wohlfirth’s comment: “the working class hates faggots, women libbers and hippies and so do we”, and springs from adaptation to the Labour bureaucracy. Genuine communists seek to fight, not flatter, the backwardness of the workers. We stand in the Leninist tradition of building a communist party which fights to be the “tribune of the people”. This is all the more crucial in a period of social reaction such as we face now, for combating all forms of social oppression and the racial and sexual divisions they foster is the precondition for revolutionary class consciousness, for forging a socialist proletariat which can rise to the task of taking state power. And it is especially crucial in this imperialist outpost in Asia, where the deep-going chauvinism intensifies backwardness of all kinds.

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Greetings From Our Comrades

Under the Terror in Sri Lanka

Spartacist League/Lanka
8 August 1983

The Spartacist League/Lanka (SL/L) sends these warm greetings to the seventh National Conference of the Spartacist League/US at a time when Sri Lanka is enveloped in the most severe political complexities ever recorded in its recent history.

The six-year administration of the pro-American, rightist Jay Jayawardene's UNP government has not solved any problems of the people. Instead, they have become aggravated from bad to worse. The "free market economy" and the "free trade zone" theories that the government sought to use are simply pills for the deepening economic crisis. They are now cracking under the unbearable burdens that rest on them. By abolishing one by one the rights of the people and by introducing tough legislation the government is trying to remove them from the path of struggle. This cruel government that appeared to brighten up not only the capitalist economy but also the lives of the people even their lives after death, and boasted that it laid the foundation for a "Buddhist righteous society," has now got all its dictators' medals soaked with agony and blood of the Tamil people - the victims of violent suppression during the last decades. This students' movements within the judiciary, religious and human rights organisations and also in the other layers of society are filled with unrest. More than at any time before, the poorest sections in the island are now facing brutal military law and the force of thugs.

The government, to keep up with its friends, is using all public media, political platforms and force to endure a "cold war" against the Soviet Union. To serve American and other imperialists' interests, Sri Lanka is invitingly waring its hand to American forces via capitalist trade tactics. It is seeking to join ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and other counterrevolutionary organisations in an attempt to disguise the Red victories in Afghanistan, Vietnam and Kampuchea. The government is highly respectful of the Solidarity trade-union movement activities in Poland whilst denying the right of the local workers to demonstrate, picket and strike! The fierce government, having been unable to get out of the capitalist crisis, is now gradually absorbing military juntas into its administration.

As part of the International, we of the SL/L today join you not only to fight capitalism, but also social democracy, reformism and centrist too. Our part in the world is extremely difficult. Risky. We are devoted, as a propaganda group against all types of rightist and building the party on the lines of Bolshevik traditions.

Comrades, Colombo is filled with drums, bands, hash and ash burn and remain, and refugee camps. And from this city, with deep concern, we tell you that the government that is raising the red banner of struggle in the conference today:

- The main enemy is at home!
- Indian/Lankan workers key to socialist revolution in South Asia!
- For the rebirth of the Fourth International!

Colombo: Tamil homes, shops and factories were systematically burned down by terror orchestrated by JIR's United National Party.

For the Right of Tamil Eelam! US Out of the Indian Ocean!

The seventh national conference of the Spartacist League/US was held in August. International Spartacist tendency (IST) fraternal delegates and observers were present from seven countries. Unable to be with us were comrades of our section in Sri Lanka. That small Indian Ocean island nation was being torn apart by Sinhala chauvinist terror against the national-religious minority people, the Tamils, as pogroms instigated and organized by sections of the governing United National Party (UNP) of Jay Jayawardene ripped the country apart along national lines. The army which has for years terrorized the overwhelmingly Tamil North simply can win, while in Colombo and throughout the South Sinhalese mobs carried out wholesale burning of Tamil-owned businesses and wholesale massacres. Tamil men, women and children were incinerated inside buses, thrown from moving trains, beaten and torn to shreds in the streets.

The anti-Tamil terror is severing the economic and geographical interpenetration of Lanka's peoples. The systematic destruction of Tamil-owned factories and stores (incidentally destroying 150,000 jobs), has wiped out formerly important Tamil commercial layers of Colombo and the South (and the government has now seized all damaged property). The orgy of bloodletting is compacting the Tamils into the North as 100,000 or more have fled in terror for their lives. Among the tens of thousands of homeless refugees still starving in government camps are many "stateless" plantation workers from the super-exploited plantation labor force (legally disenfranchised in 1948) who is been central to the island's economy since British colonial days.

JIR responded to the pogroms by refusing to even hypocritically criticize the anti-Tamil terror for weeks, illegally advising of a separate Tamil state (Eelam), cracking down on three Sinhalese leftist parties (but not the hopelessly discredited reformist shelf of the LSSP), and quietly sound­ ing out the possibility of US imperialist or other foreign help against his

Indian Seamen "Strongly Support Your Clarion Call"

We are pleased to reprint below a telegram received from the Forward Seamen's Union of India based in Calcutta. It is in response to our call to Australian waterside workers and Indian seamen working in the Indian shipping Visakhapatnam to black all Sri Lankan cargo in protest at the horrific anti-Tamil pogroms that engulfed the island. Our All India working committee strongly support your clarion call for boycott all cargo from Sri Lanka. Our members on board Visakhapatnam shall be in action with you to support the clarion call. Warm Greetings.

Abanerjee, General Secretary, 6 Sept 1983 FSU (CITU)

Berlin, 7 August. 150 militants rally to the call of the Trotkistische Liga Deutschlands, part of an International campaign.

It has since become a commonplace that the mutinous ringleaders of the anti-Tamil pogroms were rightists, virulently chauvinist forces high up in the UNP and the military. Figures like hard-line chauvinist UNP demagogu Cyril Matthew and the increasingly prominent Douglas Lianne have emerged as factorial powers within the UNP. Meanwhile, with India acting as mediator in the island.

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Australasian Spartacist
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The fate of the Western workers state cannot be separated from the fate of the working class and oppressed throughout the world. We have been hard, we have been firm, in our struggle to defend the Soviet Union. And that task is crucial because today the US imperialists are mounting a war that finds expression in Iraq, in Afghanistan. For the rebels the seeds for their discontent lie in a battle to maintain religious back­
wardness and oppression, a backwardness and oppression that exists throughout the region, the enemy of the struggle of the working class and oppressed, a backwardness that forms its central theme the woman question. In the East there is no other democratic question that is more decisive. It was in defence of this that perhaps more than anything else that Khomei rose up against any re­
I. Afghanistan we said "Red Army" against Islamic reaction­
aries. The dictatorship of the proletariat in the East is the question of a revolutionary nation. The full achievement of the democratic tasks posed by the Kurdish national struggle can only take place in a framework that is professional nationalist. For this reason it is Trotskyist parties, revolutionary pro­
letarian parties, that are needed for a socialist federation of the Near and Middle East.

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dish people have already been victims of a false peace that averted overthrow of the Hashemite monarchy in 1958, the Iraqi Communist Party was on the verge of power. It was only to be betrayed, along with its mass working class base and huge Kurdish component. They were then to face massacre at the hands of Kassem and later his 'Ba'athists'. Again in 1978 the Iraq ICP (formerly the PKI) ex­
terred the 'Ba'athist' government in re­
turn that the 'Ba'athist' faction of the KDP promised to defend and will seek to defend in all its component parts, including the Kurdish League internationally. Thank you.

The binding of the proletariat's hands and feet to the bourgeoisie by such alliances figures strongly in the talk of the so-called "Arab Revolu­tionary Left". The imperialists of the "Arab Revolution" like Hussein and Assad are at home brutal oppressors of their own national minorities. Similarly in every instance butchers that Syria or Iraq or the bour­
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**Labor “Militancy” and Arbitration**

Labor trade union “militancy” has always been subtended to the “national interest” of the capitalist class in Australia. This means that in this period of Cold War and economic crisis the working class in Australia has for the good of the country and so all the former “militant” pretensions of the bureaucrats have degenerated into petty bureaucratic economic militancy in Australia, expressed in the high strike figures of, for example, wages and mass strikes over the Penal powers and the “1965 furore over Flight 007 topped it off. Hawke’s “national consensus” based on the ALP-ACTU wage­ price accord, enlisting the union bureaucracy to police the capitalist state's over 10 percent unemployment, wage cutting and price hikes. The months in power have been dominated by an almost continuous campaign to impose “reforms” designed to get the country in shape for war. Hawke continually speaks of the need to “modernize” the labor movement. The ALP leader John Curtin who fought “a national consensus for the prosecu­ tion of the war effort” (Australian, 29 September). **Down with Anti-Soviet Bans!**

The anti-Soviet furor over Flight 007 capped it off. Hawke’s “national consensus” extended to the anti­ communist demonstrations in Sydney and the all-out campaign in Vietnam. The US and Vietnamese rightists, Moonies, Politi<:ions 100窑kays, 1968. Wharfies Arbitration-protected and state­ supported “compulsory arbitration”- and Arbitration-protected, and via it the bourgeois state. For genuine communists a Marxist party that is a Labour Lackeys... Continued from page one

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In September Hawke joined Reagan in whipping up anti-Soviet war fever over Warner's shooting down of the South Korean airliner. KAL Flight 007 was sent by the US on what was to become in years to come a show­ staged with live bait over sensitive Soviet military installations. We refer readers to the Spartacist pam­ phlet, “KAL 007: US War Provoca­ tion”, advertised in this issue, for a detailed refutation of the anti-Soviet lies and for a Marxist analysis. The Australian government echoed almost word for word Reagan’s anti­ Soviet slanders and war threats. Hawke dismissed “the preposterous claim that the Korean airliner was on a Soviet intelligence mission”, denounced the Russians’ “barbaric act” and reaffirmed that his line was consistent with that of the US, as if one could tell. Their UN repre­ sentative echoed Reagan’s “massacre in the sky” lie while foreign minister Hayden praised his “sober and dis­ tinguished” avoidance of trade­ sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions. But Reagan was not after sanctions.
Sydney Waterfront Refunds Hawke/ACTU Anti-Sovietism

The motion reprinted below was passed by the midnight shift of waterside workers (WWF) working a Soviet ship in Sydney’s Darling Harbour. In early September, and a copy presented to the ship’s first mate. This, and similar motions throughout the Sydney waterfront, were an important rebuttal to Hawke and the ACTU hope most anti-Soviet action for Reagan/Hawke drive. But as the KAL 007 incident itself showed, hopes of disarmament and peace are yet to be fulfilled. There’s only strategy, imperialists is one which mobilises our entire action to bring down the Hawke-Reagan warmongers.

“...meeting of workers employed on the USSR ships notes the reported explanation given by USSR Foreign Minister A Gromyko concerning the recent events related to the crash of a KAL 007...We regret the loss of life associated with this tragic incident and express our sympathy to the relatives of the families involved.

In the mind of the totally unemployable of the alert the so far off course and flying in Soviet air space over sensitive Soviet military installations; the presence in the coastal area of a US military plane during the time of the alert’s flying activity...will lead long-term to an extension of military authorities and the well known spying purposes and activities of the American CIA, we believe the Korean plane was being used for ultra-Purposes.

We demand that the USSR of deliberately shooting down a plane knowing it to be a passenger plane. We regret and condemn the hysterical and war-mongering abuse of the US spokesmen and others supporting them.

We represent the forces of the solidarity of the genuine peace loving forces in the USSR and assure them of our continued support for detente, disarmament and peace.”

Federation (WWF) continue to identify with the Soviet Union, a legacy of history anti-Soviet action. We continue to support the anti-Soviet union. We reprint on this page one of a number of motions passed across the Sydney waterfront in opposition to the Cold War provocation. This is the sort of example that needs to be followed and developed. Down with anti-Soviet bans! For political strikes and strong political support for Soviet friends! Down with Sovietism! Down with Hawke’s drive...”

Hand in hand with building a Cold War consensus in the unions goes the attempt to enforce anti-Soviet ideological homogeneity across society by strengthening the state’s secret police agencies. Hawke wants out of war. To go through building a witchhunt mentalities in any pro-Soviet sympathies, travel to Russia, or association with Russians amounts to “treason”. This is what’s behind the March witchhunt of former ALP national secretary and lobbyist David Combe for his association with Soviet diplomat Valeriy Ivanov, as part of a worldwide US-sponsored campaign. Through the House of Lords, Hawke and ASIO are seeking to destroy Combe and frame him as a Soviet spy or a “criminal of influence”. This witchhunt is widely unpopular in the workers movement, but the Labor lefts “left” Combe are mainly worried about their own necks being chopped in Hawke’s Cold War drive.

...to the demoralised anti-Soviet CPA desperately...now that Cold War II is here to abandon their much-heralded “independent road” and find comfort in the bosom of Hawke’s ALP. Today the CPA denounces as “ultra-realist” the slogan “US bases out!” which would make the “peace” movement look “anti-American”, while in the unions its members are the most vigilant defenders of Hawke’s “accord” and “controlled wage fixing” (as in the (abridgement wage-cutting). Thus Carmichael’s other hatchet job at the ACTU Congress was against the small Victorian Food Preservers Union who had broken ranks and won wage clauses outside the guidelines of the ‘accord’.

Behind them there’s the anti-Trotskist Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who lectured the CPA not to “throw itself behind the concerted anti-Soviet campaign” over the Soviet airliner. (International Viewpoint, 13 September). Their “anti-Reagan” line expressed mainly concerns at the effects of the KAL 007 and its aftermath. Their “anti-Reagan” movement. The SWP may oppose the anti-Soviet “two superpowers” line, but they break from the anti-Sovietism to deny that the imperialist war drive is centralised at the USSR to world powers defending the Soviet works state. As for their later internationautional factional alliance with the European followers of Ernst Mandel, they didn’t consult the CPA in their frenzy over the anti-Soviet nationalist “peace movement” in Germany, accusing the Soviets of “a stab in the back”. These attacks on the imperialisms super arms build-up” (International Viewpoint, 19 September) “Marxists” have to be dealing with the real issue of the day. This was Hitler’s war cry against the German Social Democrats. This “lucky country”, which hosts vital links for US imperialism’s lunatic preparations for a nuclear war, has never known the devastation of even a conventional war. But the targeted Soviet Union has, losing over 20 million defeating German imperialism in WW II, and it is determined that it will not happen again. Only Soviet capability to mount a devastating retaliatory strike has so far stayed the hand of the US madmen who incinerated Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Australia may not have a US nuclear-base in “Kenya” but the US bases will necessarily make it a nuclear target. The over-200 innocent civilians sacrificed for the KAL 007 provocation will be peanuts compared to the global holocaust that will follow the US attempt to make it a nuclear target. We say: don’t mess with the Russians! Smash ANZUS, drive out the US bases!

This will never be done through parliamentary resolutions or hand-holding protests like the “Women’s Peace for Vietnam” petition. The imperialists cannot be disarmed by debate...
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Tamil people, which makes them a unique Bolshevik formation on that island. The fight against Lanka's incorporation is intimately linked to opposition to the anti-Tamil gangsters, to the war-wearied government, which has been moving large numbers of Sinhalese into Tamil-dominated areas of the Tamil Eastern province where Trincomalee is located, and to the people of Trinco as a military base for US imperialism as the trade-off to secure access to the US market for the goods produced by the super-exploited and relatively few workers in the Free Trade Zone."

Right before the conference, we received our first word from Sri Lanka, a press release which we published in Workers Vanguard no 336 (12 August). The 1982 national conference adopted a motion of communist solidarity with the Marxist-Leninist/ Lanka comrades. The greetings from the Lanka section published here were not received in time to be presented to the conference.

Sometimes heroism is not a matter of doing things, but just of being there and standing against the fed­er­ated socialist republic of Ealum and Lanka!

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older Cuban volunteer militarily to be back in the fight like a bandit known as the "poisoned pawn". Take it and you will land in trouble. For the US, Lebanon is a poisoned pawn. In the summer of 1982, while the Israeli blitzkrieg spread terror across the angits and Druze communal militias were combating Lebanon for the "free world". A senior Jewish journalist bragged: "We've given them West the gift of Lebanon on a silver platter. We've created a vacuum, and all we ask for is for them to step into it" (New York Times, 16 June 1982). Sure enough, the Reaganites grabbed the "chance to step on the Lebanese" and stepped into the Lebanese vacuum. The Marines were sent into Beirut to ensure the that the US-Israeli protectorate in Lebanon. The Israeli army and its local allies, the Phalange, were hypochondriacally condemned the massac­re of defenseless Palestinian families and civilians being killed in Lebanon's camps after having set it up by disarming and deporting the Palestinian. And, the US has been the puppet president of Lebanon, Gemayel, is not the power by itself, but is being fought in the crossfire between the fascistic Christian Maronite Phal­ange, the Muslims, and Shi'a militias, which are fighting Lebanon for the "free world", and the Americans, who are fighting for the US military intervention in Lebanon and in Vietnam. In Vietnam, US and Saud are seeking to suppress a social revolution. In that war, the de facto of US expedition­ary forces was the Sagesse, which existed before the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. This left the US alone to prop up the Gemayel "government", especially the US embassy, which was attacked by the dozen armies floating through Lebanon. Reagan is now acting as the "president" by applying the Far­ Re­gion War, authorizing American troops to stay up to 18 months. They have Lebanese blood on their hands. And now they are paying the price.

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the remaining 90 percent. Last year, in response to an uprising instigated by the Muslim Brotherhood, the Damascus regime managed to stop it or even restrained major protest and UN resolutions. As the great German chancellor Otto von Bismarck said a century ago, "The great questions of our time will not be settled by resolutions and votes... but by blood and iron". Reagan's invasion of Grenada only underscores the fundamental truth of that statement.

Anti-Soviet War Drive Caught in Lebanon Quagmire

In Angola they are construction workers, who in the process the Americans lost six to thirty Marines out of Lebanon, (EI Radio later that day reported: the fighters in the final redoubt did The JR -alist power in history will not be caught in the crossfire among the myriad conflicts and deals among the myriad, the political and economic events in the region. The Reagan administration sees Lebanon through the prism of its US imperialism as the trade-off to secure access to the US market for the goods produced by the super-exploited and relatively few workers in the Free Trade Zone.

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these anti-Communist ideologues understand well that the basis for bourgeois defeatism and mass pacifist sentiment. But beyond a certain point, the so-called "Vietnam syn­drome", is the fact that the US lost. For them the key aspect of the Grenada invasion is that they can win somewhere, anywhere, to restore the US role as global imperialist police­ man. The odds are rather uneven. If it has taken 6,000 American troops to "secure" this tiny island, what will it take to do a really big place like Nicaragua, the size of Michigan, which is 450 times larger than Grenada? In Fidel Castro's post-invasion conference, he claimed that, as in Grenada, Cuba lacked the naval and air support to send direct assistance to Nicaragua in the case of a full-scale US invasion. While he was right to expect his own, the US has already been forced to achieve a revolution, he was wrong about his own. Only the Sandinista radical-nationalist regime desperately needs effective weapons, particularly military assistance which can be supplied by the Soviet bloc. And to be successful, the answer to the US drive to continue US revolutionary war - for workers revolution throughout Central America and the expansion of US imperialism, several millions of proletarians. And meanwhile there must be sharp class struggles in Nicaragua, such as the authentic Leninist-Bolshevik international parties are fighting.

Following its humiliation in Viet­ nam, under Ford and Carter US imperialism cannot still have the "3½ wars" posture, maintaining sufficient military power to fight a major war in the Persian Gulf "fire war" somewhere in the Third World. Under Reagan, the US is currently engaged in at least four "anti-communist" wars: (El Salvador, Nicaragua, Lebanon and Grenada) and threatening a fifth at the Straits of Hormuz, and bogged down in all of them. The Pentagon is stretched so thin that they're trying to use the "other forces" to keep the US military intervention unconditional military support. But now no side is fighting imperialism. Of course, the US military intervention escalates to a war with Syria drawing in the Gulf war, the Pentagon is stretched so thin that they're trying to use the "other forces" to keep the US military intervention unconditional military support. But now no side is fighting imperialism. Of course, the US military intervention escalates to a war with Syria drawing in the Gulf war, the Pentagon is stretched so thin that they're trying to use the "other forces" to keep the US military intervention unconditional military support. But now no side is fighting imperialism. Of course, the US military intervention escalates to a war with Syria drawing in the Gulf...
Rape of Grenada
Bloody Mess in Lebanon

NOVEMBER 1: — Finally they thought they found a country small enough for Reagan’s supercommandos to cream. Ronald Reagan had to divert attention quickly from the Beirut bombing that wiped out Marine headquarters in Lebanon, killing more than 230 US troops. “We need a win,” kept insisting election-minded White House advisers. Invading tiny Grenada, only twice the area of Washington, DC with a population no larger than a couple of Harlem housing projects, appealed to the Pentagon because it was “do-able”. But five days after the leathernecks stormed the white sand beaches of this Caribbean island, the “can do” generals and admirals still couldn’t seem to do it. With 1,900 Marines, several units of Rangers, more than 5,000 paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne and a war fleet of 20 ships, they managed to seize two airports and the town of St George’s. They said it could take weeks to clean out Cubans holed up in the hills. The Yankee shark will succeed in swallowing the Caribbean sardine, of course. But after all the flag waving has died down, not even the unprecedented press censorship can turn the Grenada invasion into a great US victory in its anti-Soviet war drive.

Reagan is in big trouble over Lebanon — big enough to be the undoing of his administration. Those body bags being flown into Dover Air Force Base should be stacked up in the White House. Things got so bad last week that they stopped announcing the number of dead and began announcing the survivors. It was the largest number of US troops killed on a single day since the height of the Tet offensive in Vietnam. And the immediate reaction of Marine families was to see their sons as victims rather than heroes: “It almost seems like Vietnam again … Those poor boys dying, and I’m sure they don’t know what they’re dying for.”

“Go in or get out” was a cry heard particularly from the military, which has been more than a little gun-shy over Central America — wary of another unwinnable war without public support. Even conservative hawks like Georgia senator Sam Nunn were for a phased withdrawal from “Mission Impossible”. And Marines interviewed in Beirut wanted out, now, alive. We can support that.

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US Marines Out of Lebanon, Now, Alive!
US Out of Grenada, Dead Or Alive!
Australia Out of Sinai! Keep Out of Grenada!

“We Salute Heroic Cuban Fighters!”

We reprint below a communique by the Cuban government broadcast over Radio Havana at 4pm, Wednesday, October 26.

“The people were informed that at approximately 0700 hours communications between the Cuban embassy in Grenada and the Cuban defensive positions were cut off.

“It was not possible to receive any more information on the course of the latest fighting and the individual fate of each one of the comrades defending their positions.

“We can only tell you that at 0955 hours the Cuban embassy in Grenada reported that the latest enemy attack on our positions was carried out using all available means of fighter aircraft, helicopters, heavy and medium caliber artillery and mortars. But at the end, a group of six comrades, clutching our flag, continued fighting.

“At 1117 hours our ambassador communicated that there is no further Cuban resistance. The fighters in the final redoubt did not surrender and gave their lives for the homeland.”

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