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1. ACWM (M-L) Holds First All-Boston Mass Democracy,
2. Rent Control Serves the Capitalist Class,
3. Workers at Lechmere Sales Fight for Right to Organize,
4. U Mass at Columbia Point; Profit for Finance Capital Through Exploitation of the Working Class,
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216 - MARXIST-LENINIST ANALYSIS OF MASS  
MOVEMENTS

Boston, August 9 (NANS DAILY) Boston Communist, Vol. 1, No. 4 carried the following article:

On July 19 a speaker from the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) addressed a meeting of the All-Boston Mao Tsetung Thought Study Circle on the question of mass movements. The following article is based on his remarks.

The U.S.A. is a class society. Class struggle between the American working class and the monopoly capitalist ruling class is absolute and goes on without let-up. While the class struggle is the basis of all change, development and motion in every cell of American society and it is class struggle and nothing else which unfolds the profoundest aspects of life in our society, the class struggle itself takes concentrated and physical form in the development of certain basic revolutionary mass movements. These include:

1. the struggle of the working class against capitalist exploitation and wage slavery;
2. the struggle of the working class for decent working and living conditions;
3. the struggle of the working class against fascist rules and regulations in the communities and work places and for the right to politically organize;
4. the struggle of the working class and people against the all-around fascistization of American society;
5. the struggle of the working class and people against imperialist wars and aggression;
6. the struggle of the Afro-American people and other national minorities against racial discrimination and violent repression and all forms of national-class oppression and exploitation and for full emancipation;
7. the struggle of the Native American Indian people for restoration of their hereditary rights and the right to flourish as a nation;
8. the struggle of youth and students against the decadent bourgeois educational system;
9. the struggle of youth and students against fascist cultural aggression;
10. the struggle of women for full political and social emancipation and full emancipation in all spheres of life.

These mass movements of the working class and people come up in opposition to concentrated forms of exploitation and oppression caused by the monopoly capitalist class. Since these and all problems faced by the working masses are caused by the monopoly capitalist class and nothing else, none of these problems can be solved without the complete overthrow of the capitalist system. Hence the basic revolutionary mass movements in the U.S. all have as their target the monopoly capitalist class and its state machine through which the monopoly capitalists enforce their system of political repression and capitalist exploitation.

Just as soon as any of the basic mass movements take shape and emerge in the society both the monopoly capitalist class and the working class attempt to lead them for their

own ends. The monopoly capitalist class through its alliance of police spies and revisionist and trotskyite henchmen immediately raise the slogan that "the mass movement must appeal to the monopoly capitalist class to solve the problem" and seek to use the energy of the mass movement to consolidate the capitalist system. The working class takes the fundamental and irreconcilable stand that there is nothing good in the monopoly capitalist class and calls for overthrowing the capitalist system as the only solution to the problem facing the mass movement. Thus at once the question becomes: mass movement for whom? or what political line will lead the mass movement? The revisionists try hard to mystify this basic question on mass movement for whom by raising the question of mass movement in the abstract. The revisionists sing swan songs about the "spontaneity" of the mass movement and attack the Marxist-Leninists and progressive forces for "turning off the mass movement" by raising the Marxist-Leninist analysis and political line in the mass movement. This is a most despicable ploy of the revisionists because while they insist that the Marxist-Leninists grovel before the so-called "spontaneity" of the mass movement, it is they, the revisionists, and no one else who are consciously raising reformist, pro-capitalist and anti-proletarian slogans in the mass movement. Naturally if the revisionists have all rights to raise backward slogans and the Marxist-Leninists are forbidden to raise revolutionary slogans under the guise of "not turning off the mass movement" and "ruining its spontaneity," the mass movement will inevitably be liquidated and remain dominated by the pro-capitalist social-fascist alliance. The experience of the mass struggle of the American working class and people in the '60's and '70's and throughout history teaches us many important lessons in this regard.

Just as in the '30's the revisionists liquidated the tremendous mass movement of the working class against capitalist exploitation and wage slavery by raising the pro-capitalist slogan of "right to work" and "social welfare" for the workers under capitalism and liquidated the great anti-fascist struggle of the whole American people by capitulating to the monopoly capitalist class, so too in the '60's the revisionists worked to disorganize and liquidate the tremendous mass movement of youth and students against the decadent bourgeois educational system and fascist culture, of the Afro-American people and other oppressed national minorities against racial discrimination and violent repression and of the working class and people against imperialist war. These tremendous mass movements exhibited certain basic characteristics with which all the comrades and friends have direct experience: 1. continually struggling to move from a low level of class struggle to higher and higher levels and to isolate the monopoly capitalist class and its state machine as the target; 2. continually struggling to sum up experience and carry on GREAT DEBATES AND DISCUSSION over which ideas and programs genuinely serve the basic sentiment of the mass movement in order to isolate the enemy within the mass movement and unite the people and 3. continually

struggle to develop a revolutionary political organization which could lead the mass movement on a step-wise basis and organize the whole people for struggle against the enemy. It is these fundamental characteristics which, although scattered and diffuse during the '60's, reflected the basic sentiment of the masses to overthrow the monopoly capitalist class and build a bright red socialist people's republic in America. But because the Marxist-Leninist forces were extremely weak during the '60's, the revisionists were able to suppress these fundamental characteristics of the mass movement for a time and in so doing develop their counter-revolutionary political line. The revisionists suppressed the class struggle of the masses and shielded the monopoly capitalist class and their state machine by calling on the masses to "not be too negative" and "take positive actions," "win concrete demands", etc. Thus in the youth and student movement they suppressed the basic class struggle against the decadent bourgeois educational system with slogans of "student power", "hire so and so", "lower fees", "open admissions", "alternative education", etc. In the Afro-American peoples mass movement against racial discrimination and violent repression, the revisionists suppressed the basic class struggle against the monopoly capitalist class and tried to divide the people into fighting each other by supporting the racist slogans of "black power", "black first", etc. on the one hand, while "demanding" that the capitalist system insure "full civil rights" to the Afro-American people on the other. In the struggle of the whole people against imperialist wars and aggression, the revisionists called for "petitioning Congress to end the war", "elect McGovern", "elect anti-war congressmen", etc. Likewise today the revisionists are trying to suppress the fierce class struggle breaking out amongst the working class against super-exploitation and for decent working and living conditions by raising such pro-capitalist slogans as "state control of monopolies", "tax the rich", "social welfare to help the economic unfortunates", "improve worker-management relations", etc.

The revisionists also suppressed the great debates and discussions which erupted through out the mass movement through bureaucratic methods and under the general slogan that "ideological struggle is impractical and will divide the people" and thus shamelessly divided the people through constant promotion of bourgeois ideology and politics. Likewise the revisionists used the energy of the mass movement to consolidate reformist and capitalist institutions and to prevent the development of revolutionary political organization.

Because of the weakness of the Marxist-Leninist forces and the lack of a genuine Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, the revisionists and their social-fascist alliance were able to split the peoples' ranks, and the mass movements with correct sentiment groped in the dark and were liquidated. The basic question of directing the revolutionary mass movements towards the monopoly capitalist class and its state machine depends on upholding the Marxist-Leninist political line of

uncompromising opposition to and resolute struggle against the monopoly capitalist class on all fronts and building the revolutionary political party to implement this basic line. This task fell on the shoulders of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) and the other genuine Marxist-Leninist groups and individuals who emerged out of the mass struggles of the '60's and consistently opposed revisionism. The ACWM (ML) and the other genuine Marxist-Leninist groups and individuals emerged out of the trend to concentrate the basic sentiment of the masses through adherence to the Marxist-Leninist political line and to organize the revolutionary mass movement by building the party to lead it. By taking up the widescale dissemination of Mao Tsetung Thought and organizing ourselves on the democratic centralist basis in order to carry out this great task, the Marxist-Leninists participated in changing the situation in various places in the revolutionary mass movements. It was only the widescale dissemination of Mao Tsetung Thought and the uncompromising struggle against all bourgeois and revisionist ideologies and politics which cleared the air in various places and led to the consolidation of communist groups and organizations which could sum up the experience of the revolutionary mass movements, hold high their basic sentiment and struggle to advance these movements from a lower level to a higher level. This entire historical experience of the revolutionary mass movements of the '60's and '70's and throughout our history teaches us the profound truth of the Marxist-Leninist thesis that **WITHOUT A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY THERE CAN BE NO REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.**

Today the key link in developing the revolutionary mass movements and defeating the counter-revolutionary mass movements being organized by the revisionists and other social-fascists is to persist in **BUILDING THE NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS OF WORKING CLASS PROPAGANDA IN THE MIDST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MASS MOVEMENT.** The Marxist-Leninists must persist in dissemination of revolutionary ideology, in clarifying the Marxist-Leninist political line on all questions and in running specific agitations dealing with the historical experience and concrete problems facing the various revolutionary movements. In the mass movements themselves besides the Marxist-Leninists who constitute the advanced section there is also a middle section which can be characterized as being relatively active and having definite consciousness of class struggle, that is having definite ideas for advancing the class struggle against the monopoly capitalist class but not yet being class conscious or armed with Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought. These middle elements may or may not be members of other proletarian or left-wing organizations. As well as the advanced and middle sections there is the relatively backward section of the mass movement who can be characterized as just entering into the class struggle on a conscious basis against a particular concentrated form of oppression. Lastly there is the counter-revolutionary alliance of social-fascists, including the revisionists, trotskyites, police spies and their cohorts, who are intent on turning the revolutionary currents into counter-revolutionary currents for the consolidation of the

capitalist system and intent on liquidating the mass movements and its advanced contingent the Marxist-Leninists and the Marxist-Leninist organization. A vicious class struggle takes place first between the two roads and two lines that are represented by the Marxist-Leninists on the one hand and the social-fascists on the other, with the vast majority of the people in the mass movement remaining unclear and undecided over which road and which line for a relatively long period of time. In addition there are many other non-antagonistic differences in the revolutionary mass movement over how to move forward and these too must be sorted out in order for proletarian revolution to occur. **By BUILDING THE NATIONAL ORGANS OF WORKING CLASS PROPAGANDA IN THE MIDST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MASS MOVEMENTS** the Marxist-Leninists can successfully unite the advanced, mobilize the middle and arouse the vast majority so as to strike blows at the enemy and advance the class struggle from a lower level to a higher and higher level with the monopoly capitalist class as the main target. In the ACWM (ML) we have learned to deal with this by following the revolutionary method of work of uniting the people to struggle against the enemy and struggling against the enemy to unite the people. Firstly, the middle and other elements in the mass movement have constant discussion amongst themselves over how to move the class struggle forward and it is our responsibility to work tirelessly for years on end to lead the mass movement on this front by organizing our revolutionary newspapers, discussion groups, mass democracy meetings, etc. The social-fascists also organize discussions, newspapers, etc. and we must organize ours and oppose both the fascist and social-fascist lines as they come up amongst the masses and not just have sideline discussions for their own sake. Building the instruments of working class propaganda is the key link in advancing the revolutionary movements at this stage and in building the revolutionary party to serve the revolutionary movements. It is very important to carry out constant investigation amongst the masses and pay attention to using our instruments of working class propaganda well so that they actually deal with problems facing the revolutionary movement and provide over-all Marxist-Leninist viewpoint and analysis. Even though the mass movement is sometimes at low ebb it will irresistibly emerge and if we have patiently and protractedly organized our propaganda, trained our cadres out of the mass movements as Marxist-Leninists, built up close ties with other activists, then in times of upsurge our discussion groups will sprout and the Marxist-Leninist line and organization will have definite influence in the great class battles waged against the monopoly capitalists. Struggling against the enemy to unite the people means we must develop **LEADING STRUGGLES** in various places which serve as a spark and example and can be propagated throughout all sections of the mass movement. Only in this way, through tenacious struggles, can we keep revolutionary movement alive and developing and prevent its liquidation by the counter-revolutionary current being organized by the social-fascists. No matter how weak the Marxist-Leninist forces it is our responsibility to lead the revolutionary mass movement by opposing the social-fascist movements and persisting in building the instruments of working class propaganda. Each day we

definitely grow stronger and stronger while the social-fascists can only rot and degenerate

**217 - UMASS AT COLUMBIA POINT: PROFIT FOR FINANCE CAPITAL THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKING CLASS**

**Boston, August 9 (NANS DAILY) Boston Communist, Vol. 1, No. 4 carried the following article:**

Finance capital, concentrated in tremendous amounts in the hands of a small number of banks and insurance companies, is the lord and master of greater Boston, controlling the government, "public" institutions, industries and all the means of production and life, and levying a tyrannous tribute on the entire population. The development of the University of Massachusetts at Columbia Point was determined by the finance capitalists and is designed to serve their interests, the interests of maximum profit reaped through the super-exploitation of the working and oppressed people.

The new "urban" campus of UMass was built at Columbia Point in order to place super-profits into the hands of finance capital. Originally it was considered that the best site for the campus was in downtown Boston in the area of the new John Hancock building and the Christian Science Church Park. This consideration was quickly over-ruled by the John Hancock Insurance Co., one of the largest financial overlords of Boston, and by the "public" agency which finance capital controls, the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The reason that the finance capitalists would not allow the UMass campus to be built in downtown Boston was that the "redevelopment" of that area, part and parcel of the "transformation" of Boston into a service center for the bourgeoisie, was already placing millions of dollars in profit into the hands of finance capital. It was decided to construct UMass in Dorchester because Columbia Point was a barren and useless (for finance capital) section of greater Boston on which only a nearly defunct shopping center (owned by John Hancock and producing little profit for them) and a housing project in which working people, mainly national minorities lived, stood. In short to build the campus in downtown Boston would not increase the value of that area, would provide no new "potential" source of investment and profit; to build the campus at Columbia Point would open a whole spectrum of possibility for investment and development-- that is, profit for finance capital-- such as housing, more mass transit, more "entertainment complexes", etc.

The construction of UMass at Columbia Point means only further exploitation and misery for the working people of Boston. The cost of building the university on a site completely

cut off from the rest of Boston was \$350 million, dollars which came from the taxes of the working people and went to the finance capitalists who "backed" the construction. The cost of developing the necessities of life around the university, such as housing and transportation, the expenses for which will be borne by the working class and the profits from which will go to the finance capitalists, will be untold millions more. This is above and beyond the fact that the presence of the UMass campus at Columbia Point threatens the homes of the working people in the Columbia Point housing project, will cause of tremendous increase in rents in the Dorchester community, and will further aggravate the already critical housing shortage in Bos-

Long ago Comrade Lenin pointed out in Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism that "SPECULATION IN LAND SITUATED IN THE SUBURBS OF RAPIDLY-GROWING BIG TOWNS IS A PARTICULARLY PROFITABLE OPERATION FOR FINANCE CAPITAL. THE MONOPOLY OF THE BANKS MERGES HERE WITH THE MONOPOLY OF GROUND RENT AND WITH THE MONOPOLY OF THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS, SINCE THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF LAND AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING IT PROFITABLY IN ALLOTMENTS ETC., IS MAINLY DEPENDENT ON GOOD MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE CENTRE OF TOWN; AND THESE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ARE IN THE HANDS OF LARGE COMPANIES WHICH ARE CONNECTED WITH THE INTERESTED BANKS." This clearly elucidates the law which has determined the construction of UMass at Columbia Point. Finance capital has a monopoly on the ground rent in the area ( 27 acres now housing a shopping mall are owned by John Hancock). The same finance capitalists determine that the campus should be built at Columbia Point, which will tremendously increase the value of their property. The finance capitalists will also collect super-profits by financing the construction of housing and new transportation facilities around the campus that will be undertaken by the state.

For the working people this means two basic things: 1. finance capital exercises its dictatorship throughout society, controlling all aspects of the economic life and reaping super-profits through the exploitation of the working people. At Columbia Point this entails the funding of developments by the working class for the sole purpose of turning profits over to the finance capitalists, loss of homes, increased rents and aggravated housing shortage; 2. the housing problem, created by the finance capitalists, and the tremendous burden of exploitation borne by the working and oppressed masses cannot be resolved as long as finance capital exercises its dictatorship in all aspects of life; if any of our problems are to be solved the dictatorship of the finance capitalists must be overthrown and replaced with the dictatorship of the proletariat.