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Miners Struggle Intensifies



As their contract expired on December 6, about 160,000 coal miners in the US put down their tools and abandoned their pits, slicing coal production in the US by one half. The present coal miners strike is a continuation of an ongoing struggle against the oppression of mine owners and the treachery of the union leadership which has sold them out. It was preceded by a militant wildcat strike in July of this year sparked by the cuts into the medical and pension funds of the United Mine Workers Union (UMW)--a strike that took mine workers to Washington in angry protests, and saw numerous violent confrontations between workers on one hand and company officials, scabs and the state repressive forces on the other. The July wildcat strike was a reflection of the determination and capacity to struggle of the workers despite government repression and the treachery of the union bureaucrats who pleaded with them to end the strike and stop the violence. The workers however, waged a 10-week wildcat strike to restore free medical care which had been cut to 40% of doctors bills and the first \$250 of hospital bills.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF COAL

The mining industry is one of the pillars of capitalist economy today. Especially within the context of the capitalist crisis, coal is of strategic importance to the US economy. During the last decade, it has risen in price from \$6 a ton to \$20 a ton. Consumption of coal has also risen significantly, signalling the growing importance of the mineral in US economy. After the oil embargo and the energy crisis in the capitalist world, the US has increasingly put its attention on the production of coal as another source of energy that can take the place of oil in case oil embargos, increase in price of imported oil, oil shortages, etc. During the 1974 embargo the third world oil producing countries dealt a heavy blow to the US economy, and were able to confront its bullying and exploitation by wielding the powerful oil weapon in their hands. Thus, the US imperialists plan to reduce US dependency on foreign oil (a significant amount of oil consumed in the US is presently imported) by increasing oil production at home and in this way undermine the struggle of these third world countries are waging against superpower hegemonism with their oil weapon. Thus, increased oil production is a key part of the plan of the US bourgeoisie to deal with their economic crisis and the strike constitutes an obstacle to their plans and their striving for 'labor stability' (no strikes, no absenteeism, high productivity, etc.) in the industry.

Also, the coke extracted from coal is used in the steel industry in the production of armaments. This is key at a time in which both superpowers, the US and the USSR, are making preparations to wage a new world war. An increased coal production then is of strategic importance to the US imperialists, and the strikes and other actions of protest which interfere with its production are a threat to the US plans of continued hegemonism over the world and of war.

Finally, the nature of the industry and the social situation of its workers, further contributes to the strategic importance of coal. Coal miners have waged some of the

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Defeat U.S. - Sadat Plan!

Once again a plot orchestrated by US imperialism is pushed as a 'solution' to the Middle East question. Following the orders of US imperialism, Sadat visited Israel to initiate conversations towards the signing of a separate peace between Egypt and the Zionist state of Israel. Sadat's betrayal of the national aspirations of the Palestinian and Arab people strengthens US imperialism in the Middle East and gives the US the upper hand in their struggle against the other superpower, the USSR, for hegemony in this strategic region.

In voicing our opposition to the Sadat-Begin talks and the role of both superpowers in the Middle East we also convey our militant support to the just struggle of the Palestinian people, led, led by the Palestine Liberation Organization, for the right to their homeland and the establishment of a free and independent Palestinian state. This just struggle as well as the struggle of the Arab peoples and nations against the Israeli aggressors, for the recovery of the territories robbed by Israel in its wars of aggression will not be stopped by Sadat's treason, but on the contrary, will be escalated to higher levels until victory.

ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGGRESSOR

Since its creation by US imperialism in 1948, the illegal and aggressor state of Israel has carried out a policy of aggression against the Palestinian and the Arab people. They have taken over most of the territory of the Palestinian people making more than 1,000,000 Palestinians political refugees in foreign territories. They have taken over militarily regions that belong to Egypt, Jordan and other military states. In 1967, for example, Israel carried out an aggressive war against Egypt and, then under President Gamal Abdel Nasser, and other Arab states, in which they occupied the West Bank of the Jordan and the Sinai Peninsula. In 1973 they launched an attack against Egypt and Syria. They make raids against Palestinian villages and refugee camps in different Arab states by the hundreds. Thousands of Palestinian people have been killed by the Israeli aggressors who in essence are the representatives of US imperialism in that region.

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On Party Building

Right Opportunism is the Main Danger

DEFEAT OL'S SHAM UNITY TREND

The determination of what is the main danger in any process is a fundamental question that has to be correctly answered in order to develop correct strategy and tactics. Failure to identify the main danger can only bring harm and lead to defeat. In the U.S. communist movement, there has been a two line struggle going on for a long time around the question of whether it's right opportunism, revisionism or "left" opportunism the main danger in our movement.

From the standpoint of theory, any one of the two, right or "left" opportunism, can be the main danger at any given time. And as any other thing in society, the main danger conforms to the laws of dialectics, and as such it can shift, change, transform itself into its opposite, etc.

We understand that right opportunism is in fact the main danger in the communist movement. The rise to power of modern revisionism in the Soviet Union and the restoration of capitalism in that formerly socialist country, the revisionist degeneration of the formerly revolutionary Communist Party of the United States, the influence of the bribed sector of working class, the petty bourgeois-student base of our movement created the basis for the flourishing of right opportunism, reformism, revisionism in the U.S. communist movement. (In the working class movement which we see as a distinctive movement from the communist movement, we consider that right opportunism, expressed as reformism, is also the main danger. (See Resistance, Vol 8, No 6)

The main manifestations of right opportunism in the US communist movement are pragmatism and American exceptionalism in the ideological sphere, economism in the political sphere, and social democracy and sectarianism in matters of organization.

In addition, there is a very low theoretical development in the anti-revisionist communist movement as a whole, the existence of a strong social-chauvinist trend that objectively calls for social alliance with their own bourgeoisie, the national chauvinism in relation to the oppressed nations and national minority and the strong narrow nationalist trend among the oppressed nationalities are also important factors to be considered in order to determine what is the main danger.

The determination of that main danger has to be logically accompanied with the determination of who represents that main danger, who are the main proponents of it. Right opportunism and revisionism do not spread all around by themselves. This is why in raising that right opportunism, revisionism is in fact the main danger in the US anti-revisionist communist movement, we point out international revisionism led by the Soviet renegades and the CPUSA as the main enemies outside of the anti-revisionists communist movement and the Communist Party of the October League as the main proponent within our ranks.

This means concretely that we have to concentrate our fire on the real danger posed by the OL-CP and its menshevik unity trend and not fall into the trap orchestrated by the revisionists (and which honest forces have fallen victim to) which is to say that "left" opportunism constitutes the main danger in the US.

The trend which considers "left" opportunism as the main danger in this country does not represent in any way a homogeneous force. This trend is made up of forces that are right opportunist such as the Guardian the Comite-MINP, Tucson Marxist-Leninist Collective and a series of other collectives that work together basing their unity in that "left" opportunism is the main danger. Soviet Social-imperialism does not exist, the Afro-American nation is a dogmatic creation of the "lefts", etc., etc. Within this trend there are also consolidated right opportunists that

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WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY

Houston Conference

Since the United Nations' proclamation making 1977 International Women's Year, the international bourgeoisie has sponsored all types of meetings, conferences, forums, etc., to try to still the growing militancy of women, particularly poor and working class women. Internationally, they called for the Mexico City conference. This conference was attended by women of many countries, the main representatives being wives of head of states, to discuss the problems faced by women. This was a mere show, a publicity stunt used by the bourgeoisie to hoodwink women into thinking that the bourgeoisie is interested in resolving their problems. As was to be expected no results came out of this conference, only high-sounding phrases.

In the US, a National Women's Conference was held recently in Houston, Texas. The US Congress sponsored and paid for state-level mini-conferences and election of representatives in preparation for the National Conference. Congress appropriated \$5 million dollars for this conference whose sole purpose was to send 'recommendations' to the president and the Congress on how to better the status of women. The Conference was headed by 45 presidentially-appointed national commissioners, which itself was headed by the infamous Bella Abzug. Three first ladies-- Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Carter--made some speeches on how the goal of the women's movement and those of this system and government are the same. In fact this was the purpose of the conference--to convince women that the capitalist system works for them, that all it takes is some mild reforms and the system will shape up.

This Conference was response on the part of the bourgeoisie to the growing consciousness of both men and women around the woman question. It's an attempt to deviate the struggle for the true emancipation of women down the path of reformism. The Conference pushed the reformist line of reliance on the state apparatus to bring about change--it was financed by the bourgeois state to begin with. It was putting forth that the US Congress, one of the means of bourgeois rule, is an impartial body that does not respond to the interests of the ruling class, that it is interested in dealing with the problems of women. It is reinforcing the bourgeois line that the emancipation of women comes out of signing petitions, government decrees and declarations, recommendations given to the bourgeois state, etc.

This Conference did not address itself to the problems faced by working class and poor women and



to the question of what is the source of the oppression of women, it answered men. The view is summed up in the words of one of the bourgeois feminists leading the Conference, Bella Abzug. 'I hope all of us will remember our common aim as women. We can no longer accept the situation where men rule the world.' Not only did this Conference attempt to deviate the struggle for women's emancipation down a reformist path, but it in fact attempted to divide the forces fighting for the real emancipation of women by pointing to men as the main enemy. It denied the class roots of the oppression of women. It attempted to hide the need for women to actively participate in the struggles of the class. It had to do this for it was a sham. It was a creation of the bourgeoisie to serve its interests, and its leaders represent those interests--Abzug, the first ladies, Steinmen, Millet, etc. In denying the class roots of the oppression of women, this Conference failed to point to the real solution to the problems of women--the integration of women to social production, their active participation in the class struggle and the fight for socialism--the only system capable of resolving the women's problems.

Overall, the Conference did not address itself to the problems and needs of working class and poor women. The three most 'burning' issues at this conference were the ERA, Abortion and Gay rights. Of these, the issue that touches working and poor women is the abortion issue. There were some minority caucuses that presented a resolution on the question of oppression of minorities, however, this resolution was so general that in fact is a meaningless one. The Conference did not address itself to the issue of Child Care funds, the closing down of affirmative action programs, the unemployment rate, the sterilization of minority and poor women, the discrimination of women in terms of rate of pay, unionization of women (particularly in the mills in the South), discrimination of undocumented workers, etc.

We must see this Conference for what it represents--an attempt to deviate the struggle for the liberation

of women towards reformism. We will not be fooled by it. As communists, we must expose this bourgeois trick. Conferences, such as this, can be used to educate the masses around the need to support the rights of women and the correct path to follow in struggling for these rights. It is possible that we may attend and participate in some conferences. In order to do this, certain conditions have to exist--the attendance and participation of working class and poor women (which did not happen at this conference, as even the minority women attending the conference were from petty-bourgeois background, poverty pimps, etc.), the aim of the conference, etc. When we participate in such conferences, it must be in a communist way. Our propaganda and agitation work must respond to a concrete analysis of concrete conditions. The need for women to participate actively in the struggles of the working class must be pointed out, the demands we raise must respond to the needs of women, etc.

The woman's movement, at this time, is basically led by petty-bourgeois and bourgeois feminists. In point of fact, it is the role of these elements to prop-up the bourgeois state, they are part of the social props, and therefore, they cannot provide real answers to the problems of women. This points to the need for working class women and communist leadership of the movement. Up to now, the woman's movement has been set aside by communists and no really serious efforts have been made to give correct communist leadership to it. It is necessary for us to get involved in the mass movements and give correct leadership to them. In the case of the woman's movement, there's a series of areas that communists can get involved in leading and we must take up this task. We cannot limit our work on the woman question to a celebration of International Working Women's Day, but must actively participate in the struggles for women's rights. It's imperative that we integrate ourselves to the struggle for child care funds, unionization of women, equal pay for equal work, welfare mothers' rights, etc. Women in the US make up practically 1/2 the labor force and they must be integrated in the struggle for the emancipation of the working class. Women have a rich history of struggle for the rights of the class and our future is tied to the future of our class.

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PARTY BUILDING

point to the "left" as a way to cover the right. For a long time, the October League has carried out this line.

Today ATM is the one pushing this line hardest. We would also like to point out that there are clear indications that RCL-MLM is moving towards the same incorrect line. (1) putting off criticism of the OL-CP to the extent that they've criticized themselves as sectarian against them in the past. (2) saying that although in the movement as a whole right opportunism is the main danger, in the Party Building motion "left" opportunism is the main danger and (3) similarly, their so-called rectification campaign attributes all the evils of our movement to "following the gang of four" but they have failed to concretely lay down what these evils are and their connection to the counterrevolutionary clique of Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao.

Although these forces, are different in character--some revisionist, some right opportunist, others honest but confused--one thing they all have in common that they uphold that the "left" is the main danger and that "sectarianism", splitism and phrase mongering are concrete manifestations of this danger. According to the main proponents of the CPUSA and many of the forces around the Guardian, the "Maoists" are the main danger (everybody in the anti-revisionist communist movement even Neo-Trotskyite such as PRRWO, MLOC, etc.) Although many forces talk a lot about the "left" danger but no one puts out who represents that danger.

The theoretical basis for defining "left" opportunism (that is sectarianism, splitism, and phrase mongering) as the main danger is wrong. Sectarianism, splitism, and phrase mongering are in themselves "left" errors. Although "dogmatism" is a tendency generally associated with "left" opportunists, this however does not deny that right opportunists can and do make dogmatic applications of Marxism-Leninism. This then being the question, it becomes necessary to examine in the concrete, right here and now, in the US today, the kind of sectarianism, phrase mongering, 'dogmatism' which in fact exist to a great degree. Only an analysis of the concrete manifestations of that sectarianism, of that phrase mongering, of that splitism, of that 'dogmatism' will allow us to determine its nature.

Who are the most sectarian in this country? PRRWO, RWL who are in a closet and cause harm to an ever decreasing smaller and smaller group of people or the CPUSA, the OL-CP, the RCP, etc who with their sectarianism cause harm to large sector of the communist and workers' movement? PRRWO-RWL is sectarian, alright, because they consider themselves 100% bolshevik, however the self-proclaimed parties are even more sectarian because they consider themselves the party of the proletariat in this country. To PRRWO-RWL's claims of super-bolshevism only a clique of opportunist continue to answer on the other hand the sectarianism of the OL-CP is being followed by many honest people who consider them the Party of the U.S. proletariat including genuine Marxist-Leninist forces internationally such as the CPC. Who is more sectarian in this country than the CPUSA that since the 50's pursues a policy of red-baiting Marxist-Leninists, of branding Marxist-Leninists

as opportunists and scoundrels, etc? Who is more sectarian than the PSP that labels anyone who differs with them as CIA agents?

The same could be said about phrase mongering. Yes, it is true that the "left" opportunists of PRRWO use ridiculous titles such as "acting central committee of the Leninist core of the genuine wing of the anti-revisionist communist movement of the U.S. Marxist-Leninists, bla, bla." They will label anybody that struggles with them as philistines and everything is sophistry, without knowing what that means, etc, but again what about the real dangerous phrase mongers, those that use concepts like "detente", "party of the whole people", "the non-capitalist road of development," etc. Are they phrase mongers also or not? The same thing could be said of splitting.

What determines if a particular sectarian policy, actions, act of splitism, phrase mongering, etc is right or "left" is its content. When a group like the OL-CP claims that you can build a party without drawing firm lines of demarcation between sham and genuine Marxist-Leninist they are splitting the communist movement from the right, pursuing a Martov type of line that whoever agrees that Klonsky be the chairman can be part of the party. But on the same issue PRRWO-RWL, when it still had some credibility, put forward that a party can be built

in isolation from the class struggle, splitting the movement but coming from the "left". The Chinese comrades in summing up the activities of the Kraschov

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revisionists clique gives us a clear understanding of this question

"In brief, opportunism and revisionism are the political and ideological roots of split-tism And splittism is the organizational manifestation of opportunism and revisionism. It can also be said that opportunism and revisionism are splittism as well as sectarianism. The revisionists are the greatest and vilest splitters and sectarians in the communist movement " (The Polemic on the General Line of the International Communist Movement, page 316)

Obviously it is in the interest of right opportunists to point out the "left" is the main danger This keeps the fire far from them , allowing for the further consolidation along the lines of right opportunism and revisionism The warning of our Chinese comrades that "one tendency covers the other" has to be kept in mind Thus the OL-CP screams and screams that the "left" opportunist are the main danger in order to cover their right opportunist line of building the mass movement Comrades that all along have been following the incorrect line that the "left" is the main danger have no other alternative but to conclude that the October League is "left" opportunist ATM and groups like them also point out to the "left" as the main danger for the same reasons as the OL did For them, it is left to carry out communist propaganda, raising to the workers the need for



a party, socialism, etc They learned very well from PRRWO-RWL that the best way to protect their incorrect line is to call for the struggle against the other tendency! PRRWO-RWL was

in a closet but they guarded against the economist errors committed by non-existing cadres in factories ATM in whatever places they still have cadres are committed to all practice, all agitation, all narrow nationalism, yet they are still fighting the "left" deviation in their organization Although ATM has been holding this line for more than a year they have not been able to show one concrete example of how the "left" is the main danger within ATM or the movement as a whole

The same can be said about adogmatism The approach to Marxism as a dead dogma and not as a guide to action, the tendency to mechanically apply Marxism-Leninism without taking into account time, place and conditions can lead to both right and "left" opportunist line The Second International with the renegade Kautsky at its head, is an example of dogmatism from the right They said to Lenin "You have to wait until the proletariat is in majority in order to make proletarian revolution " And Lenin took the 2nd International and all its dogmatic applications of the teachings of Marx and Engels and put them into the garbage can of history! (See Stalin, Foundations of Leninism, Chapter 2)

The principal aspect of the problem in our country is not that some dogmatist want to build the party copying the same mold followed by Lenini in Russia, but right opportunists that pretends to build a party by self-proclamation, without clear lines of demarcation with all forms of opportunism, etc The main danger is not presented by the domatist calling for the creations of Soviets at this moment but by the right opportunists calling for National Workers' Organization (RCP) and Fightback Committees (OLCP) The main problem is not a dogmatic approach to the question of communist propaganda and agitation but the lack of real communist propaganda and agitation and the flourishing of mere economic agitation (OL - CP, RCP, ATM) The understanding that in fact right opportunism (revisionism) is the main danger is consistent with our call for more emphasis on theoretical work, with theory being primary over practice in this period, with propaganda being primary over agitation, with Marxist-Leninists,unite, being primary over winning the advanced to communism,etc On the other hand, from the point of view that "left" opportunism is the main danger flows a completely different line practice primary over theory, agitations over propaganda, win the advanced to communism,etc Reaching unity that right opportunism/revisionism is the main danger and uniting in the struggle against that danger is the road towards building a genuine, multinational Marxist-Leninist Party in the US The view that "left" opportunism is the main danger leads directly into the hands of the OL-CP and their sham Unity trend

We welcome criticism, statements of unity and also struggle on this question from comrades and friends In the next issue, we will continue to criticize this call for a Unity Trend Committee



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DEFEAT US-SADAT PLAN NEW LABEL FOR AN OLD TRICK

Regarding the Palestinian question, there are "disagreements" according to Sadat between Egypt and Israel Israel is proposing an "autonomous region" to be ruled by Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians The Palestinians "would have the right to decide on question of education, health services, etc " Israel would keep all its economic and military apparatus Great self-determination They should call the same name the U S imperialists call its colony Puerto Rico the Commonwealth of Palestine Egypt disagrees with this They want real self-determination They proposed an "independent" Palestinian state that will be part of Jordan" An independent state that is part of another? Never heard of such an animal In brief, despite shades of differences in the approach both Sadat and Begin have unity in the position of denying the right of self-determination to the Palestinian people and of trying to negotiate the destiny of the Palestinians behind their backs and without the participation of its genuine representative the PLO The same

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Miners Struggle....

most militant battles in the history of the US multinational working class. As we said in RESISTANCE, vol 8,#8

Historically the miners in the United States have been in the forefront of the struggle against the capitalist oppressors. This also holds true for other capitalist countries. They make up with the steel, auto, oil workers etc the better situated strata of the proletariat, from whose ranks come in the main the advanced workers that determine the character of the whole working class movement.

The coal miners strike is a manifestation of the contradiction between the working class on one hand, struggling for better working and living conditions, and the capitalist class on the other, striving to increase their profits at the expense of other workers. Although this battle has not reached the level of the class struggle in which the workers are conscious of their historic role and are organized by a vanguard party, it is definitely a prelude to those class wars that the great multinational US proletariat will wage for its emancipation. It is also a great school in which the workers prepare and organize themselves better for such a war.

THE ISSUES OF THE STRIKE

What is at stake in this particular strike is the right of the coal miners to better working conditions and their right to strike in defense of those conditions. Mining is one of the most hazardous of jobs. The life expectancy of the miners as compared to the rest of the population is extremely low, Black lung disease, a consequence of deep mining pollution and the lack of adequate services, has a high toll over miners' lives. Explosions in the mines occur very often and thousands of workers are killed due to the capitalists' refusal to make mines safe. Working conditions in the mines are also constantly causing accidents and endangering the lives of the workers.

These conditions can be cut down by improving the safety of the mines and the conditions under which workers are forced to mine. But this of course would mean that the capitalists, owners of the mines, would have to cut down on their profits in order to provide for these conditions. This the capitalists will not do. But it is the right of workers that their medical expenses be covered by the company who forces them to work under these hazardous conditions, and the struggle for this right has been a long and bitter one for coal miners in this country.

Through these struggles the coal miners had won the right to complete medical coverage from the mine owners. However, since 1974 this right has steadily eroded with the treacherous consent of the trade union bureaucrats. In 1974, under the UMW health and pension program, the company provided free and complete medical care, but since then the companies have instituted a system by which medical care is provided on the basis of productivity of the workers. Payments are made by the company for each ton of coal produced. Payments are not made during strikes. That is, instead of providing according to the health needs of the workers, companies are utilizing absenteeism, wildcats and strikes, etc., as an excuse not to provide such care, making workers choose between their right to strike and their right to medical care. This is an open threat of the coal owners against the workers' right to strike and instead of providing medical care out of profits produced by the workers for the capitalists, the workers are forced to speed-up, increase production and give up their right to strike in order to keep medical care. The workers are made to bear the brunt of the losses in production instead of the owners. UMW chief Miller gave in to this system and in the present negotiations has already made further concessions agreeing to a \$22 a day penalty for "inexcusable absences" of workers (including during wildcats). So, thanks to Miller's goodwill with the capitalists, workers participating in a wildcat would have to pay \$22 a day for each absence to cover for losses in production.

The workers' strategy in this strike is basically to stop production of coal both union and non-union, as well as to stop the shipment of coal that has already been stockpiled. Already four months supply has been stockpiled, a fact used to deny the possibility of success of the strike. However, capitalists need to store even more than this to fulfill their plans, and any depletion of this stockpile is a victory for the workers and certainly not in the interests of the capitalists. The success is being

hindered by a number of problems which we will examine and see how they affect the struggle and what are its future perspectives. These obstacles are 1 treachery of union bureaucrats, 2 non-union mining, 3 repression by the state and 4 lack of revolutionary leadership and organization.

TREACHERY OF UNION BUREAUCRATS

Besides the attempts of Miller and his cronies to prevent the strike or to postpone it, they have also helped to try to demoralize workers by claiming that it's impossible to win the strike, that it will only bring hardship to the miners and their families, that they will be deprived of their health benefits as well as retirement pensions because of the strike. By doing this, they are of course serving the interests of their capitalist masters, the mine owners, whose profits are definitely threatened by the strike and who are striving instead to increase their profits by making workers produce more. Besides agreeing to the cuts in the rotten system of joint company-union administration of health and pension funds, the Miller crew is responsible for entering the strike with no strike funds available for workers, which make things harder on strikers who must face increased economic sacrifices.

Another concession which adversely affects the rights of workers to fight for their rights being agreed to by Miller during these negotiations, is his giving up the workers' demand to include in the contract the right of locals to strike for local issues rather than rely on complex bureaucratic grievance procedures that are presently designed to squash struggle and resolve nothing. This is just another way of undermining the workers' right to strike and it clearly shows Miller to be squarely on the side of the capitalists, not the workers he supposedly represents.

Not satisfied with giving up the locals' right to strike independently, the Miller leadership has also agreed to the company's demand to be able to fire workers who picket in mines other than their own or who try to spread walkouts to other mines by rallying other workers not directly affected into sympathy strikes and picketing. This again is a clear indication of exactly where Miller stands--against the interests of the workers, protecting the capitalists' profits. The strength of the working class lies precisely on its ability to unite and struggle in solidarity for its rights. Sympathy strikes are a manifestation of workers' solidarity which is key to the victory of any workers' struggle and eventually to the victory of socialist revolution in this country. By undermining it in this way, Miller is well aware of the services he is rendering to his capitalist bosses. He is also further exposing himself in the eyes of the workers.

NON-UNION MINING

In the struggle to stop production, workers are confronted with the problem that not all coal is mined by union members, and thus there are still many coal mines operating. In fact only 50% of coal production is unionized in the US (down from 70% in 1974) and this prevents the total stoppage in coal production necessary for the complete success of the strike. The collusion of the state and the sold-out union leadership in restraining the workers from picketing other mines, from engaging in sympathy strikes, from stopping scabs, etc., are real obstacles to the workers' success. Also, the fact that many new coal fields are being opened up in the states west of the Mississippi River is sharply undermining the coal workers' struggle. The Western mines are practically non-unionized, something which allows mine owners to pay lower wages and to speed-up workers so much so that in some mines, like in Sharpy Creek, Montana for example, owners claim that where in the East they get 15 tons per man-shift, they can get 150 in the West. Because all of this increases the profits of the capitalists, the Western fields (which is mostly strip-mining) have been taking up a lot of the country's coal production. Last year 20% of coal produced came from the Western fields, while this year it is expected to rise to 26%, as capitalists are planning to increase coal production to deal with the crisis and the Western fields provide a way to increase such productivity rapidly and much cheaper. A long and hard battle will be needed to organize these new fields, a battle which the UMW sold-out leadership is unwilling to wage. Their loyalty to their capitalist bosses is shown by the fact that even in those few mines in which they have gained representation, they are signing contracts and shipping coal to the East, undermining the effectiveness of the present strike of UMW workers in the East.



However, despite the treachery of the union and despite opening of the highly unorganized fields, the coal miners will win their struggle and more there is a growing awakening in the ranks of the workers who are seeing through 'reformism' and are demanding militant workers' leaders. During the July wild-cat, in fact Charleston, Virginia district 17 voted to resign after he appeared on nationwide pleading with workers to leave their shot end the strike. Also, as capitalism develops its own grave. As more and more coal fields are more and more workers are incorporated into the centralized sector of industry which creates a potentially more conscious and revolutionary class struggle and the eventual overthrow of the capitalist class. So although in the short run Western fields represent an obstacle to the Eastern strike, we must not allow it to slacken our struggle because in the long run it represents a strengthening of the working class and the conditions for victory.

WORKERS CHALLENGE REPRESSION

As we mentioned above, the state has clearly represents the interests of the capitalist class by issuing restraining orders, approving the ban on strikes, etc., and especially by sending the forces to intimidate, arrest, beat and kill in defense of the mine-owners' profits. The role of the state in the capitalist system serve as a tool of the capitalist class to control the working class and to prevent it from overthrowing capitalist rule.

Just as the treachery of the bureaucrats and of non-union mining cannot stop the struggle, no repression can stop the workers' struggle. A victorious fighting spirit of the working class demonstrated historically and in fact the strike is but one example of it. To the orders not to picket at non-UMW mines, the workers responded by picketing non-UMW mines, despite highway patrolmen assigned to the mine areas. Miners from Ohio staged a caravan into Kenyon mine areas. And to the shipping of non-union workers have responded by forcing trucks to stop along the roadways. In Utah, among other things, leading to non-union mines was burned and have placed spiked boards on the roads. The continued rock-throwing and other violence between workers and company officials and pledges by sold-out union officials promising further violence.

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number of problems which we will examine they affect the struggle and what are its motives. These obstacles are 1 treachery of union bureaucrats, 2 non-union mining, 3 repression and 4 lack of revolutionary leadership and

UNION BUREAUCRATS

Attempts of Miller and his cronies to prevent the strike to postpone it, they have also helped to organize workers by claiming that it's impossible to win a strike, that it will only bring hardship and their families, that they will be denied health benefits as well as retirement pay. The use of the strike by doing this, they are serving the interests of their capitalist masters, whose profits are definitely increased by the strike and who are striving instead to increase their profits by making workers produce more and to bring about the cuts in the rotten system of union administration of health and pension. Miller's crew is responsible for entering the strike funds available for workers, which is an order on strikers who must face increased expenses.

Repression which adversely affects the rights of workers for their rights being agreed to by these negotiations, is his giving up the right to include in the contract the right to strike for local issues rather than rely on bureaucratic grievance procedures that are pre-empted to squash struggle and resolve nothing another way of undermining the workers' struggle and it clearly shows Miller to be square with the capitalists, not the workers he represents.

Miller, with giving up the locals' right to strike, the Miller leadership has also agreed to demand to be able to fire workers who picket other than their own or who try to spread their mines by rallying other workers not affected into sympathy strikes and picketing. A clear indication of exactly where Miller stands the interests of the workers, protecting their profits. The strength of the working class depends on its ability to unite and struggle for its rights. Sympathy strikes are a manifestation of workers' solidarity which is key to the workers' struggle and eventually to the victory of the revolution in this country. By undermining this way, Miller is well aware of the services he is bringing to his capitalist bosses. He is also making himself in the eyes of the workers

MINING

When the state stops production, workers are confronted with the fact that not all coal is mined by union members, there are still many coal mines operating. In the West, coal production is unionized in the US (as of 1974) and this prevents the total stop-production necessary for the complete success of the strike. The collusion of the state and the union leadership in restraining the workers from other mines, from engaging in sympathy strikes, from scabs, etc., are real obstacles to the workers. Also, the fact that many new coal fields have been opened up in the states west of the Mississippi are practically non-unionized, something which is undermining the coal workers' struggle. Mine owners are practically non-unionized, something which is undermining the coal workers' struggle. Mine owners to pay lower wages and to speed up production so that in some mines, like in Sharpy for example, owners claim that where in the past they get 15 tons per man-shift, they can get 150 tons. Because all of this increases the profits of the capitalists, the Western fields (which is mostly non-unionized) have been taking up a lot of the country's production. Last year 20% of coal produced came from the Western fields, while this year it is expected to increase. Capitalists are planning to increase coal production deal with the crisis and the Western fields to increase such productivity rapidly and a long and hard battle will be needed to win the new fields, a battle which the UMW sold-out leadership is unwilling to wage. Their loyalty to their capitalist bosses is shown by the fact that even in those areas which they have gained representation, they sell out contracts and shipping coal to the East, an indication of the ineffectiveness of the present strike of UMW in the East.



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As we mentioned above, the state has clearly shown that it represents the interests of the capitalists by signing restraining orders, approving the ban on sympathy strikes, etc., and especially by sending their repressive forces to intimidate, arrest, beat and kill the strikers in defense of the mine-owners' profits. This is precisely the role of the state in the capitalist society, to serve as a tool of the capitalist class to oppress the working class and to prevent it from overthrowing the capitalist rule.

Just as the treachery of the bureaucrats and the growth of non-union mining cannot stop the struggle of the miners, no repression can stop the workers' struggle. The invincible fighting spirit of the working class has been demonstrated historically and in fact the current strike is but one example of it. To the orders restraining miners from picketing at non-UMW mines, the workers have responded by picketing non-UMW mines, despite hundreds of highway patrolmen assigned to the mine areas. Recently, 100 miners from Ohio staged a caravan into Kentucky non-union mine areas. And to the shipping of non-union coal the workers have responded by forcing trucks to dump the coal along the roadways. In Utah, among other places, a bridge leading to non-union mines was burned and the workers have placed spiked boards on the roads. There has been continued rock-throwing and other violent confrontations between workers and company officials and scabs, despite pledges by sold-out union officials promising to prevent further violence.

The state and the union bureaucrats would like the workers to place the solution of their problems at their mercy on the negotiations table. But workers know that neither the state nor the bureaucrats have their interests at heart and that negotiations and grievance procedures are a sham designed to halt their struggle. These tactics used by the workers are thus correct and necessary and should be supported by all workers and progressive people. There is no other way in which the workers can fight for their rights and defend them against the reactionary violence and oppression of the capitalists. These tactics reflect the development of revolutionary armed struggle and the violent overthrow of the capitalist system that will give complete victory to the working class in our struggle for complete emancipation. They represent this consciousness in embryo, and of course, must be distinguished from individual terrorist acts of the petty-bourgeois forces in this country that accomplish nothing. There is no reactionary force that can stop the power of workers united as a class, conscious of its class interests and struggling as a class for its complete emancipation!

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In fact, we cannot build our new communist party unless we participate in these struggles, unless we start to give communist leadership to such struggles, so we can move forward towards the fusion of socialism with the working class movement.

The masses, who are the makers of history, are fighting as they always have and always will fight. These heroic battles are being fought by the working class spontaneously deprived of its general staff of its leading body that can make the working class conscious of its historical mission of liberating itself and at the same time liberating all oppressed people.

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COMMUNIST FORUM

"mass organization". The workers have received this fact with a good response although there remains some anti-communism

OUR ERRORS AND THEIR ROOTS

COREs (MLM) was late 2 months in getting involved in the Coors strike. Although our experience in strikes is limited, we saw that the importance of the strike demanded our participation. However, in joining the Support Coalition we were never able to allocate the proper cadre and the number of cadre to carry out the work.

Due to inexperience and petty-bourgeois tendencies, our written propaganda was not fully aimed at the workers and at times even appeared condescending. We do think that the line in the propaganda was correct and that the propaganda has improved through practice, study and sumup. We also failed to consult the workers on this propaganda prior to printing it. This would have been possible.

In moving to rectify our errors, we have attempted to systematize better our contacts with the workers. We are moving to reallocate cadre to concentrate better and we are working on independent actions with the workers in support of the strike. Given the correct conditions, we should be able to fulfill our tasks as communists.

There were good discussions and struggle with the more advanced strikers, such as on the bankruptcy of the bureaucrats, the economism of the Coalition, the need for a "non-peaceful" strike, etc. The line put forward to the strikers was consistently communist, but without the consistent organizational work, it was lacking. The main opportunists who were spending the time and effort to win over the workers, were able to sway them and temporarily discredit us.

COREs (MLM) sees our continuing tasks as winning over the advanced among the workers; propaganda to expose the incorrect leadership; doing exposures of the State; building independent, politically sound support actions, linking the struggle to other struggles, rallying physical support for the strikers' actions, as well as deepening our grasp of communist work in guiding the workers against the bureaucrats.

The Coors Strikers have shown their ability to prevent opportunism from disintegrating their ranks. Their struggle at this time is a positive example for all working and oppressed people in the U.S. The definitely political character to this struggle and its potential for victory would be a blow to the more reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie and a blow for the proletarian struggle that is beginning to assume wider and wider proportions in this country.

**SUPPORT THE DEMANDS OF THE COORS STRIKERS AND STRENGTHEN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM!
DOWN WITH COORS AND ALL OTHER REACTIONARIES' FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR ALL WORKERS & OPPRESSED NATIONALITIES AND WOMEN!
ISOLATE ALL WHO DEVIATE THE STRIKERS FROM VICTORY AND LONG LIVE THE COORS STRIKERS'**

In Vol 8, #7 of RESISTANCE, we printed an article about the Coors strike. In this issue, we are taking sections from a pamphlet published by the Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (M-L-M) which sums up the work they carried out in that struggle. In the excerpts we do not try to present the total view of COREs in any of the fundamental questions that are dealt with in the sum-up. We decided to present instead a brief selection from the different sections of the pamphlet in order that our readers get an over-all view of the scope and

direction of our comrades' sum-up and its importance as a concrete example of a genuine attempt to integrate the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism Mao Tse-tung Thought to the concrete conditions facing the US workers' and communist movements

LPR-ML has unity with the fundamental thrust of the sum-up and considers its publication by the comrades of COREs a valuable contribution that should be studied and criticized. In order that we can all learn from both the correct work and the mistakes made by COREs in the course of their work in the strike

On the Coors Strike

This strike is significant in this area of the country for several reasons. Coors is the largest private employer in Colorado and in the forefront of the most reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie. Also, the workers have fought for over 40 years to gain just their minimal rights. And the political character of the strike (the defense of democratic rights) above all makes this a crucial battleground in the struggle for socialism.

The Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (COREs) M-L-M has supported the Coors strikers in this defense of their democratic rights. We especially support their demands for a union shop, no polygraph tests of employees, protection of seniority rights (in layoffs, shift assignments, recall from layoff, for plant-wide seniority, etc.) and the right of workers to exercise their right to freedom of assembly and speech off the job (such as participating in demonstrations, not crossing picket lines, etc.) It is the company's reactionary position on these demands which sparked the struggle and forced the workers into the strike.

Coors beer has historically been identified by Chicanos, Blacks, some unions and progressive people as a product to be boycotted since it is owned by one of the most politically reactionary elements in this area.

UNION LOCAL BUREAUCRATS' REFORMIST LINE

The bureaucrats' line is typical of the labor aristocracy in the U.S. It is reflected in their strategy and tactics for this strike.

- 1) Economism - They have spread anti-communism and tried to keep political ideas and discussion from the workers. They have not "allowed" leafleting of the workers.
- 2) Anti-democracy - They have maintained control from the top, trying to prevent the formation of a politically conscious, organized rank & file organization.
- 3) Reformism - They have consistently confined and channeled the struggle into the courts, the NLRB and the boycott.
- 4) Pacifism - They prepared the workers for a boycott but not for a strike and have tried to keep the workers' militancy in check by proclaiming this a "peaceful" strike. No picket sticks are allowed at the demonstrations and pickets.

ANALYSIS OF THE FORCES

CP (ML) - Vanguard of Anti-Communism

The right opportunist line of the CP (OL) is at the heart of their defeat. They did not expect to be exposed. They had built up so-called tactical unity with certain bureaucrats but ignored the task of identifying and winning over the more advanced strikers. If it was time already to call for the ouster of the bureaucrats, then it was long past time to break the "tactical" unity with the bureaucrats. In fact, this tactical unity was class collaboration.

CPUSA - Tailing the Bureaucrats

It is the CPUSA who provided the machinery and leadership to turn a correct secondary task incorrectly into a primary tactic.

The CPUSA has been a lifesaver for the bureaucrats. Without their work, without the "left" cover that they use to hide their reformism, without them the more advanced workers could long ago have overturned the bureaucrats' line and strategy.

They tried to lead the drive to put an end to political struggle and exposures.

RCP - In the Shadow of the CPUSA

The Revolutionary Communist Party, like the CP (OL), has done its own share of bourgeois maneuvering with the workers. They have disrupted the workers' discussions to try to mobilize them to RCP events.

WVO - The Overall Most Correct Absence

Although WVO sympathizers and spokespeople have been hanging around the union hall for many months now, nearly no one knows this.

NWLF - Trotskyite Provocateurs

Complementing the right opportunism, building support for Coors and helping the State to smash the strike is the so-called New World Liberation Front. Their attempted bombings of Coors distributors are typical of the individualistic terrorism of the petty-bourgeois. Their actions, alongside the negative actions of the bureaucrats, have turned the militancy of the strikers into individual actions against the company as opposed to organized, mass actions or militant actions by the strikers.

The Eclectics have likewise encouraged the workers to take individual terrorist actions while ignoring the possibility of mass revolutionary action by the rank & file.

WOMEN STRIKERS - Struggling Against Male Chauvinism

Coors' chauvinism is not limited to national chauvinism. Up until 1974 there were no women workers in the plant. As the strike has intensified, the more advanced women workers came to the forefront and attempted to share in the responsibility of leading the struggle. Male chauvinism did not stop them.

Within the Coalition, the opportunists showed their true intentions regarding the woman question. Child care was either ignored or fought against by nearly all the opportunists. Bourgeois feminism emerged for a time by the attempted splitting of the women supporters from the male supporters. A special contribution (from a feminist group) to the Coalition had a stipulation that the women in the Coalition had to decide how the money was to be spent. This encouraged not female leadership, but splitting the women from the men. The attempt was thwarted by the more conscious women.

COREs LINE - Win Over the Advanced to Seize the Union and Lead the Strike to Victory

We have not hidden the fact that we are communists as the CP (OL), RCP, WVO and CPUSA have done, using the guise of some

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Free All Philippine Political Prisoners



After the first imperialist war of redivision of the world, the Spanish-American War of 1898, US imperialism won from Spain the former Spanish colonies of Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam As a consequence, the US emerges in the world scene as a powerful imperialist state, consolidating itself in the following years as the biggest exploiter of the peoples of the world.

Although granted sham independence on July 4, 1946, the Philippines continue to this very day to be a neo-colony of the US held under its political and economic control, and occupied by its military bases. The US government sends tens of millions of dollars just in military aid to the fascist Marcos regime, a puppet of the US, to keep this dictatorship from crumbling in the face of mounting resistance by the courageous Philippine people. The US extracts huge superprofits through its export of capital to this neo-colony and the super-exploitation of the Filipino workers. These superprofits are in turn used to bribe the labor bureaucrats here. Labor bureaucrats in the US are paid off with the superprofits from the colonies and neo-colonies in order to keep workers here in line. Recently, Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers, for example, served as a loyal international puppet of US imperialism by travelling to the Philippines to accept an award from Marcos and praised the Marcos regime and all the supposed achievements it has made for the trade union movement, thus helping the US-Marcos dictatorship cover itself with a democratic mask.

US imperialism has created grave social problems in the Philippines that can only be resolved with complete independence. The peasants for example are being driven off their land to give way for US investments and they are forced to emigrate and end up in the US only to face the same oppressive conditions as at home in addition to the discrimination and national oppression suffered by other national minorities who like the Filipino have had to abandon their occupied homelands. An example of this is the recent case of the two Filipino nurses, Narciso and Perez, who were framed and convicted for the deaths of patients in the critically understaffed Veterans Hospital of Ann Arbor Michigan. These nurses had been active in a campaign for better health care and in exposing an excessive amount of patient deaths in the hospital and were singled out by the hospital administration who blamed the deaths on them. After a lot of mass struggle for their release, Narciso and Perez have been granted a new trial and we must continue the struggle for their complete freedom and against the national oppression of Filipinos in the US.

Two major US bases in the Philippines occupy 131,000 and 62,000 acres of land at the Clark Air

Base and Subic Bay Naval Base respectively. These bases help to suppress the Philippine revolution and to police strategic areas of Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean. Further, according to a Nov 27, NY Times report, the US is not only planning to maintain its military presence in the Philippines, despite growing opposition, but it is also working on an agreement that would establish an even closer security relationship with the Philippines and which would further increase repression against the Filipino masses. This is part of the military build-up and war preparations of the US and an intensification of repression in the Philippines.

The fascist Marcos regime has maintained the country under martial law for over five years. The economy is in a state of disaster, with the foreign debt reaching \$5.5 billion last year. Besides conditions of starvation and unemployment it keeps the labor movement under constant harassment, banning all strikes and labor organizations, eliminating all democratic rights. The Filipino workers, peasants, students and oppressed masses have consistently resisted the US Marcos dictatorship. Tens of thousands of political prisoners fill the jails and torture chambers of the regime. But this has not been enough to deter the fighting spirit of the masses. Led by its vanguard the Communist Party of the Philippines, they are waging a heroic national liberation war.

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) led by its chairman Amado Guerrero (Jose Maria Sison) has gained important victories and mass following among the Filipino people which has made it a threat for the 'stability' of the Marcos regime. The CPP was reconstituted in 1969 after a movement of rectification and repudiation of the revisionist line of "peaceful transition to socialism", "peaceful coexistence" with the Marcos regime, etc. The party (PKP) held these bankrupt lines peddled by the Soviet social-imperialists, who are still trying unsuccessfully to infiltrate and split the Filipino liberation movement in their contention with the US imperialists in that area. The CPP correctly upholds that only through armed people's war along the road of new democracy can the Philippine revolution be carried out successfully to the end.

By exercising correct leadership in its New People's Army, which is waging armed struggle in the countryside, and over the National Democratic Front, the CPP has won the love and respect of the Filipino people on the one hand, and the hatred and persecution by the Marcos regime on the other. In 1976, 14 party leaders were arrested in a fruitless attempt to behead the party and eliminate it. This of course did not work as the party redoubled its efforts and continued to lead the masses in the struggle against imperialism.

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On November 10, 1977, the regime arrested Guerrero the chairman of the CPP in another attempt to eliminate the Party. And on November 25 they announced that three more political prisoners, Comandante Dante, Victor Corpus of the NPA, and a democratic element Benigno Aquino, have been tried by a military court and sentenced to death by a firing squad. Wives and children of revolutionaries are also being illegally held in the hopes of deterring in this way the struggle of the revolutionaries. But Marcos himself had to publicly admit that "The party is temporarily crippled but I believe it will revive as such movements usually do." This is true. There is no amount of repression that can stop the irresistible trend of "countries want independence, nations want liberation and the people want revolution." In fact, such repression has only led the Philippine revolution forward with increased resistance and struggle.

The Philippines are part of the third world, the great force which is dealing heavy blows at imperialism today. By building its vanguard communist party, a people's army and a united front, the Filipino revolutionaries have demonstrated that they are in the forefront of this struggle against imperialism and their perspectives for victory are certainly bright.

Our tasks as communists in the US and as a progressive and revolutionary-minded people towards the Philippine revolution is to actively support their struggle for national liberation and demand the ouster of US imperialism from Philippine territory. We also resolutely condemn the recent wave of repression against the revolutionary movement, in particular the CPP, the death sentences of political prisoners, the arrest of Amado Guerrero, along with other party leaders, the repression against the labor movement, peasants and students, against national minorities who are struggling for self-determination and against the Filipino masses in general.

JOIN US IN DEMANDING THE FREEDOM OF THE LEADERS OF THE CPP AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

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DEFEAT US-SADAT PLAN

UNITY OF THE PALESTINIAN AND THE ARAB PEOPLES TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ISRAELI AGGRESSOR

No Arab state has recognized Israel until Sadat's treason. Despite their political, economic and religious differences, the Arab peoples, nations and states have been able to maintain a common front against the Israeli aggressor. Attempts in the past by King Hussein of Jordan and Faisal of Saudi Arabia to break the unity of the Arab people against the Zionists have encountered the militant opposition of the great majority of Arab people. Now, this unity is being threatened by Sadat's treason. The division of the Arab states and peoples only facilitates the work of intervention, wrecking and splitting of the two superpowers and strengthens the common enemy of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and nations: Zionist Israel and the two superpowers.

"NO WAR, NO PEACE"--THE POLICY OF THE SUPERPOWERS

In their fight for world hegemony, both superpowers try to control this area of strategic economic importance. Whose planes, submarines, industries, etc., are going to keep running on Arab oil is a question of utmost importance to US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. At this time, the US has the upper hand in that area, and the state of Israel is its direct representative. The US has also great control over Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The USSR, on the other hand, has penetrated the region under the false pretense of supporting the struggle of the Palestinian and Arab people against Israeli aggression. They have provided some weapons and military advisors to Egypt and other Arab states, as well as to the Palestine Liberation Organization. But these weapons have not been enough, nor

of the quality needed to fight against Israel. They are just a token to win hegemony and at the same time avoid a direct war between Israel and those Arab states.

Neither the US nor the USSR want a war between Israel and the Arab states at this moment. Neither of them is sure that such a war will result in a victory of those forces under their control. On the other hand, they don't want peace either.

Peace in the Middle East, real peace, will mean both construction of a free and independent Palestinian state--which both superpowers oppose because it poses a threat to their hegemonistic plans--as well as the destruction of the Zionist state of Israel. We don't know what form the present state of Israel will take, but the fact is that as a Zionist state, Israel has no right to exist. (That is not to say that the Jews, Palestinians and other people who now live in Israel don't have the right to continue living in that region in a free and democratic state.) Both superpowers oppose this as well. It is in the interest of both the US imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists to have a tense situation in the Middle East, a continuous armed conflict, without reaching direct armed confrontation, war between the different states.

SUPERPOWERS COLLUDE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Given the particularities of the situation in the Middle East, the superpowers not only contend with each other, but they also collude (unite). The Geneva Conference, pushed by the two superpowers and which they co-chair, as the way to 'solve' the differences in this region is a clear example of this collusion. The US with one hand sends all kinds of military equipment to Israel and with the other also sends military equipment to Saudi Arabia and Egypt and puts pressure on both sides in order that no war is carried out among them. The USSR sells weapons to the Arab states but only sells

them certain kinds of weapons, and stipulates that those weapons will not be used for the purpose of recovering the territories lost to Israel, denies on many occasions spare parts and ammunition for the weapons previously delivered and puts as a conditions that only USSR military personnel, can use the arms delivered (this was the case with planes sold in 1973 to Egypt).

THE MAIN ISSUE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The crux (the most important aspect) of the Middle East question is the Palestinian question. The Palestinians have legitimate claim to vast parts of the region today occupied by Israel. Any solution in the Middle East has to have as its base the recognition of the right of the Palestinians to have their own free and independent country. The only organization that can speak for the Palestinians is their genuine representative the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). This united front of different revolutionary and patriotic Palestinian organizations have expressed many times the willingness of the Palestinian people to negotiate a principled peace that recognizes its national interest. The PLO also has expressed both in words and in deeds the determination of the Palestinian people to fight to the end for their rights, their freedom, their homeland. Sadat is willing to negotiate peace with Israel at the cost of the national rights of the Palestinian people. But there is nothing that can be sealed in a negotiation table which the struggle of the masses can not overturn. And Sadat's peace with Israel will just make him part of the enemy which the Palestinian freedom fighters have to fight against for their freedom.

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neo-colonial scheme was presented in March 1972 by King Hussein of Jordan and was opposed by the PLO and all the Arab states including Egypt. Short memory that of these lackeys of imperialism

SADAT'S PLAN WILL GO TO THE SAME GARBAGE CAN AS ITS PREDECESSOR THE HUSSEIN PLAN

In 1972 King Hussein came with a plan, in reality developed by Vice-Premier of Israel Meiron in 1968, calling for the creation of a "United Arab Kingdom". According to this plan, the East and West bank of the Jordan River will constitute a kingdom with Hussein as its King. The federation of Jordan and Palestinian would have strangled the struggle of the Palestine people against the Israeli aggressors and at the same time broken the unity of the Arab people against the common enemy. The plan never became a reality due to the militant struggle of the Palestinians and the support of the Arab countries. Although Hussein has made some timid attacks of Sadat's visit to Israel and his plan for a separate peace, it is clear that the offer of US imperialism of more military aid can entice him to go back to his old dreams of becoming king of the Palestinian people. But his dreams will not come true. The heroic struggle of the Palestinian masses will make it impossible.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS REASONS TO OPPOSE SADAT'S PLAN

The Soviet social-imperialists have come out attacking the Sadat plan. But in doing this, they are not defending the best interests of the Palestinian people in any way, rather they are looking for a more propitious way to benefit from the sell-out of the Palestinian cause. The Soviet press centers its attack on the fact that Sadat is negotiating alone rather than on the premises of the negotiations. Brezhnev made clear that the "Soviet Union will not go to a Geneva Conference to rubber-stamp agreements made in other places" (Pravda). In other words the Soviet Union wants the negotiations to be made at Geneva and in their presence. This is in the last analysis, the same thing. Either way it will be the superpowers and/or their lackeys the ones that will be negotiating the destiny of the Palestinian people. The hegemonistic plans of the Soviet Union in the Middle East have suffered a series of set-backs, including the loss of the power they had as co-chair of the Geneva Conference. Besides this, it is their old partner and former ally Sadat who is calling the dice. The same man who only 10 months ago was their trump card in the region. This puts the Soviet social-imperialists to ridicule. But they are not going to give up without a fight.

SADAT'S RIFT WITH THE SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS TWO ASPECTS

Recently, President Sadat announced the decision of his government to put an end to a 15 year treaty with the Soviet Union that was signed in 1971. He ordered the immediate withdrawal of all Soviet military personnel from Egypt and also ordered the reduction of their diplomatic representatives. Sadat's decision was one that objectively weakened Soviet social-imperialism and as such was praised by genuine Marxist-Leninists and revolutionaries the world over. We all know that Soviet social-imperialist military aid to third world countries is just a way to initiate the neo-colonial control of those countries. With their weapons come their military advisers, their economists that are such experts in the 'non-capitalist road of development' and 'peaceful transition to socialism' (like in Chile). Definitely, it is positive when a government for whatever reasons decides to expel the Soviet renegades from their soil. But our support for the governments that take these positions have to be conditional. We support them as long as they fight superpower hegemonism, imperialism. We oppose them when they stop fighting superpower hegemonism and imperialism, when they are objectively strengthening one or the other superpowers with their actions. Yesterday Sadat won our applause by his position against Soviet social-imperialism. Today, he wins our condemnation as a traitor to the just cause of the Palestinian and the Arab people.

OPPORTUNISTS USE SADAT TO ATTACK THE THREE WORLD THESIS

Many opportunists, who have shown in practice that they have no concern for the just struggle of the

Palestinian people, are trying to use Sadat's treason as a springboard to attack the Three World Thesis. According to them, saying that the third world is the principal force fighting imperialism and superpower hegemonism is equivalent to giving a blank check to all the governments of the third world countries. According to this distortion of the Three World Thesis, we have to support whatever a third world country's government does without any questions. The method used by these opportunists is that of creating a 'straw man' which they can easily attack by quoting the teachers out of context. Opportunists like the so-called Central Organization of US Marxist-Leninists, The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee and the "Genuine Wing", all of which have been neo-trotskyites long before deciding to openly attack the Communist Party of China, the Three World Thesis and Mao Tse-tung Thought, are the main proponents in the US of the line of only the two camps, only the proletariat, only the contradiction between socialism and imperialism, etc.

For them it is of no significance that the strategic concept of the three worlds orients us in this historical period in which the main enemy of the world's peoples are the two superpowers, against both of which we have to organize a United Front of all the forces that can be united (all the forces that can be united is a Marxist-Leninist proposition for the United Front as opposed to the trotskyite conception of uniting only the genuine forces). In a period in which the main contradiction is between imperialism, especially the two superpowers, on the one hand, and the oppressed peoples and nations of the third world, on the other, a line that calls every action of a bourgeois government in the third world, and in the second world as well, reactionary without taking into consideration if concretely this action weakens or strengthens imperialism is pure trotskyism. The same goes for those who attempt to reduce everything to motives--President so and so does this because he was thinking about that, etc., etc. The fundamental question we repeat again is whether or not it weakens imperialism. Sadat's actions in kicking out Soviet social-imperialism from Egypt was weakening the USSR and was positive. His role in the Middle East now is strengthening US imperialism and thus it's negative.

THE UNITED FRONT IS A UNITY OF OPPOSITES UNITY AND STRUGGLE

This is a dialectical view of the United Front--the unity of opposites unity and struggle. Raising only the aspect of struggle, like the above-mentioned opportunists do, is to liquidate in fact the United Front against the two superpowers from the the "left". This incorrect line, although upheld by some honest comrades nationally and internationally, comrades that have to be struggled with from the standpoint of unity-struggle-unity in order to win them over to the correct strategic view of the present world situation, is also upheld by Trotskyites and neo-Trotskyites the world over. In the US it has been precisely those who fanatically mentioned Mao Tse-tung Thought every three words, those like COUSML who upheld for a long time the Lin Piao line that "Mao Tse-tung Thought is a new era" (without ever making self-criticism), who are today the champions of the 'two camps'. These forces, isolated both from the workers and the communist movement are trying to win some following by making a self-proclamation that they are the genuine representatives in the US of their mystical 'socialist camp'.

GUARD AGAINST THE RIGHT DEVIATION ON THIS QUESTION

Liquidating the aspect of struggle in the United Front and only raising the unity aspect is a right error. Although some honest comrades in the US and internationally are committing this error, there exists a very definite social-chauvinist trend in this country which under the cover of upholding the Three World Thesis are in reality carrying out a line of class collaboration with the US imperialist bourgeoisie. The main proponents of this line is the Communist Party of the October League, which among other things calls for the arming of NATO by US imperialism, criticizes President Carter for not building the B-1 Bomber and the neutron bomb, etc. These opportunist defenders of the Three World Thesis raise the fact that the national bourgeoisie of the second world countries have contradictions with the superpowers to an absolute and liquidate the fact that those same bourgeoisies oppress third world nations and peoples as well as their own working classes. They have the view of "all unity-no struggle" on the national bourgeoisie of the third world countries. This is why in situations such as the one we are discussing--Sadat's treason of the Palestinian and Arab peoples, Sadat's alliance with US imperialism--they keep a 'tactical silence' on the question. (In so far as their line on the international situation is concerned, there's no qualitative difference whatsoever between the lines of the CP-OL, the right opportunist ATM and the comrades of RCL-MLM. A reading of their respective newspapers clearly shows that growing unity.)

GO FROM THE GENERAL TO THE SPECIFIC AND FROM THE SPECIFIC TO THE GENERAL

Overall, when we look at it as a whole, the third

world is in fact the main force in the struggle against imperialism, superpower hegemonism, etc. This cannot be understood to mean that at all times and everywhere each individual component of the third world is in fact fighting against, and not allying with one or the other superpower. We cannot make the Three World Thesis a dead dogma, but a guide to action. It's not a matter of reciting formulas, of gathering a lot of quotes from the publications of the Chinese comrades (especially Peking Review) and call that "our analysis of the international situation. Marxism-Leninism Mao Tse-tung Thought teaches us that every question has to be analyzed in its specifics. "Time, place and conditions" said Stalin thousands of times, "concrete analysis of concrete conditions" is the soul of the science of revolution. Failure to do this due to opportunism as in the case of the October League is making the right error of seeing the third world as something homogeneous, without classes and class struggle. And this is a great distortion of the correct of the three worlds put forward by our Chinese comrades. (For more on this question see Peking Review #45-Chairman Mao's Theory of the Three World is a Major Contribution to Marxism-Leninism, Resistance, Vol. 8, #10-LPR Views on the International Situation, Resistance, vol. 8 #9 Against a Social-Chauvinist Trend.)

Both the "lefts" in order to attack it, and the rights in 'defending' it, distort the essence of the Third World Thesis. On the question under analysis, the "lefts" reason in this way "Sadat is president of a so-called third world country. He is playing a counterrevolutionary role in his dealings with Israel. The proponents of the 'three world thesis' uphold that the 'third world' is the main force in the struggle against imperialism. Therefore, the 'three world thesis' leads us to the support of reactionary governments. This is in a nutshell the line of reasoning the "lefts" (both the opportunists as well as the honest but confused comrades that uphold that line). They start from one specific phenomena, Sadat's collaboration with US imperialism and raise it to the general 'third world' is part of the imperialist camp. The right opportunist of the October League-CP kind, are not different at all in their line of reasoning. As we said earlier they start from the general the third world is progressive and they extend it to the specific--an example of this was their refusal to oppose the Shah of Iran and his repression of the Iranian people. "Lefts" and rights are not two antagonistic poles, but are united on the same metaphysical views, the same bourgeois logic--both lead to the liquidation of the revolution.

OPPOSE SADAT'S PLAN, SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

In their struggle against the Zionist aggressors and the maneuvers and intervention of both superpowers, the Palestinian people have to depend first and foremost on their own forces. Only the armed struggle of the heroic Palestinian masses will win them their homeland and their exercise of the right to self-determination. In this struggle the Palestinians can count on the support of their Arab brothers and sisters, the socialist countries, the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples and countries of the third world (the three great currents of our times). The irresistible trend of Countries want independence, nations want liberation and the people want revolution is marching forward in the Middle East.

OPPOSITION TO SADAT'S PLAN IS GROWING

Many Arab states as well as the PLO have attacked Sadat's policy and called for the continuation of the struggle against Israel's aggression, for the right to their homeland and self-determination for the Palestinian people. Recently a rally was organized by the PLO in Beirut. More than 10,000 people attended this rally, the largest ever for the PLO. It's good to remember that this was not a rally attended by people who just want to hear what this or that organization has to say, but a rally attended mainly by freedom fighters interested in continuing their life and death struggle for freedom. Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO, pointed out that "Say firmly to Carter and all his agents in the Arab world, if you think you can force anything on the Palestinian revolution, you're wrong. When Carter says no to an independent Palestinian state, I answer there will be no stability." And quoting former president of Egypt Gamal Abdel Nasser, he said "We're not calling for war but we are finding out that the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser was right when he said 'What was taken by force must be got back by force'" (NY Times, January 2, 1977). Definitely it's true that what was taken by force will have to be taken back by force. Chairman Mao said a long time before Nasser "Political power grows out of a barrel of a gun." The guns of the Palestinian people will one day soon put an end to the barbaric Zionist domination of their homeland and a free and independent Palestinian state will come into being.

LONG LIVE THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE! LONG LIVE THE PLO!

DOWN WITH BOTH SUPERPOWERS! DOWN WITH SADAT'S SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL!

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM, FEUDALISM, ZIONISM AND ALL REACTION!