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171 - SOCIAL IMPERIALIST BREZHNEV DENOUNCED IN SEATTLE

Boston (NANS DAILY) July 27 - North America News Service: Daily Release has received the following report from Seattle.

On Saturday, June 23, a rally to denounce Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. was held in Seattle. The hall was decorated with banners to denounce the Soviet social imperialists, U.S. imperialists, and their collusion against the world's people. Also there were banners hailing the revolutionary struggles of the working and oppressed people against these two main enemies. Two speakers, one from the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Forum (Seattle) and the other, a supporter of the Seattle Branch of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) gave detailed talks. A summation of what was said by the two speakers follows:

Leonid Brezhnev, arch enemy of the world's people, is in the midst of a week long "visit" to the U.S. to collaborate and cooperate with Nixon, universally hated fascist leader of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. The essence of their "jovial discussions" centers on their efforts to extricate themselves from their severe economic and political crises and to save Soviet social imperialism and U.S. imperialism from total collapse. They are trying to map out joint schemes to suppress the rising tides of world revolution and seeking ways to peacefully redivide the world among themselves and step up their bloody plunder and pillage of the world's people.

The American people are indignant about this meeting. Nixon stands exposed to the people as a fascist who has no interest other than serving the monopoly capitalist class by unleashing super-exploitation and fascism against the American working class and by waging wars of aggression and plunder abroad.

Brezhnev has betrayed the Soviet working class, rejected Marxism-Leninism, restored capitalism and re-introduced the exploitation of the Soviet working class by the bourgeoisie. While imposing fascism internally the New Czars are running roughshod externally, bullying small countries and turning them into neo-colonies. Their many social imperialist (socialist-in-words, imperialist-in-deeds) acts of aggression have fully exposed them, most blatantly, their fascist

invasion of Czechoslovakia, and also their increasing plunder of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The speakers pointed out the crimes of Soviet social imperialism in the Indian sub-continent, the Middle East, Cambodia, Cuba and other parts of the world. Whenever they talk of peace it is only to unleash war. The most enlightening recent example is their so-called "peace treaty" with Iraq, which created war between Iraq and Kuwait.

The two superpowers have been militarily encircling the People's Republic of China, bastion of world revolution, in an attempt to invade and subjugate it. China, under the glorious leadership of Chairman Mao and the Communist Party, has become the shining example of revolution to all working and oppressed masses on this earth. China has solved the fundamental problem of how to consolidate socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat and prevent capitalist restoration through the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

It is the basic Marxist-Leninist thesis that the cause of war is imperialism and war cannot be eliminated without eliminating imperialism. The present-day Soviet revisionists oppose this Marxist-Leninist thesis and are claiming that there can be a "world without weapons, without armed forces, without wars" while imperialism exists. They say this in order to justify their collaboration and dirty deals with the U.S. imperialists and to try to convince the world's people to give up their revolutionary struggles under the pipe-dream of a "peaceful transition to socialism". To clear up confusion Chairman Mao said: "With regard to the question of world war, there are but two possibilities: one is that war will give rise to revolution and the other is that revolution will prevent war."

Revolution is the main trend in the world today. The national liberation struggle is raging, working and oppressed people are rising up and the future of the world is bright.

The representative of ACWM (M-L) stressed that here in the heartland of U.S. imperialism we have a glorious role to play in

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the world's peoples' struggle against Soviet social imperialism and U.S. imperialism. The American working class and people have the deepest aspiration to overthrow the monopoly capitalist class. But in order to do this, the working class has to have its own political party, which upholds the high aspirations of the working class and opposes all forms of opportunism and revisionism. The "Communist" Party of the U.S.A. is not such a party. Long ago it degenerated into a revisionist and capitalist party and today it is the lap dog of the Soviet social imperialists. Similarly, the neo-revisionists are following the same basic political program and are attempting with might and main to prevent the unity of Marxist-Leninists from coming about in order to deprive the working class of its party. ACWM (M-L) fundamentally opposes revisionism and neo-revisionism and is building the party of the proletariat on the firm basis of Mao Tsetung Thought. This great class struggle between revisionism and Marxism-Leninism is being sharpened considerably by the tremendous unity developing among U.S. Marxist-Leninists in supporting and organizing the Conference of North American Marxist-Leninists.

The Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Forum speaker pointed out that the building of a genuine communist party in the U.S. to lead the mass democratic anti-fascist struggle of the American people will be a great contribution to the national liberation struggles of Asia, Africa and Latin America against Soviet social imperialism and U.S. imperialism.

At the end of each speech, revolutionary slogans militantly resounded in the hall. The slogans were:

Down with U.S. imperialism!
Down with Soviet social imperialism!
Down with the collusion of the two superpowers!
Victory to the world's people!
Long live the unity of the working and oppressed people!
Long live Chairman Mao!

Before breaking into lively informal discussion the meeting enthusiastically sang the "Internationale" and other revolutionary songs.

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172 - SOVIET OFFICIAL OPENLY CLAIMS RIGHT TO ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK-TYPE INVASION

Boston (NANS DAILY) July 27 - Hsinhua, dated July 7, 1973, carried the following article.

At a press conference held on July 4 in Helsinki, Vsevolod Sofinsky, Chief of the Press Department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, openly justified the Soviet armed invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and indicated that the same would be done in the future, according to reports from Helsinki.

Sofinsky is the spokesman for the Soviet delegation to the first stage session of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation in Helsinki. He lauded before the newsmen the draft "general declaration on the basis of European security and prin-

ciples of relations between states in Europe" submitted by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, and bragged how it would serve to bring about "lasting peace" in Europe. It was reported that the "general declaration" was full of such high-sounding words as "to ban force", "to respect the sovereignty of other nations and not interfere in the affairs of other nations", etc. But when Sofinsky was asked if this would rule out at act like the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, he said: "In regard to Czechoslovakia, there was no interference in internal affairs, but a request for assistance from the Czechoslovakia Government. The same goes for the future." Commenting on Sofinsky's statement, UPI noted that the Soviet Union "specifically reserved its right to another Czechoslovakia-type invasion".

The London "Daily Telegraph" published an article entitled "The Big Lie on Czech Invasion" yesterday, stressing that the Soviet claim in Helsinki that its occupation of Czechoslovakia took place at the invitation of the Czechoslovak Government "is contrary to facts". The article quoted a statement issued by Czechoslovak Party and government leaders at 1 o'clock in the morning of August 21, 1968, announcing the invasion. The statement said that the Soviet invasion "has taken place without the knowledge of the President of the Republic, the Presidium of the National Assembly, the Presidium of the Government or the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia."

Commenting on Sofinsky's statement, the article said sarcastically, "it is not clear whether this means that the Russians would intervene in the future only on receipt of an invitation, or that they would again act as they did in 1968 and invent the invitation afterwards."

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173 - STATEMENT ON THE FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

Boston (NANS DAILY) July 27 - North America News Service: Daily Release has received the following statement from the World Wide Federation of Ethiopian Students. The full text is reproduced below.

A large scale famine has once again erupted in Ethiopia this year, and millions of people are undergoing a terrible suffering. The last one which took the lives of 400,000 people was in 1958 in one province of Ethiopia. In terms of its magnitude, the present famine is one of the most disastrous ever to have hit the people of Ethiopia. It has affected almost the entire population of Wollo and Tigre provinces in the northern part of the country where the famine situation is most severe, as well as large parts of Shoa, Gojjam Harrage and other places. The total population undergoing this terrible ordeal is estimated to hit a five million high, i.e., roughly a quarter of the total population in the country.

Although the Ethiopian government and the feudal ruling class have remained adamant about the situation and have conveniently refused to give any news of the famine to the international public lest they would be exposed for what they are, various reliable eye-witness reports aptly describe the horrible nature of this famine which has already taken thousands of lives and forced millions

of people to leave their homes and travel for days on end in search of food and water. For the last several months there has been a large exodus of impoverished people from province to province and even to neighboring countries like the Sudan, and as a result, countless numbers of villages and communities have been deserted and completely desolated. Families have disintegrated; some members have perished, others have disappeared to unknown places.

How is it that this situation is taking place in our country, and who is responsible for it?

The so-called Ethiopian government claims, as usual, that nature and the drought are wholly responsible for this particular famine as well as for all other famines and miseries that the people have always faced in the past. There is nothing novel about this argument. Throughout history, ruling class have used the same absurd logic to cover up their numerous crimes against the people and to hoodwink the broad masses of the people so as to mystify and hide the real cause of their oppression and sufferings. Religious and other institutions have been effectively used to propagate the idea that famines and other miseries are willed by God to punish the people for their crimes, and that the people should turn to praying in order to appease the "Creator". However, this is utterly a useless scheme that cannot hide the historical fact that the ruling classes have always been the root cause of all the problems of the people whom they have oppressed, exploited and kept in perpetual bondage; and the attempt by the Ethiopian ruling class to absolve itself of any blame by shifting responsibility to God.

This tactic cannot deceive anyone. The parasitic landlord ruling class represented by Haile Selassie's government is in the main responsible for the devastation caused by the famine wave.

With regards to the present situation, the reluctance on the part of Haile Selassie's government to take precautionary measures to alleviate the famine when FAO and other organizations warned in advance that a severe drought was going to hit the country; the shameless attempt to hide the fact of the famine to the rest of the world and even to the Ethiopian people living in the non-affected areas, so that there would not be any relief coming from outside to assist the famine-inflicted areas, not to mention the government's own failure to undertake relief operations; the unleashing of the regime's mad-dogs (the police) to massacre students and innocent people when high school students boldly took the initiative to let the whole world know about the severity of the famine; these and so many other crimes testify to the fact that the government and the class that it represents are principally responsible for the disaster that is presently raging in the country with such unprecedented intensity.

Our country is a semi-feudal and semi-colonial society. The ruling class (composed of landlords, the monarchy, the church hierarchy and a tiny capitalist class) controls absolute political power and owns almost the entire wealth of the country. The church alone owns 30% of the total arable land while the aristocracy and the monarchy own 50-60% of

the remaining land. Foreign capitalists dominate the industrial and commercial sectors with local capital playing a subservient role. Imperialist domination of the country has left the country with a mono-crop economy which generates built-in instability in the political, economic, military and cultural aspects of life in Ethiopia which are wholly permeated by the imperialist poison. Whenever imperialist countries face internal crises, they shift the burden of oppression onto the Ethiopian people who are helpless being a mono-crop economic "power" having absolutely no control over the price of their products on the world market. The reactionary ruling classes, headed by Haile Selassie, has clearly made common cause with U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism to suppress the just aspirations of the people and to keep them in misery, ignorance and hunger.

The famine in Ethiopia is a manifestation of the basic underdevelopment of the country. The feudal and neo-colonial oppression and exploitation of the Ethiopian people is based in the utter wretchedness of the peasantry in Ethiopia. In Ethiopia more frequently than any other part of the world, famines are likely to occur despite the potential of the country which is estimated to feed the entire population of Western Europe and which earned the country the title of the "Bread Basket of the Middle East". Proof that the question of famine is intimately linked with the particular social system of a given country is to appreciate critically the gap between the potential and the actual in Ethiopia. Where the people have freed themselves from the oppression and exploitation, and have taken the destiny of their society into their own hands, famine no longer poses any problem because the factors that normally give rise to it such as unequal distribution and misappropriation of wealth, speculation and hoarding, exploitation, etc., have all been eliminated, and even in the event of natural disasters such as drought, etc., necessary preparations can be made to avoid the possibility of famine. A case in point is the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam where there is severe drought in some regions and severe flood in others and yet, despite the war, the government there was prepared to handle the drought before it turned into famine. On the other hand, in a society like Ethiopia where the social system is so rotten that ruthless oppression and exploitation is the lot of the masses, frequent outbreaks of famine are an unavoidable fact of life because the ruling class uses its political power to deny the masses their right to use their initiative and to reap the fruits of their own labor.

In Ethiopia, the peasantry which constitutes over 90% of the population, for instance, is required by the "law" of the state to turn 75% of its produce to the parasitic landlord class who also enjoys full rights to demand from the peasant various kinds of services as well as the right to evict him whenever he so desires. Very little left for itself, the peasantry is compelled to lead a life utterly bordering a famine situation even under normal conditions. Moreover, at times of drought and other disasters, the

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landlord ruling class takes advantage of the situation to create a famine in the society in order to increase the demand for its hoardings which it had robbed from the peasantry itself, and to maximize its profits by further bleeding the people. Thus, while there is enough food in the market to feed the whole population, the profiteering of the landlords and the inability of the peasants and other poor people to pay the increased prices for their own produce, creates a severe famine causing millions of people to starve and undergo terrible sufferings. It is, therefore, a crude hoax to attribute any famine in Ethiopia to drought when it is an objective fact that it is the landlord ruling class which is creating even artificial famines through its speculations and profiteering activities, to say nothing of the basic structural dislocation that their rule implies in Ethiopia.

When the Ethiopian people overthrow the rule of landlords and other reactionary oppressing classes all supported by imperialism and zionism, and take their destiny into their own hands, famine and other chronic miseries of the people will be wiped out forever. **THE DAY OF TOTAL LIBERATION IS NOT TOO FAR OFF!**

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174 - 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
ALBANIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY

Boston (NANS DAILY) July 27 - Hsinhua, dated July 9, 1973, carried the following article.

Zeri I Poppulit carried an editorial on July 8, 1973, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Albanian People's Army.

The editorial points out that the Albanian people and their armed forces are celebrating the anniversary amidst a revolutionary upsurge brought about by Comrade Enver Hoxha's speeches and the 4th Plenum of the Sixth Central Committee of the Albanian Party of Labour.

It says that July 10, 1943, marked a new stage in the struggle of the Albanian National Liberation Army for the liberation of the country, a stage of people's armed uprising under the leadership of the Party. The founding of the People's Army of Albania is one of the great achievements of the Party of Labour. The Party built this new-type army during its uncompromising struggle against the occupation forces and domestic traitors. This army was born of the workers and peasants and founded on the basis of Marxism-Leninism.

In the past 30 years, the People's Army of Albania with the Party as its helmsman has withstood the test of violent storms and the savage threats of imperialism and revisionism, and smashed countless enemy schemes and challenges. It is worthy of the great care of the Party. It stands by the people, serves and defends them in all circumstances, for it takes root among the people and its source of strength lies in the people.

By putting politics in the primary place and adhering to the mass line, the People's Army has strengthened its popular and proletarian character, and reinforced its close ties with the people.

As a great school for the armed people, it provides the latter with education and military training, bestowing on them a high Party spirit and the fine qualities of industry and bravery.

The editorial continues, "Undoubtedly all the successes scored by the army in the 30 years since its founding are inseparable from the Albanian Party of Labour. First of all they are attributed to the leadership of the Party and its correct Marxist-Leninist line. As pointed out by Comrade Enver Hoxha at the 6th Party Congress, 'The Party has always been the soul of the army, the headquarters leading it on the correct path and a vigorous force making it indestructible.'"

The commanders and fighters of the Albanian People's Army will always remain faithful sons of the people and the Party. They will carry out thoroughly the teachings of Comrade Enver Hoxha and the historic decisions of the 4th Plenum of the 6th Central Committee of the Party of Labour. They are watching with vigilance the imperialist-revisionist blockade, the ideological pressure of the enemy, his cunning peace offensive and plots for launching aggressive wars. With full confidence they are intensifying revolutionary training and making it more revolutionised, carrying out the class struggle, fighting against all alien manifestations of liberalism and, together with the armed people, maintaining vigilance and combat readiness to defend the fruits of victory and make socialist Albania stronger and indestructible, concludes the editorial.

Bashkimi, Lufetari and other papers also carried articles the same day to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Albania. End Item.

175 - ARGENTINA JOINS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

Boston (NANS DAILY) July 27 - Hsinhua, dated July 10, 1973, carried the following article.

Argentina will take part in activities of the non-aligned countries, announced the Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Carlos on July 7, according to a Buenos Aires report.

The Foreign Minister said that Argentina will send an official delegation to attend the conference of the non-aligned countries scheduled for September in Algeria.

Earlier, Mexico, Peru and Panama have also declared their readiness to take part in activities of the non-aligned countries.

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