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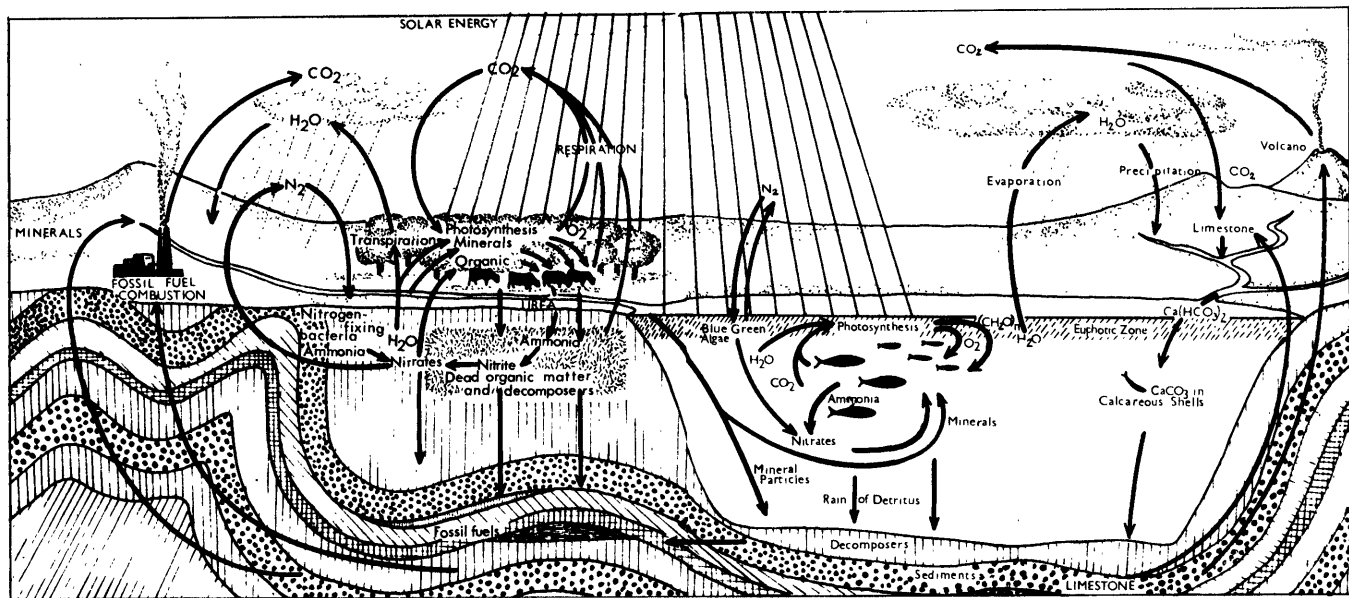
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With his hands free man could begin to mould nature to his requirements.

The development of hands — not only the instrument of labour but the product of labour — opened up a new stage in the history of life on earth, the age of man.

The hands did not exist alone, but were part of a highly complex organism and what benefited the hand, benefited the whole body that it served.

As Engels says in 'The Part played by Labour in the Transition from Ape to Man':

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Man is part of nature and yet in conflict with nature, seeking to extract minerals, control rivers and control other forms of life through agriculture in order that he should survive and flourish.

After the early stage of social life, of primitive communist tribal existence, man's intervention in nature took place through class society. Today the drive of capitalism to extract surplus value (profit) from the working class dominates the relationship between man and nature.

ADVERSARY

That part of nature with which man has his closest relationship is the biosphere—a term used to embrace all living organisms and the processes within them and interlinking them.

Living organisms are continually coming into being (being born, germinating, etc.) and ceasing to exist as living entities.

All the main chemical components of life—hydrogen and oxygen in the form of water, carbon in the form of carbon dioxide, nitrogen in the nitrate form and minerals such as phosphates, sulphates, calcium, potassium, aluminium, chlorides, iron, manganese and sodium—are continually being embodied in living beings and being returned to the soil, air or oceans.

In examining the cycling of the four main components of life, the most important minerals and the effect of man's activity on these processes, can outline solutions to the problems of pollution which are possible when a scientific approach is applied. These

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Energy from the sun is the main source of energy for living organisms. This energy, although sometimes temporarily trapped by green plants is eventually re-radiated from the earth. The energy we derive from oil and coal was derived from the sun many millions of years ago.

The planned use of material derived from nature for energy purposes is possible.

EXCESS

Robert Whittaker and Gene Likens of Cornell University have estimated that 164 billion cubic metric tons of dry organic matter are produced annually, about a third of it in the oceans and two-thirds on land.

This net production represents the excess of organic production over what is required to maintain the plants which 'fix' the energy. It is available for consumption in the form of food and fuel.

The unplanned deforestation of forests by capitalism to produce charcoal for smelting before the use of coal in Britain 300 years ago and the deforestation of India and Pakistan over the last 80 years has had disastrous results.

Now the main fuel in parts of India and Pakistan has to be cow dung, a useful fertilizer. Yet the application of electrical power, in particular derived from nuclear reactions, could solve the energy problems of many 'underdeveloped' countries, a task imperialism cannot perform.

By the release of energy through power stations and industrial plants local heating of the atmosphere, rivers and oceans occurs.

The higher proportion of storms in towns was demonstrated by Dr Stanley Changman who found that one in ten storms in St Louis resulted from local

heating of the atmosphere over towns.

John R. Clark has claimed that in the United States, the use of rivers, lakes and estuary water for cooling purposes could become so extensive as to be a threat to all aquatic life, but that the water could be pre-cooled by using it to heat houses, offices. This would, of course, require planning and investment.

Water is the substance necessary for the existence of living systems.

It is one of the main building blocks of living matter.

In producing 20 fresh-weight tons of crop, 20,000 tons of water will pass into the plants at their roots.

In a recent article it was indicated that if water is supplied to plants when they need it, an increase of 0.39 ton of dry matter per acre per inch of water could be obtained. In terms of fresh weight the gain is about 1.5 tons per acre per inch.

SALINITY

This is the kind of response obtained in experiments with irrigated potatoes in Britain.

The planned use of water in irrigation could avoid the problems experienced in W Pakistan where, in 1961, 60,000 acres of fertile cropland were being lost each year due to waterlogging and salinity through the use of ground wells. Planning could also solve the problems of famine.

The irrigation of deserts such as the area around the Nile irrigated by the Aswan is only a beginning, although this particular scheme has given rise to serious and unforeseen problems.

There is also the possibility of reclaiming the dust bowls created in the United States in the 1930s and also in the Soviet Union.

This could mean bringing into cereal cultivation many millions of acres of land in areas with low rainfall.

● To be continued.

CLASS STRUGGLES IN AFRICA

WHEN **Zambian** premier Kenneth Kuanda and President Nyerere of Tanzania were on their way to recent meetings with Edward Heath they uttered strong words about breaking with the British Commonwealth.

After their visits, despite the ignominious way in which Kuanda, in particular, was treated by Heath and Nixon, they are reported to have had second thoughts.

Scuttling the colonialist ship 'SS Commonwealth' appears to be a feasible proposition for these gentlemen only if they are sure, in advance, that their lifeboats are in order. Of this they are not sure.

Mutiny

They are, after all, only second officers on the vessel controlled by the old 'white' officers of Britain, Canada and Australasia, with Africa and Rhodesia as important non-paying passengers.

The real masters of 'SS Commonwealth' got rather hot under the collar when the minor officers and deck hands from the 'independent' states mutinied and told them how to run their ship.

In turn they found they could not, at least at present, leave their independent stations for a somewhat dubious swim in cold waters with doubtful life-jackets, the more so as 'SS French Union' and 'SS Dollar' are not yet within hailing distance.

So, for the time being, they seem to have decided to stay on board the ship, which apartheid leader Smuts had re-christened from British Empire to British Commonwealth.

The threat to scuttle the Commonwealth was made because of threatened British arms sales to S Africa.

Capitalist newspapers have not told the truth about the purpose of these arms.

They are for Boers to oppress the Africans, said some; they are for defence against a Soviet Indian Ocean threat, said others.

But none said that they were to defend British investments in S Africa and that these investments are the reason and basis of apartheid.

Bloodiest

The Afrikaner regime is merely the watchdog of imperialist interests which, despite US penetration in mining, banking and industry, remain 90 per cent British.

Moreover, it was British imperialism, under Palmerston, Gladstone and Disraeli which, through Rhodes, Milner, Selborne and others, clamped the chains of segregation (apartheid) and colour discrimination on the non-European toilers whom they had conquered and dispossessed in what was probably the bloodiest series of colonial wars in history.

Both the Tory and Labour Parties have carried on an imperialist policy in S Africa. As far as the semi-colonial people

Arms will protect giant investments Still 90 per cent British

are concerned the British Labour Party is an imperialist party and its role in S Africa is further evidence of the basic correctness of this viewpoint.

The labour imperialism of the Labour Party bureaucracy is an old plague on the S African workers. The first 'white' miners in the diamond and gold-diggings of S Africa were British workers, led by British 'socialists'.

The first thing they fought for in S Africa was an industrial colour bar against the African workers. Cecil Rhodes legalized the first of such colour bars in the mines.

Smuts continued this legislation and Vorster implements it to this day.

The industrial colour bar which was recently demanded anew by the mainly Afrikaner miners, was created by British workers and their trade union and labour bureaucrats.

High wages

These workers stood firmly on the side of the British capitalists against the African miners and other workers. Their high wages came directly from the super-profits made exclusively by the African workers. They had a 'vested interest' in apartheid and this situation remains to this day.

This is the economic explanation of the demand of 'white' miners that the Africans be refused skilled work in the new platinum mines in NE Transvaal's Bastunast called 'Tswanaland'.

The British mining companies, of course, want to cut the losses caused by the employment of 'white' miners, who produce much less value than they receive in wages.

It is not a question of 'skilled work'—African miners have always done most of the real, skilled underground work—but of cheap labour doing more of the skilled work.

On the other hand, the capitalist regime relies on the political support of the 'white' workers against the non-European workers and peasants.

To replace them with African workers raises a critical question for the ruling class. The 'white' miners are reminding this class of 1922, when the mine-workers tried, in vain, to do the same thing.

Ensnared

The capitalists, with the help of the Boer government, are still ensnared in this contradiction between 'politics' and 'economics'.

The African miners, as always, will certainly demand the right to do all skilled work.

This will be in opposition to the cowardly and racist slogan of 'equal pay for equal work' behind which 'white' labour in S

Africa has always shielded its own industrial colour bar to shut the Africans out of officially classified skilled work.

The African miners demand not only the right to do all skilled work, but equal pay for

all miners. — It is not an anti-'white' struggle, but one for the abolition of racialism and 'white' domination.

It is up to 'white' workers to either fight for an equal, non-

racial living wage for all miners, or continue to sit on the backs of the African mine-workers.

The latter, it is certain, will not endure for ever the double burden of working class and 'white' labour.

THURSDAY'S INTERNATIONAL youth NEWS

US YOUTH HIT BACK

NIXON'S vicious attacks on the United States working class are getting a resolute answer from the youth.

The militant response is highlighted by two recent events in New York—an anti-imperialist demonstration by young Puerto Ricans and the action of young prisoners of the Inmates Liberation Front in defence of prisoners at New York's infamous 'Tombs' prison.

Thousands of working-class and minority youth—rarely, if ever, drawn into anti-war protest—chanted 'Free Puerto Rico Now' and 'US out of Vietnam, Out of Puerto Rico' in their recent demonstration to the United Nations.

Called by the Young Lords (whose badge is a purple beret) the demonstration demanded an end to US imperialism and colonialism in Puerto Rico and freedom for all political prisoners.

Many of the people on the march were just in their teens. Demonstrating a tremendous militant spirit against imperialist domination of Puerto Rico, they marched in a disciplined style.

Murdered

The Workers' League—in solidarity with the International Committee of the Fourth International—carried a banner saying: 'Avenge Julio Roldan's death; For an Independent and Socialist Puerto Rico; Build a Labour Party.'

(Julio Roldan, a leader of the Young Lords movement, was murdered in his 'Tombs' cell following the notorious prison rebellion. He had been thrown into prison on a trumped-up arson charge.)

The struggle against the brutality of the Nixon Administration and its hired gunmen, the police, in the US is in no way separate from the fight against the imperialist domination of Puerto Rico.

The fight for Puerto Rico's independence is the fight for socialist revolution in that country. This means the struggle to mobilize the working class independently of the capitalist parties and to build a Labour Party in America.

The US ruling class shows its growing fear of the revolutionary ferment amongst the youth on these major questions. In particular it directs its brutality against black and Puerto Rican youth.

The recent riot in the 'Tombs' has brought such violence and murder by the state to light. Following the 'Tombs' rebellion New York's Mayor Lindsay and McGrath, head of the correction department, agreed there would be no reprisals. But the promises meant nothing.

Julio Roldan was murdered and 28 other inmates face indictments and terms of life imprisonment.

Following hard on the heels of the Angela Davis case (arrested on trumped-up charges of kidnapping and murder) Roldan's death emphasizes the US ruling class's stepped-up campaign against young militants who fight



Workers League contingent participate in Young Lords demonstration.

back against the capitalist system. The youth, however, will not be intimidated. The Inmates Liberation Front—a section of the Young Lords Party—is now fighting to defend the prisoners.

Programme

With a five-point programme of demands the Front is organizing rallies and solidarity actions in defence of the prisoners.

In particular the Workers' League has demanded that the unions must be mobilized in defence of both the 'Tombs' prisoners and Angela Davis.

Action by the US labour movement is of paramount importance. Nixon's attacks on revolutionary youth are attacks against the working class and can only be answered by the organized power of the working class and the youth.

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The Dustbowl in the US created in the 1930s by ploughing land for cereal production in areas where rainfall is inadequate. The wind has eroded the drought-parched top soil and formed drifts.



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Swan Hunter deeper in debt

ONE OF Britain's more 'successful' shipbuilding combines, the Swan Hunter consortium, which monopolizes the yards on Tyneside, has fallen deeper into debt.

Despite a full order book, Sir John Hunter, chairman of the consortium formed in 1966, has revealed a loss of £1,255,000 for the first half of 1970 and told shareholders that there will be no interim dividend.

This trend is a continuation of the drastic down-turn in the firm's fortunes since the middle of last year, when it stood in the black to the tune of £1,200,000.

But Sir John soldiers on. He predicts that the results for the whole of 1970 will be better than those for 1969 when a £3,281,000 loss was incurred.

Further in the future, he says, there will be a return to profitability, providing inflation is curbed.

There are however few grounds for this heady optimism as explained in Monday's Workers Press article on North East unemployment by Stephen Johns.

Stopped grants

The government has already stopped the 20 per cent investment grants available to ship-owners for new building.

Equally the credit which underwrote the other 80 per cent of costs has been tightened. In the past owners got an eight-year loan from a bank, backed by a government guarantee, at a rate of 5 1/2 per cent.

Now the rate is 7 per cent and the last Labour government's £200 million addition to the £400 million credit 'pool' has already been spoken for.

All this, with the Tory's 'let-em-go-bust' attitude to the shipbuilding industry, does not augur for a bright future.

If this is not enough, costs are also rocketing.

Steel prices are up 15 per cent this year alone and these have been followed by a similar increase in wages over the 12 months.

Shipbuilding bosses are staking survival on two things.

Firstly a continued labour shake-out in the industry and secondly speed-up and scientific intensification of work for those that remain.

Craftsmen other than boiler-makers have already been reduced to a flying squad on the Clyde and the yards there, and the boiler-makers are next for the treatment.

In this campaign, the threat of closures, recently wielded successfully on Clydeside at UCS, and a union willingness to sign productivity deals, will be the employers' main weapons.

Paradox

Yet the paradox is that despite these crisis steps there is now a greater need for ships than ever before. There is also corresponding shortage of shipbuilding yards.

The nub of the problem is that the vast sums of money necessary for such investment cannot be raised on the private market.

The return on input of funds—which may take decades to realize—is simply not fast enough for the big private investors; yet another glaring case of the profit motive working directly against human requirements.

Shipbuilding workers should resist all productivity dealing and redundancy and force their leaders to apply the declared policy of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions—the nationalization of industry.

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'All-European security' aimed at workers

THE SOVIET and E European governments have stepped up their propaganda offensive for an All-European Security Conference, first mooted by the Warsaw Pact powers in March 1969.

Last week's memorial service in Paris for General de Gaulle provided an excellent opportunity for diplomatic exchanges between the 'great powers'.

Representatives of China, the Soviet Union and practically every capitalist power joined prayers for the departed strike-breaker.

And judging from Stalinist press and radio comments over the last few days, their approaches met with a warm response.

For example, in praising W German Chancellor Brandt for his 'courage' in forcing through the just-concluded Bonn-Warsaw treaty, the Polish journal 'Zycie Warszawy' adds:

'The treaty... is of great importance not only for our countries, but for the whole of Europe. It becomes a new important element of the international situation.'

The Gomulka regime has in mind, of course, the proposed 'Security Conference', after which, the Kremlin hopes, the NATO and Warsaw Pact powers will be able to merge their military alliances into a single force—but against whom?

SEARCH

The desperate search of both imperialist and Stalinist regimes for European 'stability' and the preservation of the status quo established by the 1945 Potsdam Conference, gives the clue.

The Stalinists—echoed by the Social Democrat Brandt—are calling for 'collective security' against the threat of working-class revolutionary action which is directed against imperialism in the West and the bureaucracies of the East.

It is highly significant that the Kremlin's call for European 'collective security' was issued after its invasion of Czechoslovakia and the suppression of the



The de Gaulle memorial service; and excellent opportunity for all kinds of meetings. Soviet President Podgorny (extreme left) is seen with a few of the heads of state including Bulgarian President of parliament Georgi Traikov, Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios, Finnish President Urho Kekkonen, King Baudouin of Belgium, Prince Rainier of Monaco, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, the Shah of Iran and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

movement in that country toward the destruction of the Stalinist bureaucracy by the working class.

It was met with great enthusiasm in the very country where the working class had launched its biggest offensive in the entire history of W Europe—the France of General de Gaulle.

In both cases, the forces of European 'law and order' had experienced a traumatic shock, and it was following these linked and interacting crises that contacts were intensified between the Kremlin and the European ruling class, headed first by de Gaulle, then, following his removal in April 1969, by the Brandt leadership in W Germany.

SECONDARY

The fact that an 'all-European bloc' might be able to pressurize the US imperialists into making concessions to both the Common Market powers and the bureaucracies is a secondary factor in this development.

What predominates is fear of revolution—in its turn made more real by the unchecked growth of the world economic crisis.

So the treaties signed by the Brandt government with Moscow and Warsaw are stepping stones to an even deeper-going alli-

ance that cannot but have its impact on the policies of the Stalinist parties in the W European countries affected by the agreement.

The British, French, Italian and other Communist Parties will have as their task the unprincipled of the 'stability' sought by Pompidou, Brandt, Heath and Kosygin alike.

And a role has even been allotted to that contemptible relic of the past, the 'Socialist International'.

For Moscow Home service gleefully informed its listeners on November 15:

'It is interesting also that the Bureau of the Socialist International at its meeting on October 26 favoured the holding of an all-European Security Conference... On the basis of these and other analogous facts, can we now say that the all-European conference has been given the green light?'

WATCHING

This question was put before Heath's speech to the Lord Mayor of London's banquet last Monday, where the Tory leader came out clearly in favour of such a meeting.

The Stalinists are watching the W European capitalist class like

hawks for the slightest turn towards their proposed deal.

And even the 'tough-line' Stalinists of the E German Ulbricht regime are getting quite enthusiastic:

'The DDR Deputy Foreign Minister Ernst Scholz thinks the time has come to initiate a qualitatively new stage in preparing a European Security Conference... he argues that the equal co-operation of all European countries has been largely accepted by the capitalist countries of Europe... (E German Radio.)'

And that includes, of course, the fascist regimes in Portugal and Spain and the junta in Greece, the last two of which already enjoy the best of diplomatic and trade relations with most of the E European bureaucracies.

STRATEGY

These are not questions of diplomacy.

The Kremlin, which stands behind every diplomatic move taken by its client regimes in E Europe, is pursuing a clear strategy against the international working class and the anti-imperialist movement in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Completely conscious of its own privileged interests, which

it has stolen from the working classes of E Europe and the Soviet Union in the name of what it cynically calls 'communism' and 'Leninism', it now fears the spread of active opposition to its rule from small groups of intellectuals into the working class.

That is what lay behind the Hungarian explosion of 1956, the Polish upheaval of the same period and the 1968 crisis in Czechoslovakia, which has been smothered, but not overcome, by more than two years of military occupation.

The Kremlin also knows a major factor in holding back the political revolution in the Soviet Union and E Europe is the fear amongst the most advanced workers that imperialism may seize on the opportunity to intervene at the height of the struggle and restore capitalism in these countries—possibly in collaboration with the extreme right wing of the bureaucracy.

SURVIVAL

The pressure of imperialism on the workers' states therefore aids the bureaucracy in its fight for survival.

But once the workers of the West move against their own ruling class, they immediately ease this pressure on the Soviet workers, and help to create the political conditions for a victorious struggle against the bureaucracy.

This dread of revolution drives the bureaucracies towards an agreement with imperialism, without for one moment surmounting the conflicting property relations which lie at the foundations of the two systems.

For their part, the imperialists are only too glad to harness the bureaucracy to counter-revolutionary work, whether it be in the Middle East, Peru (where the Kremlin supports the military regime there), or in the heart of Europe.

The Tories, like the Labourites before them, and like de Gaulle on many occasions in France, seek to use the forces of the British Communist Party against the working class as it fights for its trade union rights, its living standards and jobs.

And in the sign language necessary for such treacherous dialogues, CP leader Gollan has declared himself for such a policy.

In his pamphlet 'The Common Market: Why Britain should not join' (1969), we read:

'Let us say No to the Common Market, but Yes to Europe—let us say No to preserve peace, end military blocs and advance all-European social and economic co-operation irrespective of social systems.'

MEASURE

Trade unionists, millions of them now faced with a fight for their very existence as an organized force, should measure these words well.

Gollan here declares himself for a capitalist Britain, under a capitalist regime, collaborating with the ruling Stalinist bureaucracies in the East—as he says, 'irrespective of social systems'.

The Stalinists are not for a united Europe.

This is only possible through revolutionary action of the working class, creating a Socialist United States of Europe.

The British Stalinists offer the Tories a defeated working class. In return, they request better relations with the Kremlin bureaucracy.

This is the classical counter-revolutionary strategy of Stalinism, which from Germany to Spain, has prepared the way for truly terrible defeats.

This time, armed with the Trotskyist analysis of bureaucracy and its programme of struggle against it, we must ensure that the working class is victorious.

Now Ghana seeks 'dialogue' with S Africa

SINCE the Tory government announced its intention to sell arms to the S African white supremacists, rulers of Britain's former African colonies have hastened to fall into line.

And those who are already favourably disposed to the racist Pretoria regime have grown far less inhibited—confirming in the crudest manner possible that these states remain clients of imperialism, despite their nominal independence.

It was Felix Houphouët-Boigny, president of the former French colony the Ivory Coast, who set the ball rolling. His call for a dialogue with Vorster—previously shunned as a racist—has been eagerly taken up.

Latest adherent to the new trend is Ghana premier Kofi Busia.

Speaking in Bonn, where he is on a six-day visit, he endorsed Boigny's sentiments:

'I think we can get somewhere with a dialogue,' he said. 'At any rate it seems to me a more rational approach than a blood-bath.'

He denied the change of line was connected with Ghana's huge debts to Britain.

Busia strove to maintain the fiction of Ghanaian independence when he said he still opposed arms sales.

'We have done this on the ground that Britain is a member of the Commonwealth, and that in any action Britain takes she should consider the views of this body,' he added rather plaintively.

In the light of his declarations about dialogue, Busia's 'opposition' to arms sales can hardly be taken seriously and will not deter the Tories.

In any case they have even more forthright allies in black Africa. Men like Malawai president Dr Hastings Banda.

At a rally in his capital, Zomba, on Monday, Banda invited Portuguese officials to join him on the platform and introduced them to the crowd as 'our friends and brothers'.

Fascist Portugal—closely allied with S Africa and Britain—is conducting a vicious colonial war in Mozambique, which borders on Malawi.

Welcomed

Banda favours the closest collaboration with Portugal, S Africa and Ian Smith's Rhodesia.

He too welcomed Houphouët-Boigny's reactionary initiative. 'I am happy to see,' he told the Zomba rally, 'that other African leaders are now accepting what I have been saying for years regarding relations with white-ruled southern African countries.'

More guarded support for Boigny's line came on Tuesday from Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone.

Premier Dr Siaka Stevens said the initiative for a dialogue should come from the Pretoria government.

But he added that his own government was studying the various statements made on the question of a dialogue with S Africa and he felt the S Africans should be given the chance to put forward their views.

New Syria link with Egypt?

THE NEW military rulers of Syria have made their first policy statement since the coup of last Saturday.

In a broadcast on Monday night, Radio Damascus announced the formation of a new Ba'ath Party leadership which would work for closer unity with the regimes in Egypt, Libya and Sudan.

The governments of the three N African states agreed last week to form an Arab federation.

Syria joined with Egypt to form the United Arab Republic in 1958, a one-sided alliance that was dissolved by the departure of Ba'athist-ruled Syria in December 1961.

Now the new military regime seems prepared to try again, judging from its official propaganda.

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'Moon walker' triumph for Soviet space programme

THE SUCCESSFUL landing of the Soviet robot explorer vehicle—Lunokhod 1—in the Sea of Rains on Tuesday has notched up another major space triumph for Soviet scientists and moves the USSR's interplanetary exploration programme a big step forward.

The eight-wheeled Lunokhod (moon walker) rolled down a gangway from Russia's unmanned Luna-17 spacecraft and at radio command from a Soviet space centre—probably the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan—moved a distance of 66 feet in first gear from the landing stage and began a series of earth-controlled experiments.

The vehicle carries television cameras, radio equipment and scientific apparatus to study the lunar surface and radio data back to earth on its own performance.

In September of this year the Soviet unmanned Luna-16 automatically brought back samples of moon dust, but was not able to move about. Lunokhod—a robot explorer—is an entirely new concept.

ADVANTAGE

It has one advantage over man in that it does not have to be brought back. Having done its job—laying out experiments, observing surface formations, televising what it sees to earth and perhaps collecting further rock samples for shipment to earth—it can be abandoned.

This means considerable saving in weight and gives further support to the Russian contention that lunar exploration by automatic equipment is cheaper and safer than sending men.

In fact, the cost of a Luna shot is about 4 per cent of an American manned Apollo trip.

It is unlikely that Lunokhod 1 will make the return journey to earth, but a possible culmination of Luna-17's journey is the automatic return of the probe with samples collected by the robot from different parts of the lunar surface in the neighbourhood of the landing site.

In any case, we may see the first pictures—seen through Lunokhod's eyes—of Luna-17 blasting off from the moon, a sight that will be seen by no astronaut until the first permanent lunar bases are initiated.

REFLECTOR

Moscow television on Tuesday night showed test mock-ups of Lunokhod—a vehicle about ten feet long with a five-foot wheel-base. The model had wire frame

wheels and two TV cameras mounted like headlamps.

The domed top was shown to open the way to a reflector for solar batteries powering the vehicle.

The film showed Soviet scientists testing the vehicle over manned lunar terrain and craters.

In an interview with 'Izvestia', the leader of the team of engineers who designed the Lunokhod said that all eight wheels were independently driven.

Each one could be monitored by 'moon drivers' sitting in front of TV screens on earth and switched off if the load on its motor became too heavy.

The engineer said his team could not use ordinary grease because it would dissipate in the lunar vacuum and they had to ensure that every scrap of metal used in the chassis was bearing a load to save as much weight as possible.

The Lunokhod's designers had preferred independently-driven wheels to a caterpillar design, because this would have limited the number of independent motors to four, increasing the risk that the vehicle would be immobilized by breakdowns.

The 'moon drivers' see before them the screens on earth and Lunokhod's position two or three seconds late, due to the time taken for a radio signal to make a return journey from the moon.

AUTOMATIC

To avoid the vehicle tipping over on a slope before the long-range driver could see what was happening, it switches off automatically when reaching a certain angle.

The wheel mechanisms had been tested in simulated lunar conditions on board high-flying

aircraft, the commentator said.

A Tass commentary on the flight predicted the similar self-propelled scientific laboratories—planetokhods—would be used to explore the surface of Mars, Mercury and Venus.

It said instruments to study the physical and mechanical properties of the lunar surface and upper soil layers could be installed in such machines.

The soil could also be subjected to automatic chemical analysis by X-ray equipment or reaction-producing liquid chemicals. Specimens of lunar soil could be selected from places chosen by earth-bound controllers.

There is no doubt that such projects are a part of future Soviet flights to the moon and the nearest planets and provide a firm answer to the American argument that a man can select extraterrestrial material for special analysis better than any machine.

STATION

The Soviet space programme is now centred round the Soyuz manned flights—aimed at the construction of a permanently orbiting space station—and the Luna unmanned exploration programme.

The continued drastic cutbacks of the US programme are now leaving America behind in the planned exploration of space.

The Apollo-14 manned flight is still two months away and, although the astronauts will be aided by a two-wheeled hand-cart, a motorized 'jeep' will not be included until the Apollo-15 launch later in 1971.

This, of course, depends on Apollo-14's success—certainly not a foregone conclusion, bearing in mind the Apollo-13 fiasco.

30 per cent rise in W Midlands bus fares

BUS fares in the W Midlands will rise by an average of 30 per cent in the new year.

The W Midlands Traffic Commissioners announced yesterday that they had approved increases by the W Midlands Passenger Transport Executive (PTE) in an area which covers former municipal undertakings of Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall and W Bromwich.

There are graded increases, but minimum fares which have previously been 5d in Birmingham and 4d in the rest of the area will go up to 6d and to three new pence—the equivalent of 7d—after decimalization.

IRRITATE

The Commissioners said they had considered making the increases applicable from the start of decimalization—believing that two changes in fare scales in a period of seven weeks would only serve to irritate the sorely-trying travelling public.

But they shared the PTE view that the extra revenue sought was unlikely to meet overall financial needs and would deprive the executive of over £400,000 revenue in the seven weeks between January 1 and the introduction of decimalization.

Tele-control speed-up starts with discipline

A NEW regime of management discipline is being introduced at two departments of CAV Acton, London, factory.

New working instructions have been issued to machine setters in the 66 and 55 departments as part of the tele-control monitoring system that the setters have begun to operate experimentally prior to its introduction throughout the Acton site.

They have been told that they must never leave machines unattended and they must always find a replacement if they leave the work bench.

Setters are expected to police machine operators by informing management of all non-productive time in the shop.

Calls via the public address system must be answered by setters 'as soon as possible' and name, department number, and the type of assistance required must be given to management before they can use outside telephones.

Speed-up

As the Workers Press has continually warned, methods of tele-control in any factory are designed to introduce tremendous speed-up and eliminate all rest periods until the pitch of work becomes almost unbearable.

The setters, who are guinea pigs on the Acton site, are the first to get this kind of treatment. Other workers will be next if the system is not fought and thrown out.

WEATHER

SE SCOTLAND, E and NE England and E Anglia will be cloudy with rain at first, becoming brighter but with showers during the day.

N and W Scotland, N Ireland, Wales, W England and the Midlands will have showers and sunny intervals.

The showers may be prolonged over SE England at first, but will be generally more frequent in W districts.

Temperatures near normal in the S, but rather cold in the N with night frosts in parts of Scotland.

Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Showers and sunny spells in most places, but more prolonged rain spreading from the S later. Temperatures near normal.

LATE NEWS

GLASS GIANT GOES PUBLIC

Glass monopoly chairman Lord Pilkington confirmed yesterday that the company will be going public with an offer of shares to outside investors 'within the next week or so'.

NEW SYRIAN HEAD

Ahmed El-Khatib, a member of the Ba'ath Provisional Regional Command, was yesterday appointed the new Syrian head of state following the Army coup last Friday.

The Regional Command has also asked the coup organizer, former Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Hafez Al-Assad, to form a new cabinet.

The ousted 'left' Ba'athist Dr Attasi is still reported to be under house arrest in Damascus, but is thought to be leaving the country for Libya in the near future.

No criticism of Sudan regime Stalinists cover for repression of Arab masses

ABDUL KHALIG MAGOUB, secretary general of the Sudanese Communist Party, has been arrested by the al-Nimeiry regime in a general round-up of so-called 'saboteur elements'.

BY ROBERT BLACK

Thirteen army officers suspected of communist views have been sacked from their posts and three members of the regime's ruling Revolutionary Council dismissed.

All three were known to be close sympathizers, if not members, of Sudan's Communist Party.

Despite its pretensions to 'socialism', the regime's first edict when it came to power in May 1969 made striking a capital offence!

Links

Leaving for mass support on the Communist Party (still officially illegal under the new government) al-Nimeiry took five of its members into his ruling council.

Diplomatic and economic links with the Soviet and other Stalinist bureaucracies were stepped up, as was political collaboration with the Nasser regime to the North.

Then in October 1969, the regime swung sharply to the right.

Military control over the government, which had previously been shared with 'civilian' elements, was tightened.

Al-Nimeiry replaced Abu Bakr Awadallah, who had favoured collaboration with the Communist Party, as Prime Minister.

There were menacing rumblings from the extreme Moslem right wing against communist influence over the government.

The Workers Press warned at that time (October 31, 1969):

'The military leaders are sharpening their knives for a blood-bath of workers and communists.'

Unheeded

This dangerous development went unheeded by both the Kremlin and the British Communist Party, whose publications continue to this very day to praise the Sudanese military regime.

'Comment', the CP weekly, as recently as October 3 and 10, featured a two-part article by the Sudanese Minister for Southern Affairs, J. U. Garang!

Now 'Comment's' guest writer is helping to jail the secretary-general of the Sudanese CP.

Even with its long training in the art of betrayal, British Stalinism can hardly sink to lower depths of treachery than this.

The veteran British Stalinist Idris Cox recently visited Sudan with a delegation of five Labour MPs.

Writing about the regime in the 'Morning Star' after his return, he stated in an article entitled 'This Government Backs the Unions':

'It was not until the revolution of May 25, 1969, that they [the trade unions] secured full freedom to organize.'

'Full freedom'—with the death penalty for strikers!

Federation

The Sudanese regime's moves against the Communist Party are obviously linked to last week's decision by Sudan, Libya and Egypt to form a federation.

Nasser ruthlessly smashed the Egyptian Communist Party, torturing many of its members and driving without any protest from his Stalinist allies in the Kremlin and elsewhere.

Now in a close political alliance with Nasser's successors in Cairo, al-Nimeiry has clearly decided to launch a similar anti-communist campaign in Sudan.

This turn to the right is not only a domestic strategy, but relates directly to acceptance by the regime (along with its two partners) of the US Middle-East 'peace plan'.

As we have repeatedly pointed out, the Arab regimes need agreement with the Zionists to free their forces for action against their own masses.

This is the background to the now-proven secret talks between King Hussein of Jordan and leaders of the Israeli Cabinet, a dangerous development that the Stalinist press has so far failed to comment on.

From Syria and Jordan to Sudan, the Arab ruling class is preparing for new offensives not against the Zionists, but the Arab workers and peasants.

Hands off the Sudanese and all Arab Communist Parties, build the revolutionary leadership that can unify the Arab nations for the defeat of Zionism, imperialism and Arab reaction.

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ROME police brutally attacked homeless Sicilian peasants and drove them out of a makeshift encampment next to the entrance of the Italian chamber of Deputies.

The peasants were demanding the reconstruction of their homes which were destroyed by an earthquake in the Valle de Belice region.

Over 100,000 people there have been homeless since the beginning of 1968, living in corrugated-iron shanties far from their home villages.

The government passed a law at the time to rebuild houses for the earthquake victims. But nothing has been done.

Police with truncheons attacked the peasants on Tuesday afternoon, after they had camped for a week outside the parliament buildings.

On the same day the Parliament discussed a draft Bill to exempt local youth from military service so they could rebuild their homes.

Tighter laws against left behind US slanging

DEMOCRAT Senator George McGovern added his contribution to the Washington political slanging-match around 76-year-old FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover yesterday.

The FBI director, McGovern said, had slandered the late Robert Kennedy and former Attorney-General Ramsey Clark.

Clark's recent book 'Crime in America' portrayed Hoover as an egotistical tyrant, obsessed with reds under the bed and constantly seeking personal glory.

Hoover replied with a stinging attack on Clark—a 'softie' and 'the worst Attorney-General I have ever known'—and gave details of his dispute with Robert Kennedy, Clark's predecessor as Attorney-General.

Clark claims the clash was 'because the FBI so coveted personal credit that it will sacrifice even effective crime control before it will share the glory of its exploits.'

'This has been a petty and costly characteristic caused by the excessive domination of a single person—J. Edgar Hoover and his self-centered concern for his reputation.'

The trouble with Kennedy, Hoover replied, was that he wanted to loosen up our standards and qualifications: to discard the requirement that agents hold degrees in law or accounting. He even wanted to discard the bachelor's degree as a requirement. In short, he wanted more Negro agents.'

DIDN'T SPEAK

Hoover refused, and eventually took the dispute to president Johnson:

'The president said "Stand by your guns". I didn't speak to Bobby the last six months he was in office.'

Hoover's attack on Clark and Kennedy is undoubtedly linked with Nixon's plans—worked out in close collaboration with the FBI director—to purge the 'liberalism' out of the Administration and escalate the witch-hunt against left-wing militants.

At the end of last month, Hoover wrote a lengthy 'open letter' to college students, appealing for their support against 'the extremism which led to violence, lawlessness and disrespect for the rights of others on many college campuses during the past year.'

Among the organizations named by this veteran witch-hunter are the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Weathermen, Young Socialist Alliance—youth organization of the revisionist Socialist Workers Party described as 'the Trotskyist youth group'—and the Communist Party's Young Workers' Liberation League.

Also mentioned—as 'a Trotskyist-dominated anti-war group'—is the Student Mobilization Committee.

Nixon and Hoover are clamouring for tighter laws and more police to deal—ostensibly—with 'student terrorism'.

In reality, their preparations represent a grave threat to workers' organizations.

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