

Workers Protest Another Oakland Police Murder

Oakland, California - Four shotgun blasts shattered the legs of Charles Briscoe. Not finished, police emptied six shots from a .357 magnum into Briscoe. Finally he was handcuffed and thrown "struggling" into the police car. Briscoe, an activist in the machinists union (IAM) at the Naval Air Station is now dead, another victim of police terror.

Preliminary police reports claim the officer fired in self defense. Briscoe, they say, "pointed a loaded rifle" at the police as he ran "unhurt" to his van. The rifle was never fired. With both legs shattered it is difficult to imagine a man crawling, let alone running, to his car as though he were unhurt! The police reports contradict one another because they are desperately trying to cover up an outright murder.

Workers from the Oakland area responded with anger. Over 1000 co-workers signed petitions demanding an independent investigation. Leaflets were issued by the union and the Charles Briscoe Committee for Justice (CBCJ). Over 300 supporters turned out

for the September 25th City Council meeting. The Mayor refused to allow anyone to speak. Trying to pacify the demonstrators and cool things down he promised that "the matter was being dealt with."

The CBCJ has called for all workers and residents of Oakland, the IAM local 735, the family and the NAACP to join in this struggle. However, the union bureaucrats have already shown that they are more interested in their ties to the city bosses than in fighting against police attacks. At the October 9th City Council meeting, the union president thanked the Mayor for his "cooperation"! He was the only speaker from the Committee allowed to speak. The President of the Alameda AFL-CIO Labor Council stated at a press conference that he is not against police and that "maybe Briscoe did point the rifle." These union traitors cannot be counted on for genuine support. They make deals with the Mayor and city politicians, selling out this struggle just as they sell out our demands on the job.

The reformist NAACP and IAM are now calling for a Police Review Commission, appointed by the City Council. The experience in other cities shows these boards to be agencies for an official whitewash. The IAM and NAACP promote the illusion that greater government regulation, more investigations and commissions can resolve the problems of police brutality. Police brutality is part and parcel of the capitalist system. You cannot expect the snake to watch the serpent. The police are a tool of repression for the capitalist state. Thus it can not be more "review boards" set up by another agency of the state, but the growth of the revolutionary movement independent of the treacherous reformist organizations, which will stop the police attacks and other fascist assaults upon the working and oppressed people.

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Editorials

The Convertible Castro



Down from the mountains of Cuba, from the historic assault on the Moncada, the hero of the Cuban revolution has come to the US. The general who long ago poked a threatening spear into American imperialism's Latin American underbelly and captured the hearts of millions struggling against the same beast, has arrived in New York to address the United Nations.

But is this a revolutionary, struggling against worldwide imperialism, for the liberation of the world's peoples? No. This is a reformist leader who politely and quietly has come to ask the US imperialists for a loan. Correctly but moralistically Castro rapped the knuckles of US imperialism for its despoilation of the world, the hunger and misery caused by US imperialism. But did Castro call for an end to this system? Did he call for the peoples of the world to rise up and throw off imperialism's chains in the revolutionary method which has proven to be the only viable course for oppressed peoples? No!

Castro called for the continued exploitation of the peoples, invit-

ing US imperialism to further domination through loans to these countries, at "reasonable" rates, of course.

Castro is indeed convertible. Fresh from the Conference of Non Aligned Countries, Castro was also proving that he can serve two masters at once. His speech reflected the fusion within the "non aligned" movement of Titoite and Chinese revisionism, servants of US imperialism, and Khrushchevite revisionism, servant of Soviet social imperialism. While inviting the US to further exploit the peoples of the world, Castro whitewashed the crimes of Soviet imperialist exploitation in Angola, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and Cuba.

This is the trend of reformism, the essence of opportunism, the soul of a man who has set himself against the struggling people of the world and in the service of imperialism. We reject this stand. We do not ask our oppressors for favors. We demand genuine revolutionary liberation and just reparations for the years of cruelty at the hands of the imperialist parasites.

The Effect of Chinese Revisionism on the Revolutionary National Movements

Comrades,

The past Labor Day weekend a friend and I attended a rally and march in East Los Angeles commemorating the 1970 Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam War. This march was advertised as a Chicano event and organized by a huge coalition of Chicano organizations from throughout California and a few representatives from Arizona and Texas.

My friend and I both considered this a good opportunity to see first hand where, exactly, the Chicano movement is presently at, to try and gauge in what direction the movement is going and also to establish contact with progressive Chicanos from our area. My friend is a Chicano from San Diego and I was born and raised in South Texas, so between us we thought we'd be able to gauge the general stage of development of the struggle of our Raza for self determination.

The number of organizations that actively participated in the coalition was considerably less than the number sponsoring and endorsing the event. One organization was very dominant and visible in organizing and leading the event. This was the League for Revolutionary Struggle (LRS). As these people discovered that we didn't uphold the "three worlds theory", were not proponents of Chinese revisionist social imperialism and did not consider Mao Tsetung the "reddest sun", we were isolated from the other people on the bus and viewed with suspicion and thinly veiled hostility. The unprincipled union of this organization with bourgeois political and student organizations, plus their rigorous suppression of any authentic Marxist Leninist literature, further reveals their opportunist stand.

In all fairness we were provided with lodging for two nights and round trip transportation for \$10. We were permitted to participate in the march and rally and dance that night.

Approximately 1000 enthusiastic persons attended the event, about half of which were Chicanos, a quarter white, a quarter Asian and very few Blacks. There were many families and working class people but the overall majority were students.

It was a good feeling to march down Whittier Boulevard, chanting slogans against the Migra (INS) and against police abuse of our people.

On the minus side there was a glaring absence of local community participation with hardly any of the hundreds of spectators lining the streets joining us in the march. These people appeared, for the most part, Mexicanos and possibly feared reprisals from the authorities.

The LRS has in its leadership Chicanos who helped to organize and lead the Moratorium in 1970 and now consider the event "theirs". The domination of the coalition built for this march by the LRS is most unfortunate at

this point. Now when the Chicano movement most clearly needs principled Marxist-Leninist leadership to educate, advance and fight for the proletariat, our people instead get leaders who unite with others because of "Chicanismo" or "Progressivism" or because a certain Chicano organization is strong in the Chicano bourgeois hierarchy.

LRS supports China, upholding it as a true socialist state and Mao Tsetung as a true Marxist Leninist, even in the face of the restoration of capitalism in China and vacillating opportunist stands of the Chinese leadership. This revisionist stand by the LRS can only serve to weaken the unifying forces of Chicano nationalism and hinder the development of a true proletarian Marxist Leninist movement for the Chicano masses.

The resistance of our people to the capitalists is gathering strength. Soon we will be able to shatter the shackles of exploitation. We must strive to educate and prepare our brothers and sisters for this momentous event. The influences of modern revisionism and opportunism must be eradicated from the Chicano movement. There can be no co-existence with the capitalist bourgeois enslavers.

The Chicano proletariat will show the way for true democracy for our Raza and stand shoulder to shoulder with the multinational proletariat to smash once and for all the global disease of imperialism.

**Que Viva el Marxismo Leninismo!
Que Viva el Revolucion!**

Dear Friend

Thank you for your letter. We think you pointed out an extremely important connection between Chinese revisionism and the activities and stand of the LRS. Chinese revisionism has long been an advocate of bourgeois nationalism. Pandering to the national ambitions of the bourgeois forces in the oppressed nations of the world, China advocated a "new world economic order" which would not be aligned with imperialism and not committed to the socialist road. Trampling on the interests of the working class and revolutionary national movements, China aligned itself with the likes of Mobutu and Pinochet under the guise of the common fight for independence in opposition to Soviet imperialism. China's own ambitions in building such an alliance on a world scale were to place itself at the head of this new third world.

The LRS panders to narrow nationalism because it too wishes to make a place for itself in the sun. Both have utilized a Marxist-Leninist cover and played on the revolutionary national sentiments of the masses with the aim of rallying the people to support a strategic alliance with the national bourgeoisie and the national reformists. These revisionists take this step further by calling for an alliance with imperialism with the second world and US imperialism to oppose Soviet social imperialism.

Chinese revisionism also promotes the view that the storm of revolution is in the third world, thereby denying the role of the international proletariat. In the US, Chinese revisionist organizations advocate that third world workers will take the lead in the revolutionary struggle, thus denying the role of the white proletariat without which there can be no revolution. These views replace class analysis and class unity with national and racial analysis and unity. Such opportunism greatly damages the struggle to build multinational unity within the ranks of the proletariat and the struggle to forge the alliance between the proletariat and revolutionary national movements. By doing so, these revisionists prove their worth to the bourgeoisie.

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