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"A communist should have largeness of mind and he should be staunch and active, looking upon the interests of the revolution as his very life and subordinating his personal interests to those of the revolution; always and everywhere he should adhere to principle and wage a tireless struggle against



all incorrect ideas and actions so as to consolidate the collective life of the Party and strengthen the ties between the Party and the masses; he should be more concerned about the Party and the masses than about any individual and more concerned about others than about himself. Only thus can he be considered a Communist."
Mao Tsetung

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NATIONAL ANTI-BAKKE CONFERENCE-- FEBRUARY 19th

The first national conference of the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition is set for Sunday, February 19, 1978, in Los Angeles. This is an important step in the campaign to mobilize national resistance to the Bakke decision. It is an important opportunity for revolutionary and democratic forces to coordinate their efforts to turn back the reactionary attack of the ruling class on the democratic rights of oppressed nationalities and women.

The Bakke decision holds that a white applicant to a medical school cannot be denied entrance because of a special admissions program for national minorities or women. Consequently, it represents the spearhead of a chauvinist attack on all affirmative action programs.

As we set up the ABDC nationwide, more than ever we must ensure that work unfolds on a sound basis of principle.

THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

The Anti-Bakke struggle is first of all and above all a struggle for equal rights. This point must be brought forward in a militant and unambiguous way in all our propaganda and agitation. On the national question, Marxism-Leninism makes clear that equal rights is the basic democratic demand of oppressed national minorities. It is also essential to the solution of the woman question. Therefore, it is on the basis of the principle of equal rights that we can point clearly to national and sex oppression as the focus of the Bakke attack of the bourgeoisie; it is on the basis of the principle of equal rights that we can show systematic national and sex oppression in all aspects of social life and connect it with the worldwide struggle of oppressed nations and peoples against imperialism; and it is on the basis of the principle of equal rights that we can best show the connection between the democratic struggle of oppressed nationalities and women to the class struggle of the proletariat.

Equal rights means the abolition of all forms of economic, political or social oppression or exclusion in every sense of the word against women or minority nationalities. It opposes any sexual or national narrowness or privileges whatsoever. If we ignore the struggle for equal rights or bring it forward only by innuendo or as an afterthought, but do not base our work on that foundation, our coalition is bound to be narrow, confused, and disorganized.

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CONTINUE STUDY OF THREE WORLD POLEMIC

This article continues our series studying the CHINA PEOPLE'S DAILY polemic defending Chairman Mao's theory of the three worlds. The polemic, CHAIRMAN MAO'S THEORY OF THE DIFFERENTIATION OF THE THREE WORLDS IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MARXISM-LENINISM, appeared in PEKING REVIEW, #45, November 4, 1977, and is also published in a pamphlet available from the Workers Congress (M-L) for 50¢.

In the last issue we identified the main features of revolutionary strategy -- the main enemy, the main force of revolutionary struggle, the middle forces and the direction of the main blow. Based on the conclusions of the theory of three worlds, we took up the first two features: US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism are together the main enemy of international class struggle and the peoples and countries of the third world are the main force.

In the following article we study the question of the middle forces and the direction of the main blow as they are presented in light of the three worlds theory.

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RECOGNIZE PEOPLE'S CHINA!

Almost 30 years after the liberation of China in 1949, the US government, alone among the major countries of the world, still does not have normal diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. This is not in the interests of the US people. The US government also agreed in the joint Shanghai Communiqué between the US and China in 1972 that normalization should take place. What is the barrier then to the normalization of US-China relations?

The barrier is US policy toward Taiwan. In the Shanghai Communiqué the Chinese stated: "The Taiwan question is the crucial question obstructing normalization of relations between China and the US" (our emphasis). Normalization, the Chinese insist, requires:

1. Withdrawing all US military forces and installations from Taiwan,
2. Breaking the 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty with the puppet clique holding power on Taiwan,
3. Breaking diplomatic relations of every kind with the puppet clique.

TAIWAN IS A PART OF CHINA

Both the US and China agree that Taiwan is a part of China. The Shanghai Communiqué specifically states that. Historically, the island was populated primarily by people who moved from the mainland Fukien province. As a result since ancient times it has been a recognized part of China's territory. The dialect spoken on the island, for example, is mainland Fukienese.

In 1894, Japan occupied Taiwan in its drive to become a colonial power in Asia, but at the end of World War II, a joint declaration of allied powers recognized that Taiwan had been "stolen from the Chinese." As a result it was restored to China as part of Chinese territory. With the liberation of China in 1949, Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang forces fled to the island in an effort to borrow a bit of time before an inevitable

doom, but even at this point the US acknowledged that there was only one China and Taiwan was a part of it.

The Korean War, however brought a fundamental change in US policy towards China. The US Seventh Fleet moved into the strait separating Taiwan from the mainland and US military forces occupied Taiwan. In order to cling to a foothold for aggression and subversion in China, the US propped up the anti-popular Chiang Kai-shek clique and treated the nationalist government as the legitimate representative of the Chinese people. In 1954, the US government entered into a Mutual Defense Treaty with the Kuomintang government pledging that "either" party would assist the other in event of an attack against the territory of the other. The US promised to defend Taiwan and the Penghu islands from attack. In practice, this meant that the US was applying the "two China policy" that it maintains to this day.

In short, the Seventh fleet, troops, military aid, diplomatic recognition, and a treaty guaranteeing US intervention, promoted the stability of a corrupt regime without a base or following among the people of mainland China or of Taiwan.

The war of the Chinese people, led by the Communist Party of China against the comprador feudal warlord regime of Chiang Kai-shek, was an internal war, a class war in which the US had no right to intervene. Its support for defeated nationalist forces on Taiwan was from the start an interference with the internal affairs of the Chinese people and an attack on China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is this encroachment on Chinese sovereignty which must be cured before there can be any normalization of relations between the two countries.

THE US MUST REMOVE ALL TROOPS FROM TAIWAN

The internal affairs of no country can be free from foreign interference while foreign troops

forcibly occupy its soil. 2,800 US troops remain on Taiwan today engaged in highly secret communications monitoring and in maintaining two airforce bases. They are integrated into the headquarters of the Taiwan defense command and are responsible for countless acts of subversion and aggression. As a result of US military expenditures over the years, Taiwan has an armed force of over 600,000 troops and is the world's sixth largest military power.

In the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972, the US pledged that it sought "the ultimate objective of the withdrawal of all US forces and military installations from Taiwan" and that it would "permanently reduce its forces and military installations."

Has there been progress along these lines?

There has not.

In June, 1975, the US withdrew a small number of troops and it has also withdrawn a few F5-E fighter planes. But more than offsetting this, since 1973 arms sales to Taiwan (based on loans and credits) have doubled--from \$45.2 million to \$80 million. In addition, Northrop corporation has been authorized to build 100 F5-E jet fighters on Taiwan by this year--and a \$200 million credit has been arranged to make this possible.

This immense military machine is pretty clearly directed not only against the mainland, but also against the people of Taiwan who have been subjected to martial law since 1949. Withdrawal of all US forces and military aid, direct or indirect, is a just and legitimate precondition for the normalization of US-China relations.

BREAK THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY

Because the Chiang clique had long since ceased to govern China, this treaty, signed in 1954, was called "null and void" by Chou En Lai at the time it was signed. US imperialism has no power to make a defense treaty with the losing side in a civil

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BATTERY WORKERS POISONED IN CHICAGO PLANT

K&W Battery, a subsidiary of Westinghouse located outside Chicago, has recently become the focus of a major health and safety struggle. In the past year and a half, almost 50 K&W workers (out of a workforce of 200) have been treated for chronic lead poisoning. Within this time neither the company, OSHA, nor the steel union leadership have done anything effective to reduce the toxic levels of lead found at the plant.

K&W is one of the largest industrial battery making plants in the country. These batteries, 2 of which fill a large room, are made with tremendous amounts of lead, which is now smelted directly at K&W. The overwhelming majority of workers are national minorities. Consistent with the national oppression that these workers experience in other industries, like the coke ovens in steel, they are placed in the hardest and most dangerous jobs which include smelting, melting and pasting of the lead into the batteries. A concrete result of this national oppression is shown by the fact that 25% of the workers at K&W have been treated for lead poisoning.

For years, several of the older K&W workers had complained of the symptoms of chronic lead poisoning: fatigue, irritability, weakness, insomnia, joint pain,

etc. When the company doctor would do a blood test, he would only tell the worker he was OK or give him pills to keep the blood levels below a dangerous level. But nothing would be done to rid the body of its increasing lead burden which leads to permanent damage to kidneys and the nervous system.

It was not until July 1976 on a routine visit to Cook County Hospital that a doctor asked a K&W worker if anything else was wrong with him besides a cold. He mentioned some of the symptoms of chronic lead poisoning, and the doctor, conscious of general health and safety conditions, drew a blood level. It came back high and he was admitted for five days of therapy to remove the lead from his bloodstream. Since then, almost 50 workers have come to County for similar treatment.

What Cook County doctors have found is that most of these workers have had to return on the average of 3 times for re-treatment even though none of them returned to work. In other words, the lead had accumulated in their bodies over the years, probably in the bones, and it would take many years, in some cases the rest of their lives, to get it out. The K&W workers were told by the doctors at County that none of them could return to work safely until the source of their exposure had been cleaned up.

The more militant workers organized and went to their union, the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) for help. The union refused to act, so most individually got their own lawyers and began to file compensation claims with the State of Illinois Compensation Board.

RESPONSE OF WESTINGHOUSE

By late spring of 1977 when over 40 workers had been treated at Cook County Hospital (CCH) and were out of the plant, Westinghouse began to counterattack. An international vice-president from Pittsburg phoned the hospital's Governing Commission, and told them that CCH was "overtreating" the workers and to call off the testing and treatment. After the Governing Commission refused, Westinghouse cut off the disability of almost all the workers going to CCH. At the same time, Westinghouse hired some of their own scientists and doctors to "prove" that CCH was wrong.

OSHA COMES TO THE RESCUE?

In our article "Deteriorating Health and Safety" (THE COMMUNIST Vol. III, no. 15) we showed that OSHA is a bourgeois reform whose main purpose is "to act as a lightning rod to draw fire away

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PROTECTIONIST MOVE BY EUROPEAN STEEL

In the last issue of THE COMMUNIST, we analyzed the recent US protectionist campaign waged in steel through the government's proposed "reference price system." We pointed out how this move indicated a particular sharpening of the trade conflict between the US and Japan, as well as a general deepening of the international crisis of capitalism. Now following the pattern of US protectionism, the European Economic Community (EEC) has also come up with its own version of a reference price plan aimed at "curtailing the cheap steel imports that have been undercutting EEC products by as much as 40%." paralleling the situation in the US, the EEC has been under pressure from steel industries and their labor lieutenants in the trade union movement to restrict foreign steel imports which are scapegoated as the source of the crisis faced by the steel industry.

Beginning this month, the EEC will tax all steel that comes in below present trigger prices. The protectionist measures are designed to "boost Common Market steel prices by 15% in 1978 and to nudge upward the profits of European steel producers". In addition, Britain established restrictions on Soviet steel imports which have jumped from 16,000 tons to 100,000 tons in the past year. European countries outside the EEC in the European Free Trade Association say similar protectionist measures could be discussed at their member meeting this month in Brussels. Sweden has already established similar restrictions.

While US monopoly capital likes to portray itself as the "injured party" in world trade, the fact of the matter is that the countries of Western Europe are also deeply enmeshed in the current crisis. Virtually the whole European steel industry is in its third loss year in a row. Plants are operating at an average of 62% capacity. And in the past decade foreign imports in steel have jumped from an 8% to an 11% share of the European market. (During the same period, foreign steel imports in the US rose only slightly from 14.6% to 14.9%.) As a result European monopoly capital has stepped up its efforts to place the burden of the crisis on the backs of working people. 100,000 of the 737,000 workers now employed in the Common Market Steel Industry will be cut back through early retirement plans, mandatory part time, and attrition. The largest blast furnace in Europe, the Usinor-Thionville, has recently shut down idling over 1,600 workers.

As the crisis of capitalism deepens worldwide, capitalist countries are forced to abandon the more preferred liberal world trade policy in favor of greater protectionist moves ostensibly aimed at solving the domestic crisis. As we pointed out in an earlier article, "Steel Imports Hoax", (THE COMMUNIST, Vol. IV, no. 2) crisis "means sharper and more intense competition by the industry of each country and by each individual capitalist concern to secure its position. This competition is a source of trade restrictions, trade wars and ultimately, imperialist wars". The latest round of protectionist moves by the US and the countries of the European Community show a sharpening of the factors leading to full scale trade wars and show the heightened contention between the US and those Second World countries formerly in the US imperialist camp.

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war. The treaty, which stands today, pledges US aid to the Kuomintang clique if Taiwan or the Penghu islands are attacked.

It would not be in the interests of the US people to be dragged into war on behalf of these petty tyrants, and there is no doubt that the US people would not willingly permit US troops to be used in any such war. This too is a just and legitimate precondition for the normalization of relations. But no steps have been taken to annul this treaty.

END DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE CHIANG CLIQUE

No major nation in the world today carries on diplomatic relations with the Kuomintang government on Taiwan. Neither militarily nor diplomatically could this clique survive without US support. It has no claim to legitimacy other than as a puppet of US imperialism, and no claim whatsoever to independent sovereignty.

What steps have been taken by the US to derecognize the nationalist government in order to prepare the way for normalization?

No steps have been taken. Instead, since Nixon's first visit to China in 1972, the US has allowed the nationalist clique to set up five new consulates in Atlanta, Portland, Kansas City, Guam and American Samoa. To what purpose have these offices been established if the US government intends to recognize the rightful government of the Chinese people in Peking?

In fact, since Nixon's visit, trade with Taiwan has increased from \$1.5 billion to \$3.7 billion, which is a measure of the stepped up contacts with Taiwan. Many US corporations, such as Zenith, which laid off 5,000 workers in Chicago last fall, have closed US plants in order to open facilities in Taiwan, taking advantage of brutal conditions of labor and exploitation. Taiwan has also been given aid to build nuclear power plants and several US companies are exploring for oil in the Taiwan straits.

In fact, when the Carter administration sent Vance to China

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BAKKE

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PRINCIPLE AND THE AIM OF PROPAGANDA

In coalition work it is important to distinguish between the principles around which we organize and the aim of our propaganda. The principles should reach as broadly as possible to include all those who can be united. On the basis of those principles our propaganda should raise the level of consciousness and struggle of coalition members and give orientation to our work.

Equal rights is a principle that reaches all those who can support the struggle for equality. At the same time on that basis we can unfold propaganda to show from a Marxist-Leninist and anti-imperialist perspective the systematic oppression which makes a sham of the bourgeoisie's pretensions to formal equality. On each practical question faced in the struggle we can show the difference between a revolutionary and a reformist solution.

On the other hand, if we do not connect the struggle to overturn the Bakke decision to the struggle for equal rights, we have no basis to oppose reformism and our campaign becomes a tool of the bourgeoisie. If we focus only on the decision itself, and not its connection to all reactionary policies of national privilege and inequality, we will sooner or later promote reliance on the bourgeoisie.

UNITE ALL WHO CAN BE UNITED!

Our struggle to build the ABCD must be guided by the mass line of uniting all who can be united to overturn the Bakke decision. We must say so straightforwardly and anything less is too narrow. If

last summer, the only step proposed regarding normalization was a step backward.

WHY WAS VANCE'S TRIP A SETBACK?

Vance called his discussions with the Chinese progress and concluded that the Chinese were flexible on the Taiwan question and had changed their position somewhat.

This was fabrication and the Chinese quickly responded that there had been neither progress nor flexibility. Vance suggested a US condition for normalization--that settlement of the Taiwan issue be peaceful. The Chinese have always made absolutely clear that how and when Taiwan is liberated is a matter for the Chinese people to decide and there can be no foreign interference whatsoever. The US can impose no conditions.

It is no accident that Chiang Kai-shek wound up collecting his defeated forces on Taiwan. On February 28, 1947, there was an island wide revolt against the brutality and corruption of the Kuomintang authorities. Several towns were liberated. Chiang had to withdraw 50,000 troops from the mainland to suppress the revolt. This weakened his forces on the mainland and directly contributed as a result to the advance of the people's liberation army.

Vance also proposed that the present relationship of embassies with the Chiang clique and liaison offices with the People's Republic be reversed -- he suggested embassies with the People's Republic and liaison offices with the Chiang clique. This, the Chinese pointed out, would only perpetuate official relations with the Chiang clique and thus represent in a new form the longstanding US "two China policy".

The question of Taiwan is a matter of principle, and there is no basis for compromise on any one of the three conditions. All three bear directly on the question of Chinese national sovereignty. After all, what kind

of "normal diplomatic relations" would there be if they were purchased at the expense of full national sovereignty? Prior to liberation China suffered long and bitter experience with qualifications and conditions placed on national sovereignty by the imperialist powers through consular jurisdiction, unequal treaties, and so forth. No such deals will be imposed on People's China today even by a superpower cloaking its interference under the deceptive and hypocritical plea of a "peaceful settlement". US imperialism's evasions on the question of Taiwan run counter to the current of history.

Taiwan is the main obstacle to normal relations between China and the US. The basis for solving the Taiwan question rests on three conditions:

1. Remove US troops and military installations
2. Annul the Mutual Defense Treaty
3. Derecognize the Kuomintang clique.

These are just and legitimate demands that can be supported by very broad sectors of the US people. From the beginning the China policy of US imperialism has attempted to isolate the People's Republic in world affairs. Nearly 30 years of that policy have left the US thoroughly isolated with the prestige of China growing daily. China has won admiration, friendship, and leadership for the model it has set for economic and social development to nations of the third world, as well as for the principled way in which it has handled relations with all nations. On the other hand the US government has become more and more isolated from the peoples of the world and from its own people. On the question of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China it is thoroughly isolated. Class conscious revolutionaries must provide the leadership and initiative to unite the broad masses of US people from all walks of life who will join us in struggle to normalize relations with the People's Republic of China.

RECOGNIZE PEOPLE'S CHINA!

we base our work on a revolutionary presentation of the principle of equal rights we can do this with confidence since we have a weapon to take up the fight against reformist tendencies which inevitably arise among the broad masses in struggle. If we fight these tendencies by excluding the masses from our coalition, we will be guilty of closed doorism under pseudo-revolutionary phraseology and accomplish nothing. Even if we limit our struggle to the working class and oppressed nationalities the scope of our work is too narrow. Forces who could be won to our fight will be driven into the enemy camp or adopt a stance of passivity.

On the other hand, we rely on the working and oppressed masses. We rely on the working class because it is a vanguard fighter for democracy--the only thoroughgoing and consistent democratic force. We rely on the oppressed masses because they are the specific target of the Bakke attack. Furthermore, both the struggle of women for emancipation and of oppressed nationalities for national equality and liberation are closely allied to the struggle of the proletariat for social revolution.

We must insist particularly on stepping up work among the working class. The Bakke decision's impact has been felt first in the schools, but its greatest impact will be in the workplace, taking back gains won in recent years in the struggle against job discrimination. At the same time while students are often the first to take up struggle, in this as in other struggles, it is the working class which is capable of carrying it through to the end. We need to take Bakke to the workplace and union hall--to shop cores and nuclei, to rank and file caucuses and trade union fractions.

EXPOSE THE REACTIONARY AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM

As we deepen our work among the working class we need to emphasize the role of the trade union bureaucracy and other reactionary forces such as the Ku Klux Klan which are not directly a part of the official state apparatus, but which have a big role to play in the policies of repression unleashed by the Bakke case. We must oppose all reactionary policies of national privilege and inequality.

DEVELOP A DEMOCRATIC STYLE OF MASS WORK OPPOSE ORGANIZATIONAL AMATEURISHNESS

We must ensure that the national conference insists on professional methods of leadership for the Anti-Bakke work. In our mass work organizational amateurishness leads inevitably to lack of democracy and must do so. It leads necessarily to confused struggle without clear result. Our work to overturn the Bakke decision can succeed only if we pledge ourselves to an unrelenting struggle against organizational amateurishness.

BUILD A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION

We call on all comrades and friends to build a nationally coordinated campaign to overturn the Bakke decision which places the decision squarely in the framework of the struggle for equal rights, which opposes all reactionary policies of national privilege and inequality, and which, utilizing the resistance of the working and oppressed masses as our only reliable support, unites all who can be united to defend and expand affirmative action programs for women and oppressed nationalities.

BUILD THE NATIONAL ABCD!



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JOB TRAINING FRAUD

With the present crisis pushing youth unemployment throughout the US to new highs, and pushing youth unemployment among oppressed nationalities to over 45%, the following exposure has an important significance. The vocational program described shows capitalism's attempt to occupy, divert and pacify youth who want a job and to perpetuate conditions of inequality and discrimination for youth of oppressed nationalities. As the correspondent points out, the program is used as a way to make students feel that they are to blame if they can't get a job. Since this particular program is overwhelming Chicano, it is also an example of what happens to equal opportunity rhetoric after it leaves the mouths of bourgeois politicians and "civic leaders". In fact a program such as this is nothing but a sop to divert the spontaneous rebellion of the Chicano masses—a program that sounds good when a government describes it, but which in reality is a tool of national oppression.

The correspondent's determination to learn welding in spite of the obstacles thrown up by the program and eagerness to take up revolutionary work set an inspiring example for us all.

Since I have been in the welding program, I have observed several defects. I have been attending the program for three months. Conditions have steadily worsened to the point that students are belittled by the training program and a student considers himself not adequate to qualify for the training. The training program does not take responsibility for the situation and says the student is at fault.

The shop size is too minute to occupy 30 students attending the welding program. Since the shop is small, machines cannot be set up in the shop, machines occupy too much space and students feel too tightly squeezed in with no space to move around the shop.

Also the classroom is too minute to occupy 30 students and 25 students from the machinists. The students have to learn the written part of welding so as to be able to take the welding test to be a certified welder. We need teachers to teach us the basic skill of welding and the techniques of welding and the basic steps of understanding welding symbols and blueprint reading. In the beginning there wasn't even a class for welders and machinists. Also the teacher lacks interest in teaching students and doing practical work with the students in welding. Instead the teacher prefers to have leisure time in the shop playing cards with three other students in the welding class.

The procedure in the training program is as follows. There is 3 hours in the morning at the shop to get practical work and experiences in welding. There is 3 hours in the afternoon at the school learning vocabulary and practical math.

The material for the practical

welding program is not adequate. The teacher suggests each student weld only 3 rods at a time. This is a ridiculous idea. A student's progress will be halted, and he will not be able to get the feel of welding. How are we going to improve our welding if each time we get better we have to let another student weld. The result of this situation is that students start to feel disinterested in welding. In the beginning I was enthusiastic to learn welding, but the situation got worse, and many students quit trying to get the practical training or dropped completely out of the training program. At one point I gave up my welding privilege to the other students.

The shop only has 3 outlets for the welding side. So only 3 welding machines are set up to be used by the welders. The shop has other welding machines in boxes. But we can't take these machines out of the boxes until we have more outlets. Also we need an expert to set up the machines and at this time the training program doesn't have \$1000 to spend for an expert.

The equipment is in bad condition too. We need a new supply of gloves, helmets, coveralls, welding tools, welding brushes, new welding machines to replace the old welding machines, canvases, welding tables, welding books, blueprint books, dictionaries, paper, metals...etc. We are working on $\frac{1}{2}$ " long metal to do straight beads, fillets, vertical, horizontal, overhead...etc. The $\frac{1}{2}$ " metal quickly disappears because students use it up fast to weld. The result is you can't work enough on the metal to get the hang of welding.

The only time the teacher goes out to the shop is when a student asks him to look at his work or the student wants to see the teacher weld. The teacher doesn't stay long enough in the shop to observe the students welding or assist students who need help in their welding. Because of the teacher's lack of effort, students start to spend their time in talking, goofing off, going outside the shop to smoke and playing cards.

I feel very disappointed in the teaching. Many students find it a waste of time to attend the training program. The majority of students had a goal to be certified welders, but this goal diminished in the training program as a result of the welding work and classroom and teacher procedure. A few weeks ago the teacher mentioned to the students, "welding shop is scheduled to have a welding test in a few weeks". I was glad to hear this news, because I thought finally we would be taught the written part of welding. The students started to have welding classes on the test. But the teacher didn't teach the

students the written part of welding. Instead he chose an advanced welding student. The advanced welding student was good about trying to teach, but he couldn't explain the basic steps of the written part of welding and the test to the other students. In the end, the advanced welding student wanted to practice welding, not teach the welding students welding. The teacher got upset at the advanced welding student, because he now had no excuse to avoid teaching the written part of welding. So the next day the teacher said, "I will hold welding class today". I was glad to hear this. I stood in the classroom and waited for the class to begin. After a few minutes passed, I asked the teacher when his welding class was going to start. The teacher replied that it was too late to have welding class, it was raining, he was tired today, and he'd have the class tomorrow. The next day we didn't have a welding class either. The time came for the welding test. Most of the students didn't know anything about the written part of welding. I mentioned to the students that we were going to have a test next week. But too many of them had lost interest. The majority received low scores on the test.

After completion of the welding training, the program is supposed to put students in welding jobs. But this is not always true. The welding students go to see the job developer. The job developer comes across the first job on the list, tells the welding student here is a job, take the job. The welding student is not qualified for the job, but the job developer says it doesn't matter, just lie about your qualifications to the employer. If the welding student does not take the job, he is looked at as not wanting to work. The welding student is not given a welding job but a second choice job. As a result, the training the welding student received in the training program goes to waste. But sometimes the welding student has to take the job anyway to provide for his income and to have the security of a stable job for the time being.

I decided it is incorrect on my part to belittle my role in getting training as a welder. The bourgeois system wants us to give up. I have taken up welding in the shop again and am putting my efforts into being a well-qualified certified welder. I am also going to push the training program to improve. I don't have time to waste in the welding program. Even though I have unqualified teachers to train me, I have to make every effort to get as much welding training as possible to be placed in a welding job, since I don't have any experience or background in welding. My presence in welding training is needed, so I can be placed in the factory to begin the task of finding advanced elements among the workers and so I can mobilize the advanced elements to take up the task of struggle for a proletarian dictatorship.

In boom economic periods foreign workers are readily imported from the oppressed nations of the third world, particularly from Latin America, and this is justified by saying that these workers will take jobs that US workers will not take. But in periods of crisis, the bourgeoisie attempts to force national minority workers out of the workforce claiming that they are stealing the jobs of American workers. Because of the deepening crisis of US imperialism today, Mexicans looking for work in the US are under more and more intense chauvinist attacks. The INS, always in the forefront of officially fostered chauvinism and repression, intends to add 2000 new personnel and expects a 20% or more increase in arrests. Castillo, who sees the problem of "undocumented" workers as a problem of "policing", is a frontman for this chauvinist campaign.

Acting as an agent of imperialism, Castillo tries to pay lip service to having concern for the poverty of the masses of people in the third world while trying to hide the real cause of that poverty—US imperialism. Even though Castillo tries to get over because he is a Mexican-American, the immigration policies he supports serve US imperialism.

The multinational US proletariat will build its victorious revolutionary unity on the basis of support for the struggle for democratic rights of oppressed nationalities, including national minority workers from Mexico. Documents or no, we welcome their struggle and welcome them to ours. In addition, the US proletariat must give concrete aid and support to the oppressed peoples of Mexico and other third world countries in the struggle against the interference, exploitation and control by US imperialism.

COME TO THE PEOPLE'S COURT

The Benny Lenard Defense Committee is sponsoring a Peoples' Trial where Benny Lenard, Stanley Cox, and the Correa family (all victims of rising police repression) will expose the reasons behind the increased attacks by the imperialists and their state against the proletariat and oppressed nationalities. On trial will be Bernard Carey, Cook County State's Attorney, Brooks McCormick, President of International Harvester, and Jimmy Carter.

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BATTERY WORKERS POISONED



from the capitalists." Hearing about K&W, OSHA found during their inspection in the spring of 1977 that the lead levels were up to 10 times what even their low standards for lead were. They even found lead dust which was 3 times normal in the refrigerator where the workers kept their sandwiches! They told Westinghouse what the workers had known for years: that to have a safe lead level, a brand new ventilation system, costing up to one-half million dollars, would have to be put in, as well as changes in the smelting system, provision of adequate showers, etc. Although it was unusual for OSHA to make such specific, costly recommendations, in this as in other cases, they have no power to enforce them.

Westinghouse responded by repainting some areas and putting yellow safety lines on the floor, but refused to install the ventilation system. Instead it increased its intimidation of workers in the plant as well as those off sick.

By mid-September of last year, the workers had forced the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) to call a meeting. Just prior to this the international union had flown in their own medical experts from the West and East coasts for a 2 hour meeting with CCH doctors to find out for themselves if the testing procedures were valid. At the union meeting over 75 workers turned out to be greeted by the "impressive" group the USWA had brought together: two representatives from the International, including the USWA's national epidemiologist, 2 OSHA representatives, the slickest compensation lawyer in the state, and both the company doctor and CCH doctors.

After the workers were told by the International how terrible things were now that they knew about it (14 months after it had started), a group of young, militant workers rose up in righteous anger, drove the company doctor from the meeting and demanded some direct action. OSHA said they would take Westinghouse to court and the union asked everyone to release their medical information to OSHA to "help the government with the case." Refusing, the workers demanded direct action to be taken against the company in the form of picketing and leafleting. Union leadership refused and said instead that the downtown lawyer would take all their cases to the compensation board.

What we can see here is a clear example of the monopoly capitalists, the state in the form of OSHA, and their chief social props, the trade union bureaucrats from the local to the International, colluding against the rank and file. The local union president consistently defended both Westinghouse and the company doctor throughout the struggle. And, the international pretended it didn't know what was happening for over a year. Further, after apologizing, the international told the workers not to worry—OSHA would have things all fixed up by Christmas, and the best compensation lawyer in the state would get them due justice in the courts in the meantime. In the four months since, nothing has happened except that the workers are still sick and without jobs.

Through their militant struggle the K&W workers have learned important lessons about the futility of relying on the company, the trade union bureaucrats, or OSHA to change their hazardous working conditions. It is the capitalist system itself that is responsible for their misery, and it is the job of opportunist union leadership to divert the righteous anger of the rank and file down a reformist path and away from the class consciousness and struggle that could bring change. The class conscious workers at K&W must expose the labor traitors in the process of demanding that working conditions be made safe and that disability payments be reinstated for everyone too sick to return to work.

In general as the crisis of capitalism deepens, more and more workers, and especially oppressed nationalities, will be facing grossly hazardous working conditions like those of the K&W workers. Companies like Westinghouse, which is the 22nd largest corporation in the US, increasingly refuse to introduce the technical innovations needed to improve health and safety because it undermines their monopolist hold on production and takes away from their rate of profit. Workers are becoming more conscious that their daily sale of labor power has become a daily chance on life.

In the face of these attacks, trade union bureaucrats such as those at K&W will always take a class collaborationist stand. They will preach reliance on the company and on agents of the bourgeois state, like OSHA, to make the workplace safe. It is the responsibility of communists to take the lead in organizing the rank and file around health and safety and the struggle to end all unsafe working conditions.

CASTILLO-AGENT OF IMPERIALISM

When the bourgeois media glorified the new Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a "social and political activist" we thought that was going too far. Castillo, the first Chicano to hold the post of INS Commissioner, won his appointment as a reward for "activism" and hard work among Mexican-Americans in his native Texas to get Carter elected. But he is no more a friend to the working class and oppressed nationalities than any other agent of the bourgeois state. Simply having a Chicano in office will not end the abuses of the INS as the press would have us believe.

This is clearly exposed by the way Castillo as INS Commissioner has continued to actively work for Carter and his imperialist bosses. For example, early in October, he personally assisted in the capture of 19 undocumented workers from Mexico, who he likes to refer to as "our brothers and sisters", at a San Diego border area. Castillo even went so far as to take his hand at the helicopter search lights. He later said that "illegal aliens are not interested in rights, they come here for jobs". Castillo and the bourgeois class he serves would like the US workers to believe that Mexican workers come only to "steal jobs away".

This is bourgeois ideology designed to hide US imperialism's ferocious exploitation and oppression of Mexico, which is the real reason for the increase in immigration in recent years. US imperialism's stranglehold on the Mexican economy creates the conditions which drive Mexican labor to the US in the search for jobs. Even US economic aid is designed to tie Mexico to permanent dependence on the US, to retard its independent economic and social development and to deepen the superexploitation of Mexican labor. Currently Mexico suffers over 40% unemployment. Documented or undocumented, Mexican workers are driven from their homeland to the fields and cities of the US. Nearly 1 million undocumented workers were arrested in the 1977 budget period, an amount double those arrested in 1973.

Once Mexican workers are in the US they remain victims of imperialism and national oppression. They are forced into the lowest paid and the lowest skilled jobs and continue to be exploited as a source of superprofits for US imperialism.

STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNITED FRONT

MIDDLE FORCES

The developed countries in between the superpowers and the third world constitute the second world. They oppress and exploit the oppressed nations and are at the same time controlled and bullied by the superpowers. Therefore they have a dual character and stand in contradiction to both the first and the third worlds.

Can these countries be relied upon to any extent in international struggle? Chairman Mao said in 1970: "We should win over these countries, such as Britain, France and West Germany." He always regarded the countries of Canada, Australia, Europe and Japan as a force that could be united with in the struggle against the two hegemonic powers.

This is based on the fact that since the Second World War fundamental changes have taken place in the relations of these countries with the US, with the USSR, and with the third world.

To begin with, US imperialism can no longer lord it over the countries formerly in the Western imperialist camp as a despot. The dollar is no longer the center of the world monetary system. Trade and currency wars are sharpening and spreading in their impact. The Common Market has been established in Europe and is playing an important role in establishing independent regional policies. In addition, while these countries still rely on the US militarily against Soviet threats of aggression, they have often taken a critical attitude toward US aggression in the third world. The Indochina war is one example; the neutrality of these countries in the struggle over the oil embargo in 1973 is another.

The relations of second world countries to the USSR has also changed fundamentally since the Soviet Union became a social imperialist superpower. In Europe the USSR has amassed tremendous military power which is offensive in character and this threat poses the main military danger to these countries today. As for Japan, the important Soviet military build-up in the Far East aimed at China is primarily directed at Japan and the US. In addition, the USSR today occupies Japan's northern territories.

As the USSR steps up its contention with the US for Europe, it must extend its domination over second world countries particularly in East Europe. Through the Warsaw Pact and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, the Soviet Union has imposed extensive economic and military integration which deprives these countries of all autonomy and control and has effectively reduced them to the status of vassal states. The situation for these countries, which have never ceased waging struggles against Soviet control, has become increasingly intolerable.

Historically the relation of the imperialist countries of the second world with the third world has been based on deep rooted striving for exploitation and control by these imperialist powers. As long as they remain imperialist, this can not be changed. But the point is that in recent years, in their own interests, these countries have had to make concessions to the third world or to give support to their struggle against hegemonism or to remain neutral. The countries of Europe and Japan, for example, totally lack the numerous rare, non-ferrous metals essential to modern industry. Also, Japan imports 99.5% of its oil and 86% of its iron. In other words, the industrial foundations of these countries depend on the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America with their rich reserves of raw materials. They can no longer obtain these resources by direct colonialism and efforts at neo-colonial domination are frequently overridden by the superpowers. As a result these countries are often left little choice but to deal with third world countries on the basis of equality.

Since the countries of the second world are threatened by the two superpowers, is it correct to raise the slogan of national independence? The article in PEOPLE'S DAILY is unequivocal

on the point:

"Our revolutionary teachers show that provided a country, developed or otherwise, becomes a victim of invasion and annexation by an imperialist power, the national war it wages against such invasion and annexation is a just war and ought to enjoy the support and assistance of the international proletariat."

France, Belgium and Holland, for example, undeniably were and are imperialist countries. For that reason would communists have opposed the slogan of national independence during the Second World War when they were occupied by the fascist aggressor? Of course not!

Lenin pointed out that it is a characteristic feature of imperialism to strive to annex not only agrarian territories, but even the most highly industrialized ones. He also said "Even in Europe national wars in the imperialist epoch cannot be regarded as impossible."

Raising the slogan of national independence does not compromise the class struggle of the proletariat as some pretend. It is the proletariat alone that is thoroughgoing in its defense of national independence and it takes up that struggle in order to maintain positions and opportunities already gained in the struggle for proletarian revolution. To stand in the van of resistance to the threats of aggression from the two superpowers does not undermine but helps to promote the revolutionary situation in these countries.

Let no one belittle the reality of imperialist war! In present day Europe, the article from PEOPLE'S DAILY points out, large scale aggression, enslavement and slaughter by a superpower are not only possible and probable but inevitable, and national wars of resistance are progressive and revolutionary. In these conditions to attack the leading role the proletariat is capable of playing in the struggle for national independence against superpower encroachment in favor of national passivity because these are imperialist countries and "the proletariat can make no deals with an imperialist bourgeoisie" is betrayal of the revolution under the cover of revolutionary phrasemongering. The revolutionary role of the proletariat in the united front is guaranteed by its independence, not its isolation.

DIRECTION OF THE MAIN BLOW

The central question of strategy is to determine the direction of the main blow at a given stage of the revolution. In the present historical period, the direction of the main blow must be against the hegemonism and war policies of the two superpowers.

This means first of all that the people of the world must be mobilized against the danger of imperialist war. War arises out of the very nature of imperialism and as long as the imperialist system exists, war is inevitable. In his talk with a leader of the third world in 1974, Chairman Mao pointed out: "Imperialism does exist in this world. In our opinion Russia may be called a social-imperialist country, and this system engenders war. Not that you or we or the third world want a world war. Nor do the people in the rich countries want a world war. This sort of thing happens irrespectively of man's will."

The two hegemonic powers, the US and the USSR, are actively preparing a new war to dominate the world and are the source of a new world war today. They will never change this policy and the contention between them is bound to lead to war. Only a social revolution in the homelands of these two superpowers which will transform them into socialist countries will definitely eliminate world war.

Though world war is inevitable, it can be postponed by the struggle against superpower hegemonism: "The key to putting off war lies not in holding talks and concluding agreements, as is vociferously preached by some people, but in the united struggle of the people of all countries against hegemonism."

The difficulties and setbacks suffered by the two superpowers

make it clear that by stepping up the struggle against hegemonism is possible to spike their war plans no matter how they bluster.

War can only be brought nearer, on the other hand, if there is any conciliation or appeasement to striving for hegemony or threats of aggression of the two superpowers. For example, revisionist parties in Europe and the US, as well as others, search for a "material basis" for peaceful cooperation with the USSR by means of big loans, trade etc. with the illusion that this will prevent war. Others want to appease the USSR in the hopes of turning it toward China. Still others put their reliance on the so-called "Sonnenfeldt doctrine" which hopes to assuage the aggressor by assuring him that no one will disturb him in bullying or aggression in this or that region of the globe. But these are bankrupt methods proven wrong in the struggle against Hitler. Victory in the worldwide struggle against hegemonism can only be gained by the people of all countries uniting in an unrelenting fight against aggression, interference and control by the two superpowers. The more puffed up the talk of detente and the more intense the efforts at appeasement, the greater the danger of war.

In the present historic period strategy for international class struggle demands the broadest possible united front against the hegemonism and war policies of the US and the USSR, the chief enemies of the world's people. In the van of the united front are the socialist countries and the international proletariat. The countries and peoples of the third world, waging unflinching struggles for independence and sovereignty are the main force. Oppressed nations are beginning to realize that they can rely on the sure support of the socialist countries and the international proletariat, the solidarity of the people of the first and second worlds, can obtain cooperation from countries of the second world and can take advantage of the contradictions between the superpowers. The political struggle of the people of the first and second world countries against hegemonism is also developing in diverse forms and is growing in intensity. Many political forces in the second world can begin to recognize the importance of united struggle to their own striving for state sovereignty and national survival against the menace of superpower aggression.

In a word, the main trend in the development of the present international situation is for unity in stepping up the struggle of all the forces in the world against the two hegemonist powers. The article from PEOPLE'S DAILY concludes on this point:

"this main trend increasingly testifies to the correctness of Chairman Mao's theory of the differentiation of the three worlds and to its power as the guiding concept for the international proletariat and the people of the world in building the broadest possible international united front against hegemonism."

To build the broadest possible united front against superpower hegemonism requires a stern struggle against the closed door practice of being "too revolutionary" for this or that ally. The article points out that during the War of Resistance against Japan, Mao's policy of an anti-Japanese national united front was attacked as "a 'united front' with bureaucrats, politicians, warlords and even butchers of the people", as "giving up the class stand" and so forth. However all these attacks only serve the enemies of the revolution, and it is the Soviet revisionist clique that has attacked the international united front against superpower hegemonism as "forming military and political blocs and alliances with the imperialists and all other reactionaries."

Going against the policy of the broadest possible united front can only drive to the side of the enemy those forces which could have been won over, swell the enemy's ranks, isolate oneself and consequently condemn the revolution to failure." Building the broadest possible international united front against the common enemies of the world's people or the other hand is a revolu-

tionary magic weapon for victory. The article from PEOPLE'S DAILY points out that while the US and the USSR are the chief common enemies of the world's people, the USSR is the "primary target". Does this mean that the main blow of worldwide struggle should be directed at the Soviet Union? Based on an orthodox approach to the question of strategy and on a consistent reading of the polemic from PEOPLE'S DAILY, the answer must be no.

Determining the direction of the main blow involves mobilizing all revolutionary forces against the chief enemy. There can be no difference between the main blow of the proletariat and its allies on the one hand and the united front on the other. If the USSR were alone the chief enemy of international class struggle and the strategy of the world's people called for a united front against the USSR, then it would be correct to direct the main blow against the USSR.

But at this time there can be no doubt that the focus of world struggle must be against the hegemonism and war policies of both superpowers who are together the arch enemy of international struggle.

What does it mean then for the USSR to be the "primary target"?

This refers primarily to the unevenness between the two superpowers, to the difference in their strategic situation and to the fact that at this time the USSR is more dangerous. In mobilizing the people of the world against both superpowers, these factors must be taken into account.

A good way to look at the problem can be grasped from the following passage in the article from PEOPLE'S DAILY:

"The people must see to it that these two superpowers do not violate their country's or any other country's sovereign rights, do not encroach on their country's territory and territorial seas or violate their strategic areas and strategic lines of communication; do not use force or the threat of force or other manoeuvres to interfere in their country's or any other country's internal affairs..."

Plainly both superpowers are guilty of these violations. Without question, therefore, the people of the world must be mobilized against the encroachment and interference of either superpower. This is what is meant by directing the main blow against the hegemonism of both superpowers. But because it is the USSR that requires a new redivision of the world, because it is the USSR that must adopt an offensive strategy and rely on force and threats of force, and because it is the USSR whose interference and control can sometimes be concealed under the signboard of socialism, mobilizing the people of the world against both superpowers means paying special attention to the role of the USSR which must step up its efforts at interference and control. However, this is not the same as mobilizing the people of the world mainly against the USSR. Revolutionary forces must be mobilized mainly against the chief enemy which is both superpowers, and we can relax our vigilance against neither.

CONCLUSION

The article CHAIRMAN MAO'S THEORY OF THE DIFFERENTIATION OF THE THREE WORLDS IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO MARXISM-LENINISM points the path the international proletariat must take in the present historic period:

"To accomplish its historic mission of burying the capitalist system which engenders world wars, the international proletariat must do its utmost to build, consolidate and expand an international united front against the Soviet and US hegemonists and play to the full its role as the core of the united front."

The basic revolutionary strategy for international class struggle today is to build the broadest possible international united front against superpower hegemonism.

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