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of Saigon Sept. 16. The battle was between battalion-sized forces. Heads, cut from men killed in engagement, were suspended by the ears to be carried off as trophies. This picture was made by U.S. Marine Sgt. Steve Stibbins."

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# CUBA

## SEEN BY AN ONTARIO STUDENT

BY MICHAEL BROWN

In April of this year, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee circulated pamphlets and application forms. These forms were for a student tour of Cuba which would be completely financed by the Cuban government. I was puzzled over the Cuban situation and the best way to learn the truth was to study it first-hand. I filled out the application and was accepted.



•Students arrive at the José Martí Airport.

The purpose of the tour was to better Cuban-Canadian relations and to give Canadians a view of the other side of the story. The only request made by the Cubans was that we tell the truth about Cuba. This is what I saw and learned.

### Cuba Reverts to Industry

Cuba is and always has been one of the world's leading producers of sugar. In 1959, Cuba had a one crop economy, sugar. The livelihood of the whole nation depended on that sugar-cane. If the crop failed, the Cuban farmer would starve. This was a situation that had to be changed. The revolutionary government undertook a program of industrialization and with foreign aid, factories have, and are being built.

In Santa Clara, a tool and dye factory has been built. It is equipped with all the latest in machinery and is producing spare parts for Cuba's heavy industry and sugar mills. These parts used to be purchased from the U. S. A.

Also in Santa Clara is a Czechoslovakian

equipped refrigerator, stove and pressure cooker factory. These are 8 cu. ft. model refrigerators that are being sold in Cuba and all over the world at reasonable prices.

At Saga de Isabella in Los Villas is the only spark plug factory in Latin America. This factory also Czechoslovakian equipped, produces all the spark plugs for Cuban consumption for both American and other vehicles. In Santiago de Cuba, a Thermo electric plant is under cosy construction. This is a Soviet designed and built plant which will provide all the Oriente provinces with electricity for today and future use.

New plants have been built but the old ones have been modernized. This provides the maximum production and efficiency. These are only a few of the vast industrial reforms sweeping Cuba. In this respect Cuba will be prepared for the future.

### Agricultural Reforms

The majority of the Cuban land was previously held by large landowners and companies such as the United Fruit Company. Only in a few cases was the land owned by the farmers. After the revolution, this land was dispensed among small farmers. The farmers then turned their farms into



•Voluntary work at "Los Pinos" People's Farm in Pinar del Rio.

co-operatives. These co-operatives in turn became state farms. The farmer is given a home to live in, a salary, and he also has benefits of community life such as free schooling and social life. But the farmers who originally owned land did not



have to sell their land and 30% of the farms in Cuba still have private ownership, and have not been turned into state farms.

Mechanization is now sweeping Cuban agriculture. Before 1959 there were no harvesting machines and now rice, corn and sugar-cane harvesters are used. They have 200 sugar-cane harvesters and by the end of the year, there will be 300 more and by next year there will be an additional 600. Fourteen hundred 30 H. P. tractors have been purchased from Bulgaria this year. In 1965, another 600 will be put into use.



• A visit at the Experimental Farm of the Central University, Santa Clara.

Only 5% of Cuban farmers and country inhabitants ever ate meat before the revolution. Now they all receive rations of meat each week.

Cuba now has 5,000 head of beef cattle from Canada and is planning to enlarge its supply to 20,000.

Milk once used to be found only in the cities. Now all the children receive a ration of milk per day. Fidel Castro has said that Cuba will have over one million head of dairy cattle.

### Social Reforms

The Justice System of Cuba has had a reform. The Court provides a lawyer free to the accused if he wishes or he may have a lawyer of his own choice. There are never trials without a defence. The lawyer system has not been tampered with by the revolutionary government.

There are restrictions to those who want to be lawyers:

(a) A lawyer cannot be a millionaire. He receives a salary and gains all the material and social benefits of the society. This is because a lawyer is only a worker in his own field and is no better than a construction worker or a machinist.

(b) A lawyer must be a good lawyer. He must be from the working class. Before

they were the Rich and represented the Rich. Many lawyers before were ignorant. the most ignorant were the most famous.

Rent on homes and apartments is 10% of the worker's salary. After twenty years, the worker owns the dwelling. If the tenant pays enough for twenty years ahead of time he owns the house or apartment too.

When a worker is off work due to illness or an accident, he receives 50% of his wages, if in the hospital and 75% if he is at home.

Unemployment has been wiped out and still there are shortages of help in many fields of employment.

It must be stressed that contrary to American newspaper reports, the Cuban people are not held captive. Fidel has said that if the U. S. A. is so worried about these captive people, why not send a hundred ships to take them away. The U. S. A. has put a quota on the number of Cuban immigrants that may enter the U. S. A. As far as the Cuban government is concerned, all those who want to leave first have to obtain visas, the correct papers and airplane tickets, then they can leave.

Cubans are not starving. Yes, there are rations of meat and milk but Cuba is at war with the United States and rations were imposed upon Canada during the last World War. Even before the revolution, the majority of the Cuban people lacked milk, meat and proper foodstuff. Only the rich could afford to eat well before.

The support for Castro's government is high and is rising. The people have enough arms to oust his regime if they desire to do so. This deflates the lies spread by the U. S. A. propaganda machines.

These facts I have pointed out are only a few of the many wonderful things happening to Cuba. It must be realized that it has only been five years since the revolutionary government has been in power. In these five years, Cuba has had to beat off American-backed invaders of Playa Giron. She had to destroy the mercenary killer bands in the Sierra Maestra and guard herself against saboteurs, and endure an economic blockade thrown around the island by the United States. All these and more have been overcome to produce the first socialist revolution in the Americas. VIVA CUBA!



# A SUGGESTED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The B. C. Legislature is about to meet in session to provide us with our annual ration of "democracy". If past history is any criterion the current production of the yearly gab-fest is very unlikely to provide anything in the way of solutions to the basic problems that beset our province and its long-suffering people.

We fully expect that our "free enterprise" government will once again open a New Years bag of goodies for their capitalist friends and partners, but little, if anything, for the real builders of the Province.

We are not optimistic about the possibility of a legislative program that will put a stop to the give-away of our natural resources or propose the enactment of legislation that will provide for the welfare of the underpaid and overtaxed common people. Such legislation can hardly be expected short of a fundamental change in the class nature of the government.

It is necessary, however, that we start the battle for progress from the point at which we now stand and under the conditions that now exist. The workers of this Province -- in both town and countryside -- need to start hammering on the oak doors of the Victoria gas chamber, loudly demanding the enactment of a legislative program directed toward providing for some of the basic needs of the people. With this in mind, we propose the following minimum program as a short step in that direction:

## Labour:

A maximum 35-hour work week and a minimum rate of \$2.30 per hour.

3 weeks minimum vacation with pay regardless of length of service.

Government employees to have the right to organize and enter into collective bargaining with their employer - the Provincial government.

Prohibit the use of injunctions and unlawful assembly charges against workers on picket lines.

No restrictions on secondary boycotts and picketing of retail outlets. Such restrictions only serve to handcuff labour in dispute with employers.

Prohibit employers from hiring new employees during the period a labour dispute is in progress. All hiring to be suspended until dispute is settled.

No employee to be discharged from employment during the period a union organizing campaign is in progress in the plant.

Prohibit employer litigation for the recovery of earnings lost as a result of strike action.

Strike votes to be the exclusive property of the Union and free from interference or supervision on the part of government or employer.

Workers to have freedom to strike anytime they deem it advisable and necessary.

Compensation for injury during employment to be raised to 100% of earnings.

No compulsory arbitration.

## Social Security and Welfare

A comprehensive medical plan to cover doctor, hospitalization, ambulance, dental care, eyeglasses, drugs and to provide artificial limbs, hearing aids and other aids needed by handicapped persons.

Provision for a province-wide sick benefit plan to cover periods of illness where a wage earner is involved.

Pensions for the aged to begin at 65 for men and 60 for women, and for widows, and the handicapped of not less than \$200.00 per month for a man and wife with extra allowances for additional dependents.

A construction programme to provide a minimum of 25,000 low rental housing units in the next five years.

The present social assistance set-up is destructive to the human dignity of everyone who comes in contact with it. It should be completely abolished. In place of this, we should have a comprehensive programme of necessary public works at trade union wages and conditions to provide employment for all able and willing to work. For those unable to work, there should be pensions provided sufficient to give a decent standard of life and without the petty snooping that is the trade mark of social assistance.

## Education

Speed up the university construction programme.

Rapid expansion of facilities for all grades of education - primary, secondary, technical and vocational.

Expansion of teacher training with inducements to attract capable and qualified people to this important area of endeavour.



Education - up to, and including university, and all necessary text books, to be free and available to all who show desire and aptitude.

Living allowance to be paid to those attending higher institutes of learning, provided they maintain a specified minimum standard of marks.

#### Public Utilities and Natural Resources

Confiscate B. C. Telephone assets and operate as a public concern.

(NOTE: We consider compensation for this public utility unnecessary as the subscribers have paid its full value many times over. The last programme of expansion was financed by means of an increase in rates. The programme is completed and paid for, but the subscribers are still paying exorbitant rates and own nothing.)

Cease making payments to the former owners of B. C. Electric. This utility has been more than paid for. Make a more equitable adjustment of rate differentials between industry and private consumer and institute drastic cuts in the rates for home consumption.

Operate a sensible public transit system as part of B. C. Hydro operations with fares not to exceed ten cents. This would seem to be a more sensible suggestion than those which lead to further increases in urban automobile traffic and ultimate expenditure of hundreds of millions on traffic routes and parking facilities. (Not to mention the attendant benefits in health and longer life for many of our citizens.)

No sale or rental of our water resources that in any way endangers the future development of the Province.

When a company, such as Anaconda at Britannia, ceases to operate a mineral claim, it should be taken over as public property together with all buildings and machinery.

Stop issuing of tree farm licenses and revoke those now held by the large monopolies who are denuding our forest lands as a means of making a fast buck. Establish publicly-owned corporations for the purpose of developing our forest lands in the interests of the people of this, and future generations.

#### Agriculture

Promote and assist farmer and consumer co-ops to insure a fair return to the farmer and low prices for the consumer.

Stop the sub-dividing and black-topping of our limited area of good agricultural land. When such land is put on market for sale as sub-division, the government should take it over at a fair price to former owner. Land for housing developments should be acquired in areas unsuitable for agricultural purposes.

Generous assistance to be given in land, finances, seed, stock and machinery, to qualified persons who desire to start farming in undeveloped or underdeveloped areas, with special consideration to groups wishing to start agricultural co-ops.

Special consideration to be given to those farming in areas requiring expensive irrigation systems or greater than average amounts of fertilizer.

Government to underwrite cost of roads, communications and hydro installations into remote areas where there are healthy signs of farming communities developing.

#### Insurance

All insurance, auto, fire, life, accident, etc. to be taken over from private companies and operated as a provincial scheme at cost.

#### Civil Rights

A bill of rights that states clearly, and unequivocally, the rights and responsibilities of the citizens and residents of B. C. and carrying specific guarantees against discrimination in employment, public services, housing, education, etc. because of race, creed, colour or political beliefs.

The above states, in necessarily brief form, a number of the main points we advance as a minimum programme of action around which we feel the majority of our people will be prepared to unite. From time to time, we will elaborate on these points at more length and in greater detail. In order to assist us in this effort, and to ensure that our programme reflects the real needs and desires of the people at large, we invite your comments, criticisms and recommendations.

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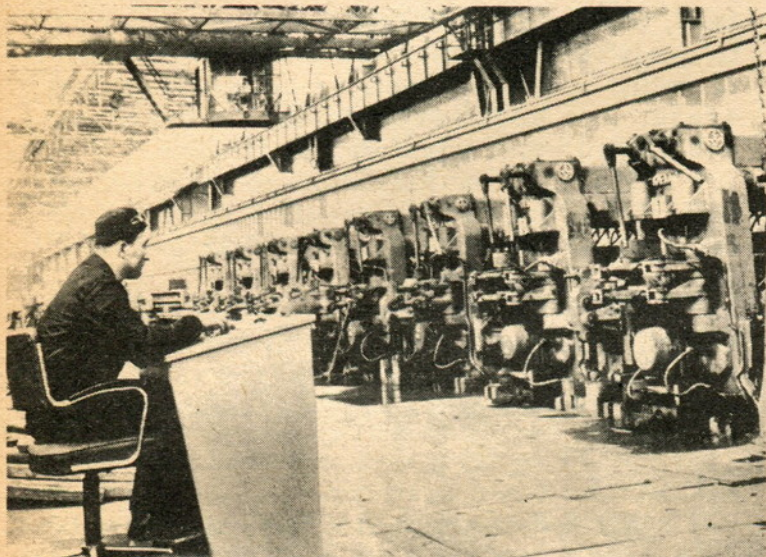
We have received many letters, but due to the lack of space we are only able to print a small number of them. We call upon our readers to continue to write and voice their criticisms of our paper and our policy.



# MORE ON AUTOMATION

Jerry LeBourdais,

Workers must rely on their own efforts to combat the injustices of automation. First of all we workers must realize that the owners of industry are not going to willingly give us any of the



benefits from automation. Neither can we hope that evolution will solve this problem for us.

As Lenin correctly pointed out in the year 1895 and I quote:

"The increase of wealth that comes from combining the labour of large masses of workers or from improvements in the methods of production, goes to the capitalists".

The above quotation applies to the situation in this country today just as it did seventy years ago.

Secondly we must not fall victim to the fallacy that governments will protect us from becoming the victims of automation. Governments (The State) under our present society serve the interests of the industrialists. It is important that workers understand this fact.

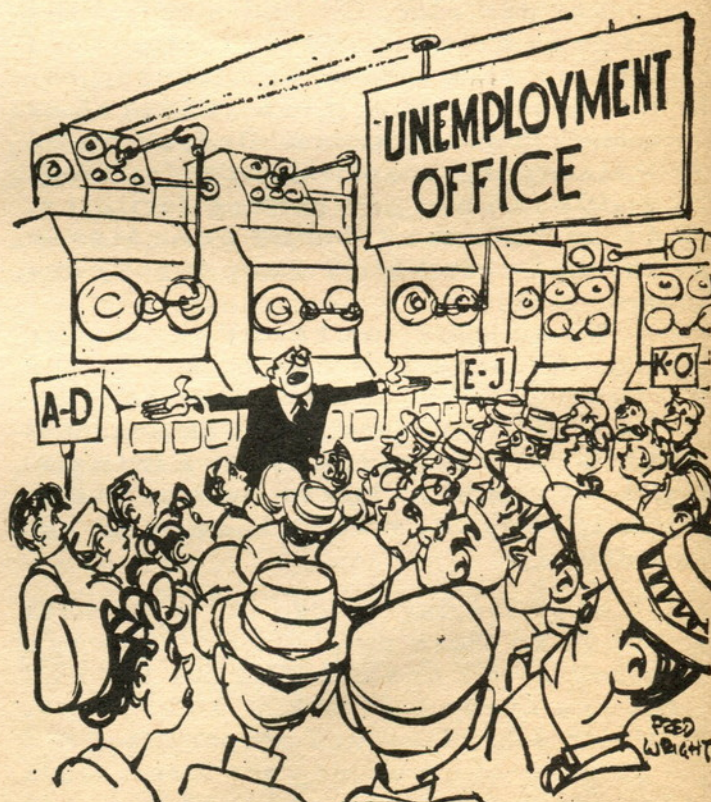
Finally we must not rely on the trade union brass to solve this problem for us. The reasons for this are because in most cases these people share the same philosophy as that of the boss. They are opposed to militant and united action. In-

stead they attempt to hold back and sidetrack the growing militancy of the workers by preaching such phoney poppycock about automation as:

- (a) There is no simple or easy answer to this very complicated problem.
- (b) Labour, Management, and Government must unite and work together to solve the problem.
- (c) Government studies must be carried out to look into all the aspects of automation.

These are but a few examples of the class collaboration policies continually being expounded by our labour "leaders".

Still others in the trade union leadership do know the score. But many of these have slipped into the path of opportunism. They content themselves with



"I'M SORRY FOR THE DELAY... EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY AS SOON AS WE GET MORE MACHINES OPERATING."

playing it cozy and getting elected or appointed to a position of office. This becomes their primary concern. Therefore



to make sure that this is possible they must not "rock the boat". The result is that these people do not do any better of a job than the others. These people also have their sayings:

- (a) The workers have not developed a high enough degree of class consciousness.
- (b) The workers are not militant enough.
- (c) We must not get too far ahead of the workers.

Well let me ask these people this question. What in hell are you prepared to do about it?

I am convinced that the workers will unite and fight on the issue of automation provided they are given a proper program.

I would now like to suggest the following program in an abbreviated and rough form.

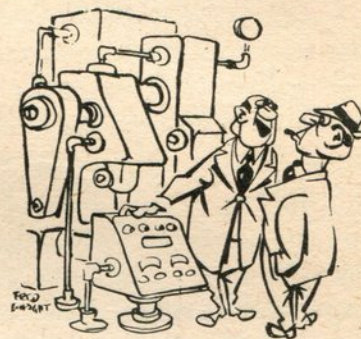
1. The bosses be told "No more layoffs, demotions, combining of jobs etc., etc. on account of automation.
2. For every man who quits, retires, dies etc. be replaced by hiring more workers.
3. That it be explained to the workers that nothing was ever handed to the working class of North America on a silver platter by the employers. All their hard-won gains came through their own efforts and struggle.
4. Never mind talking about sabbatical leaves, shorter work week, long holidays etc. at this time. Once we have adopted the first three points and only then will it be possible to wring these concessions out of the boss.

#### HOW DO WE PUT THIS PROGRAM INTO ACTION?

It could start right here in B.C.

The B.C. Federation or the Vancouver and District Labour Council could if they so desired organize such a drive. Failing this one union or even one local could start it off. I am sure if handled correctly the idea would spread, because all workers are affected and concerned about automation.

Perhaps too, we should study our great trade union history and introduce once again the tactics used in the 30's. That is rather than walk off the job maybe we should stay in and sit down. This would prevent the employers from carrying out their usual and now a days common

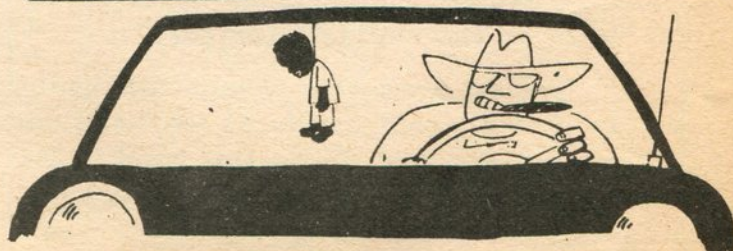


*"And in addition to molding, welding, boring, polishing and packaging, this machine also detects Reds!"*

practice of operating their plants and business with staff personnel and scabs.

Wherever such a struggle starts all of labour must be rallied in support, this could be done. Only militant action such as this can produce unity.

And last but by no means least, we must utilize this struggle to point out to the workers that under our present capitalist society, we workers will always be the victims of exploitation, that only in a socialist society, where production (including automation will serve the interests of the whole of society and not the privileged few as it now does.



FROM URZICA (BUCHAREST) Racist



# WORKERS SOLD OUT AT Mc & Mc

On November 27th, 106 of the 114 workers (members of Local 535 of Wholesale Retail & Dept. Store Int. Union) walked off their jobs at Mc. & Mc. here in Vancouver. This walkout was caused by unbearable working conditions. (See P.W. Dec. Issue).

The following Monday this notorious anti-labor Co. fired the whole 106 workers.

Picket lines were finally established. The Teamsters and Longshoremen refused to handle Mc. & Mc. merchandise. Not so with C.P. merchandising (Railway clerks) headed by labor statesman Frank Hall and like Retail Wholesale an affiliate of the Canadian Labor Congress.

Once again the Teamsters were placed behind the eight ball. Here was an affiliate of the C.L.C. with a picket line and another C.L.C. affiliate scabbing by crossing the picket line. This unprincipled action was thereby threatening the jobs of Teamsters who were honouring the line.

It was also reported that C. N. trucks were also preparing to cross the picket lines.

At this time Mc. & Mc. general manager Kirkpatrick made an offer to the Retail Wholesale Union. The Company would take back approximately 55 of the workers still out. (9 had stayed in and 18 more had returned). The Company would determine who the 55 would be.

The union leadership recommended to the membership that they accept this "offer".

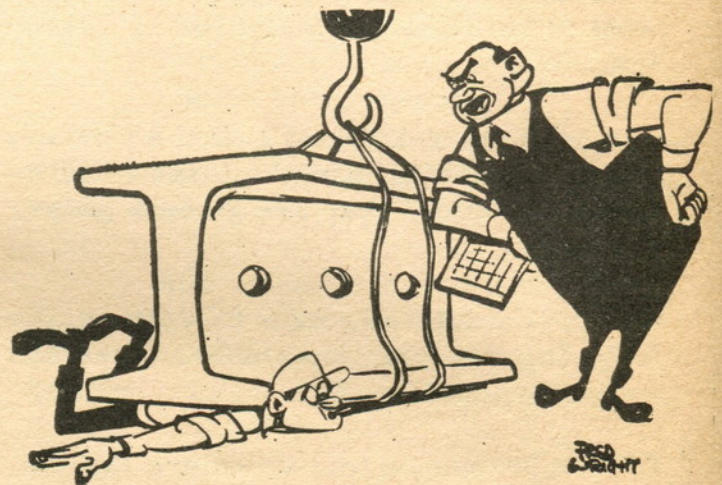
Approximately 60% of the members voted in favour of acceptance.

Kirkpatrick was now given a free hand in getting rid of what he often referred to as the radical element.

Boiled down this means that there will now be approximately 81 workers out of the previous 114 doing the work. The militant local union officers, shop stewards, grievance and negotiating committee members and others are out in the street.

What a sickening betrayal this is. Why were these workers not supported? Where was the Canadian Labor Congress? Where was the B.C. Federation of Labor? Where was the Vancouver and District Labor Council? And last but not least where was the "powerful International" of the Retail Wholesale Department Store Union?

All workers have a right to know the answers to these questions.



*"Quit trying to hide, Grimsby, and get back to work!"*

Workers also have a duty and that is to see to it that the trade union brass are not going to let this sell-out be forgotten.

Organized labour in B.C. is on the retreat.

We need more militant action.

We need less "labor colleagues" "labor statesmen" class collaboration and empty speeches.

The neglected Mitchell Strike must be won and won quickly and decisively.

A broad caucus of militant workers from all unions must be organized for the purpose of halting this disastrous retreat and to return to the path of militant struggle.

History proves that the working class can only advance by militant struggle.

Let us unite and fight against class collaboration and for a return to militant united action.

Don Lupito.



# THE RADICAL RIGHT IN VANCOUVER

## *Editorial*

The "radical right" is on the move in Vancouver. John Birchers and American Nazis are making a "silent" invasion of the lower mainland. These "hate peddlers" do their dirty work in the shadows and skulk in the dark corners of the world - they won't admit their official existence as an organized group or make a public declaration of their presence.

For several years now a group of young Nazis, who revere the memory of Hitler, have been assembling in a secret meeting place on, or near, Commercial Drive to go through their primitive and barbaric ritual.



University students, in defiance of public sentiment, sneak race-bigot, anti-semitic, Nazi Rockwell into Vancouver in the dead of night, and then try to hide their conspiracy behind a facade of pretended naivete that would look silly on a kindergarten pupil.

Several of the Fuhrer type have been touring some of the local book stores using an old wrinkle for a shady purpose. The approach used is one of asking for books that are well-known and highly regarded in Goldwater-Birch circles in the U. S.

When informed the requested titles are not in stock, the "customers" demonstrate a surprisingly complete knowledge of the volumes they profess to be "seeking" when they launch into a glowing eulogy on how the contents of the books could contribute mightily to lifting the low level of understanding of the Canadian people. This spiel is concluded with a recommendation to the dealer to stock the book as there is sure to be a great public demand for them.

Of late there has been a spate of letters to the press, all emphasizing a point of view that is highly regarded in the ranks of the "radical right". Favourite repository of these missives of prejudice and hate is the columns of the Province which accords them featured display, while, at the same time, the editorials of this same paper are a band of happy warriors enlisted in the battle for a Goldwater Program for Canada.

B. C. labour and progressive circles would be well-advised to be on guard against the insidious conspiracy of these assassins of progress and democracy.

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# "INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS"

## BRITAIN AND MALAYSIA:

High on the list of "accomplishments" to the "credit" of Britain's Tory government, during a 13-year tenure in office, is ranked the crushing of the people's independence movement in Malaya and the placing it at the disposal of the Imperialist cabal, headed by the United States, to be used as a base for attack against the anti-colonialist struggle in Asia.

The temporary defeat of the Malayan people was achieved through use of some of the most bloody and sadistic tactics known to man. Gurka mercenaries and Dyak head-hunters were an important source of supply for the armies fighting to uphold the rule of the "Christian West". Who can ever forget the gruesome photograph of two British soldiers proudly displaying their battle trophies - the several heads of Malayan patriots who had dared to fight for their country's freedom.

Now the British Labour Party, having come into possession of the mantle of Imperialist power, announce their intention to retain the spoils acquired as a result of tory conquest.

A new flood-tide of resistance is on the rise in Malaya. This new wave of resistance is winning the support of all Asia and particularly of Malaya's neighbour, Indonesia who has rightly condemned the creation of the puppet state of Malaysia as an act of aggression against the people of Asia. Replying to Asian protests Britains "Labour" government has announced readiness to drown in blood the struggle of the people for liberty and so maintain British "rights" in Asia.

50,000 additional troops have been dispatched to the area and these have been reinforced with what is said to be "the largest concentration of naval power in the world."

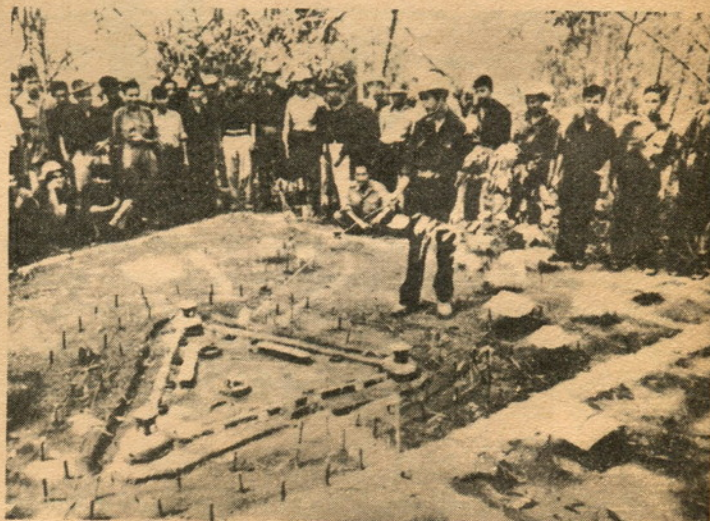
Mr. Wilson made haste to assure the Malayan stooge, which was the creation of his Tory predecessor of his willingness to sacrifice the lives of untold thousands of British workers to maintain an unpopular government in power. He stated: "No one in any part of the Commonwealth, or in the world, will doubt the resolve and determination with which we stand by our partner Malaysia."

Mr. Wilson then went on to make clear to the world his intention to defend Imperial interests: "One thing we have stressed is the essential recognition that Britain, so far as defence is concerned, must have a world role and that our ability to fulfil that role must not be sacrificed in the necessary process on which we are engaged in relating our expenditure on defence, whether expressed in money or real resources, to the realities of the situation."

Clear, direct and to the point: Britains "Labour" government, just like the Tories who preceded them, will place the interests of the Imperialist ruling class above the interests of the majority of the people. In the allotment of funds and resources, requirements for the defence and security of foreign investments are the first to receive consideration - after that, the people; maybe.

## VIETNAM:

The Liberation Front in Vietnam announced that, in the third quarter of 1964,



*Men of the south Vietnamese people's armed forces study tactics before an operation.*

41,000 enemy troops - including 439 Americans, were put out of action and 710,000



more people were liberated from puppet rule.

In the same period the people's forces destroyed 103 enemy strongholds and training centers, damaged 26 enemy posts and forced withdrawal from 88 others. 1,405 "strategic Hamlets" were destroyed and 194 villages liberated. More than ten thousand men deserted Khanh's army and a revolt was staged by 4,000 men of minority nationalities against the Saigon government.

This balance sheet for the third quarter of 1964 quite clearly indicates that U.S. imperialism has reached the end of the road in Southeast Asia. The question being posed is no longer: "Will the U. S. withdraw?", but: "When and how will the U.S. withdrawal be made?"

Never before has the unconquerability of the people been so graphically demonstrated. The common people, united in defence of liberty, stand triumphant over the most modern machines and weapons of war.

Provided with the most up-to-date and sophisticated equipment available the U.S. is unable to even find the people's forces in order to engage them in battle.

This is probably the most one-sided fight since the British massed against Washington's hungry and ragged army in an attempt to wipe out the rebels in the 13 colonies in 1776.

Every modern weapon of warfare, except the atomic bomb, has been used by the Americans.

Jet bombers, jet fighters, helicopters by the hundreds, artillery of every shape and size, small arms, aircraft carriers, destroyers, cruisers and planes single engined, twin engined and four engined are all in plentiful supply.

There are electronic devices worth six times the value of the planes carrying

them and radar so complex only specialists can maintain it. There are fire bombs, fragmentation bombs and armor piercing

*The ignominious fate of a U.S. helicopter in south Viet Nam.*



bombs and the most modern and expensive communications system ever used in any war.

And the target for this might of American Imperialism! A barefoot band of illiterate workers and peasants, whose biggest weapons are a few heavy mortars and recoilless rifles. For a navy they have a few sampans and some motorized junks - none carrying armament any heavier than machine guns or automatic weapons. The propulsion units of this fleet are sails, oars or wheezy engines.

Not even a box kite has been sent to challenge the supremacy of American-supplied planes, which deliver supplies and reinforcements directly to the front lines. No anti-aircraft barrage is flung up by the Liberation Army, which relies on carbines and automatic weapons to bring down enemy planes.

In spite of the overwhelming odds against them the people's army controls more than 3/4's of South Vietnam. The Americans retain only a precarious foothold in and around Saigon - and even here the streets have been unsafe at night for some time, while recently it has become quite dangerous for an American to dine in a downtown restaurant at high noon.



It is time that people everywhere rose up and demanded that an end be put to this murder and torture being perpetrated in the name of "freedom".

First on your New Year's list let there be a resolution to end the U.S. dirty war in Vietnam.

## CAMBODIA:

A by-product of the U.S. dirty war against the people of Vietnam has been the bombing of peaceful villages in the Cambodian border area. These attacks re-



Photo by Wilfred Burchett

### U.S. policies in Southeast Asia bear fruit

Doeuk Sourn, 13, was the victim of napalm bombs when U.S.-provided planes and tanks attacked the Cambodia border village of Chantrea last March. Seventeen persons, including two women and four children, were killed, and 14 others were injured.

U.S. puppet forces under general Khanh. Cambodia also pointed out that she had the full support of the People's Republic of China in resisting U.S. imperialist attacks.

## CONGO:

Faced with the certainty of overwhelming defeat in Southeast Asia, the Johnson administration in the U.S., whose



Congolese patriots laying an ambush for the enemy.

electoral victory was hailed by large segments of American labor as a decisive rebuttal to the extremism of Goldwater, has despatched nuclear armed Polaris submarines to the China Sea in a last desperate attempt to blackmail the people into accepting U.S. rule. It is not expected, by most observers, that the attempt will be attended by any degree of success.

African states, with few exceptions are coming to the support of the People's forces in the Congo and the liberation movement is regrouping and gathering strength to rout the discredited puppet regime of Tshombe who is probably the most hated man in all Africa.

African delegates to the U. N. mounted the most scathing attack that the U.S. has ever had to face in the forum of world opinion. U.S. hypocrisy was thoroughly exposed, in so far as it applied to the Congo and the savage repression of Negroes at home and abroad.

cently drew a warning from the government of Cambodia that a continuation of the air-raids would bring retaliation against the



# STATEMENT BY QUEBEC MARXIST-LENINISTS

Before founding the Communist Marxist-Leninist Party of Quebec, we believe it wise to await the results of the Sino-Soviet conference next January in Peking. If the direction of the Communist Party of Canada remains revisionist and by its actions refuses to return to a Marxist-Leninist base, we shall be forced to found a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Quebec, for the existing one is not that. It bears the name, and that alone. Ours will be a Communist Marxist-Leninist Party. It will respond to the true aspirations of the Quebec people. It will thus be completely independent of the existing Communist Party well-known for its discrimination against the French-Canadians and the Chinese. Its leadership will be chiefly French, as is fitting, and a minority will represent English, Jewish, Italian, Ukrainian, Chinese and other elements. The leader will be a bilingual Frenchman. This is not through chauvinism but through logic. All the other political parties have French-Canadians as leaders because Quebec has a French population of 80%. At the moment, the leadership of Canadian Communist Party has no French-Canadian on its national executive, and up to last March in the national committee of 62 members there was only one French-Canadian. The French-Canadians, however, are one of the two nations which founded Canada and form 30% of the total population of Canada. As a reason for this discriminatory, undemocratic and anti-Marxist attitude, the leadership says (as perpetual excuse) that among the few members who are French-speaking, not one has been found capable of fulfilling such a task. This must not be wondered at, for the leadership of the party in our own province has always been refused to us. Feeling aliens in our own home, we have all run off. The colonialism of the national leadership toward Quebec has resulted in a complete fiasco. Worse still, the national leadership continues to refuse us the leadership of its Quebec section. In imposing Sam Walsh, it stubbornly dictates its revisionist anti-Marxist line to us and laughs at the will of the Quebec people. Sam Walsh said recently that there are 35 party clubs in Quebec, a statement which is exceedingly false. There are no more than 50 members in good standing of whom only about twenty are French. Like Diefenbaker and by order of the national committee

Sam Walsh clings to power in Quebec, even though the French-Canadians detest him. The colonisers of every political party, including the C. P. C. shall henceforth exercise their apostleship elsewhere than in Quebec, for Quebec is moving. We have been right in condemning the revisionism of Khrushchev and his followers both of the world and especially those of Canada, and in Quebec particularly the revisionism of Sam Walsh. Every day facts are proving us more and more correct.

## However:

The Socialist bloc must and can unite and consolidate itself on a Marxist-Leninist base. And for this reason, Khrushchev, the chief obstacle to any dialogue with this unity in view having been cashiered, we can now hope that the long and serious bilateral discussions which will take place in the coming months and even in the coming years, will cement this unity based on Marxism-Leninism between Communist parties, but particularly between the Russians and the Chinese.

## Quebec Independence

The Marxist - Leninist Communist Party of Quebec will stand for complete independence of Quebec in political, economic, trade union, military and social fields. Lenin said: "We must first struggle for national independence." This is doubly true in our day, both in Quebec and throughout the world. We stand 100% with all Quebec patriots, whether they are R. I. N., N. P. D., P. S. Q., separatists or only independentists. We respect the noble goals some extremists wish to achieve, that is, the complete independence of Quebec, but we condemn the violence for this hurts Quebec's independence.

## What Is: Marxism, Leninism, Revisionism, Peaceful Coexistence?

Marxism is that ensemble of the doctrines of Karl Marx which, by means of the class struggle, proposes the establishment of collectivism, as a term of the evolution of societies.

Leninism is the doctrine of Karl Marx put in practice for the first time with great success by Lenin during Imperialist times. We are still in these times.

Peaceful coexistence is the concomitant existence of different ideological systems tolerated between countries. This coexis -



tence must embrace three principles: it must be impartial, and work not only in one way; it must be firm; it must not be provocative.

Modern Revisionism, the opposite of Marxism-Leninism, is that ensemble of teachings which have as their ultimate goal the making-over of the teachings of Karl Marx. All its results lead to the same end - social democracy, the last rampart of capitalism.

Marxism-Leninism admits peaceful coexistence as was preached and practised by Lenin. In Lenin's time, there was peaceful coexistence between the U. S. S. R. and the capitalist countries, but the class struggle still went on in all the countries of the world. If this class struggle had not existed, all the countries which have obtained their independence would not have gained it. Independence is gained by struggle. Castro rightly said that he knew of no country which had gained its independence peacefully. Modern revisionism, under the guise of peaceful coexistence (ala Khrushchev) rejects the class struggle and by that fact alone repudiates Marxism-Leninism which preaches the class struggle. The revisionism of Khrushchev and his followers abandons the class struggle under cover of peaceful coexistence, as well as the struggle for the liberation of colonial countries and the international proletariat, and this to the greatest joy of the Imperialists. All the African countries, in particular, the Congo, North Viet Nam as well as South Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and even Communist China itself are threatened by American Imperialism, and, we can add, almost all the countries of South America. And what has the revisionism of Khrushchev done in this struggle? Absolutely nothing, save for a rather timid remonstrance, a rather capitulating remonstrance stripped of firmness. And the appetite of American Imperialism under cover of revisionism is feverishly preparing for the conquest not only of those countries which desire their independence (all South American countries, South Viet Nam, etc.) but also those which have more or less obtained it, such as the Congo, and even dreams of conquering the Socialist countries with the aid of the revisionists and the capitulationist peaceful coexistence. The American Imperialists are committing aggression all over the world. China interprets peaceful coexistence as did Lenin and Stalin, that is to say as non-provocative, non-capitula-

tionist, not unilateral, but firm. Like Lenin, China does not provoke, neither does it retreat. American Imperialism believes in peaceful coexistence in one way only: its own. The aggressor, it yields in nothing and commits nuclear blackmail the world over, and the revisionists, instead of resisting, submit. Peaceful coexistence must not come about at the expense of people who are struggling for independence, including the independence of Quebec. This would not be peaceful coexistence any longer but cowardice and betrayal. China is now the safeguard of Marxism-Leninism toward which the oppressed peoples look with hope. However, China is relatively new in the Socialist bloc and has 700,000,000 human beings to feed, to educate, whose standards of living must be raised. But by the Marxist-Leninist line and with Mao Tse-tung as leader, the greatest Marxist of the day, she cannot but succeed, despite all the evasions of capitulatory revisionists. You will understand this more if you read Peking Review which the party leadership prevents you from reading. Our reconciliation with the C. P. C. will only be made on a Marxist-Leninist base. For those who can read between the lines, the cashiering of Khrushchev says a great deal. His capitulatory revisionist line is a complete fiasco in the U. S. S. R. and in all the Communist parties who have followed this arch-traitor Khrushchev in the Socialist bloc.

Forward then with Marxism-Leninism which has given us Socialism in one-third of the whole world. And when such a doctrine gives us such a dazzling success, this is not the time to switch to revisionism which in the past has always led to disaster. We would have liked very much to have given you the biographies of Khrushchev and of Sam Walsh, as well as the stupid things they have done, but space and money are lacking. You have only to re-read our 20-page document of last March, however, and you will better understand the dismissal of Khrushchev and the wrong Sam Walsh is doing here in Quebec. Give yourself a Christmas present by subscribing to Peking Review. It will explain everything to you in black and white, all that has happened, is happening and will happen in the future. To the Marxists of our times, this is the most interesting.

Antonio Villeneuve

Interim Secretary



# HUNGER AND MASS ARRESTS IN INDIA

In a move reminiscent of the tactics used during the days of British rule in India, state police, under the direction of the Congress government of Prime Minister Lal Shastri, swooped down in pre-dawn raids and arrested more than 1,000 members of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist). Among those arrested were some members of parliament, including A. K. Gopalan, leader of the Party's parliamentary caucus.

Not waiting for any formal charges to be laid or evidence presented, Shastri dashed forward to make the astounding announcement that the arrests had been made because the Party had accepted money from China for the purpose of financing sabotage activities preliminary to an invasion of India by armed forces of the People's Republic of China. Shastri gives no sign that he is in any way aware that this particular propaganda gambit has been beaten to death by a thousand reactionaries before him and is not likely to win friends or influence people for him or his government.

It is quite obvious to anyone who keeps abreast of world affairs that if the People's Republic of China had any plans or desire to invade India, it could have been done rather handily several years ago. We refer here to the time when the Chinese people's forces drove Indian military personnel off the Chinese lands they had occupied and had the plains of India open before them for a rapid and comparatively easy advance to the heart of the country; had they desired to make such an advance. Instead, the People's Republic of China showed their peaceful intentions by withdrawing their forces well beyond their own border and returning to the defeated Indian forces all captured personnel and military equipment.

It is not money from China, but ideas that Shastri and his class fear like the plague. Squeezed ever deeper into degradation and misery, and continuously rent by the pangs of never-ending hunger in a land where production cannot keep pace with the growth in population, the Indian people are strongly influenced by the gigantic success of the Socialist revolution in China, and inspired by it are daily more strongly inclined toward the idea of completing their own revolution which was halted in mid-

passage leaving them still carrying on their backs the old Imperialists with the added burden of the new Indian capitalist class and the newly arrived Yankees.

People's China, under continuous attack from U. S. Imperialism, cut off from aid from any source and left entirely to her own resources has made giant strides forward. During three consecutive years of unprecedented adverse climatic conditions and drought, a condition which would have meant death to millions under the old regimes, no one died of hunger; no one went hungry.

India, on the other hand, in receipt of billions of dollars in aid from Moscow, Washington and London, was totally unable to even begin any serious endeavour to alleviate the terrible plight of starving millions in that land of perpetual hunger. Death from hunger is a commonplace in India; living past the age of thirty approaches the miraculous.

At a meeting almost a year ago, we had occasion to refer to a contrast in living conditions in India. Even though one of the principals is now dead, the reference still has value. Here is what we said then:

"During the debate on a no-confidence motion last November, 1963, Lohia, parliamentary leader of a Socialist group, charged that 270 million Indians were living on four cents a day and contrasted this with sixty-four cents a day spent on Nehru's dog."

When you keep in mind the fact that the growth rate of India's gross national product scarcely reaches 2% per year, and the growth of population is slightly over 2%, meaning less food to go around, you will readily realize that the situation has rapidly deteriorated in the more than a year since Lohia spoke. This condition is aggravated even further by Indian capitalists and foreign investors demanding an ever-increasing cut of production for their share, leaving still less for the hungry masses of India.

Money from People's China is not what bedevils India and causes its mass misery and hunger. The trouble with India



is the Indian capitalist class, the maharajahs and the local princes. India's problems have their roots in the policies of the Indian capitalist class, their willingness to act as agents and rent collectors for the Imperialists and turn India into a base for aggression against Asia. India's problem is an unfinished revolution.

The current attack against the Marxist-Leninists in India is occasioned by the critical situation which faces the Congress in the state of Kerala where an election is scheduled for February 15th.

Several years ago, this same state elected a Communist majority, but under the docile leadership of the revisionist Dange no fundamental advances were made or even attempted. Kerala was simply to mark time waiting for the rest of the country to catch up. During a period of crisis, Nehru dismissed the Communist Party cabinet, installed a trusteeship that prepared an election rigged in favour of the Congress Party and secured a narrow victory for them and their right-wing allies. The Party, under Dange's leadership, meekly submitted to all of this politicking.

In the intervening period, misery and hunger has increased rapidly in Kerala and in the split which developed in the C. P. I., the vast majority of the party members in that state came out on the side of the Marxist-Leninists. Inspired by the programme and work of the Marxist-Leninists, the great masses of workers and peasants in Kerala moved into battle against hunger and to secure improvements in their living conditions. Under pressure of the militant actions of the people, some Congress Party representatives voted against their leaders and with the Marxist-Leninists thus bringing down the government. In September, Shastri took over direct control of the State's affairs and an election was set for February. Even top party officials in Shastri's government concede that the Congress Party has no chance of winning a Kerala election against the Communists.

But a Communist government in Kerala now would not be the same thing as the docile group which Dange once manipulated. Such a government would undertake to implement a programme which would be bound to raise the question of the completion of the revolution to first place on the agenda in India. The only thing to do then

is to herd the militants into jail so the chosen ones can win a "democratic" victory unhindered by any troublesome revolutionaries who have the audacity to suggest changing the rules of the game. Any old reason for the action will do; money from China is good enough.

Surely by now we have had enough evidence to expose for all time this farce of parliamentary democracy. Guatemala, Korea, South Viet Nam, Brazil, British Guiana, Congo, a host of other places; and now Kerala.

So long as one accepts the status-quo as far as the class relations in society are concerned you can have all the differences you like with the framework of parliamentary democracy. But let a revolutionary Socialist group propose a fundamental change in the relation of class forces in society and show signs of winning a parliamentary majority and your parliamentary democracy is soon brought to an end. Side by side with parliamentary action, there must be mobilized the revolutionary might of a determined and politically conscious people who will sweep aside those who would block the path of progress.

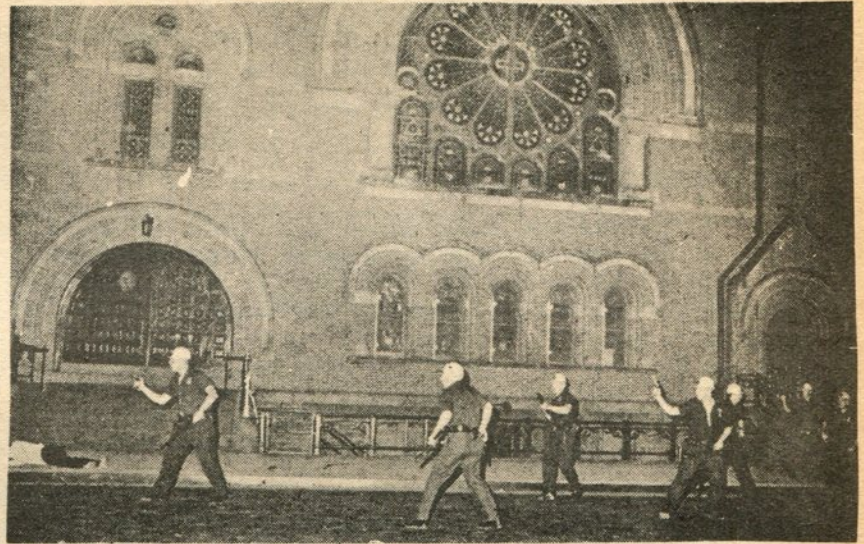


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# SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST POLICE TERROR IN HARLEM



**Fascism: Counter Revolution Abroad—Brutality at Home**

We strongly recommend that you read and take action on the following Letter. It is our duty to support the American people in general and the American Negro people (and their militant leaders in particular) in their just struggle against oppression by the U.S. ruling class. Their enemy is also our enemy. It must be remembered that during the period of slavery in the U.S., many Canadians aiding in the operation of the "Underground Railway", a route by which escaped slaves were able to flee to temporary safety. In fact Canada was its Northern Terminus.

If you would like to receive pamphlets and other printed matter exposing the frame-up of the Harlem leaders or would like to aid in the organizing of Defense Committees in your area, please write Progressive Worker.

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**Police questioning — Harlem style**



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Dear Friend:

The enclosed brochure has been designed to provide you and others with some of the background and developments in the last summer's Harlem "riots." It will also give you some of the details surrounding my arrest and indictment for "criminal anarchy" and the subsequent harassment of me and my family.

You will no doubt recall reading the headlines about last summer's spontaneous upheaval in Harlem. And it is precisely that -- the fact that so many millions around the world read those headlines -- which gave the Harlem "riots" such tremendous significance and which shook the power structure in this country.

Here was an event, a few days in history, which in a certain sense can be compared to the early slave revolts in the days of the decaying Roman Empire, or even the first slave uprisings in pre-Civil War U.S.A. For although, there was no organized revolt in Harlem in any sense, nonetheless the ghetto-slaves of New York were rebelling. And suddenly, the world could see that racism in America was not limited to Mississippi. Suddenly, what we in the ghettos of New York have known for so long became front-page news around the world, that in the richest of cities in this richest of countries in this richest of years, millions of us remain slaves.

The immediate target of the black people during the "riots," was the New York police department, known internationally, too, for its unprovoked and brutal attacks on students and even UN delegates from Asian and African nations. But the police department, of course, was only the most visible representation of the whole "thing," the "set-up," the system of low-pay, like it or lump it, of rats and roaches, of ghetto life in America.

In turn, the government's attack against us was, and is, not primarily directed against me. It is designed principally to intimidate others from speaking out in protest. It is also intended to "retaliate" (in the distorted minds of those who plan these things) for the international embarrassment caused by the events last summer. Like all political frame-ups, if they can get away with the first one, more will follow.

If they can jail the radicals as "criminals," they will hold that as a new whip over the bent backs of the ghetto. The "criminal anarchy" indictment brought against me is the first such indictment in nearly a half a century. But be sure, if they succeed with this it will not be the last.

There is of course one important difference between the slave revolts of the Roman Empire or 1840 Alabama and present-day Harlem: the world has changed. Our struggle today is part of the fight of the African, Asian and Latin American people against the same slavemaster. Washington's fear of Harlem is that the rebellion fever is contagious. If even in the guts of the monster we can resist, then the people of the world will draw their own conclusions. In that sense, the government's attacks on us here are attacks on those throughout the world who are chipping (or chopping) away at the chains.

That is why the fight-back against this latest McCarthyism is -- and must be -- international. We have already received letters and statements of support from groups and individuals in many parts of the world. We are asking you to join this fight. Will you write or wire your documents to me immediately. If you are in need of more information, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Fraternally,

William Epton  
William Epton



# A BETTER WORLD'S IN BIRTH

In each issue of *Progressive Worker*, we will show what capitalism has to offer the workers and what the alternative will be under Socialism.

## CAPITALISM

An examination of any map of the world should be sufficient proof to even the most ardent supporter of Imperialism, that as a political and social system, its days are numbered.

But like all outmoded political and social systems preceeding it, today's capitalism (imperialism) will refuse to leave the stage of history, until it is pushed, by its offspring (Socialism) into oblivion.

The degeneration of capitalism in its death throes has serious ramifications for those who are exposed to its vehemence, while it still has strength to resist the inevitable end. Its policies in respect to other nations are such; aggression in the search for markets, genocide for those nations that refuse to be dominated, and in the final analysis nuclear holocaust-if it isn't destroyed.

Within the nations it controls, the predatory nature of the class that has created this monstrosity, sifts down into every phase of life of all classes. Sociological problems accelerate and morality and ethics become luxuries, to be honored more in the breach than in the practice.

What mother or father has not viewed the increasing rise of juvenile delinquency without alarm? How much more frequently we hear of wife swapping these days. Or take the cases we so often read about in the newspapers, where families that are hard pressed, have mothers and wives working as part time prostitutes.

For any thinking person, capitalism is seen as the creator of a sick society, it is responsible for the crooked politician, the labour faker and a host of other trash ad infinitum.

The only positive contribution it has given man in the last number of years are aggressive and militant Marxian socialists, but even this viewed through the eyes of a capitalist, is negative, for they are pledged to give it the death blow.

## SOCIALISM

With the decline of capitalism, socialism climbs to its zenith. Socialism will make it possible for man to attain cultural and economic goals of such magnitude that it is barely within our perception to visualize the great changes that will take place.

Now some critics from both the left and the right will point to some countries of the socialist bloc, and with a great display of righteousness and confidence, exclaim, there has been immorality and persecution in these countries, therefore socialism is no guarantee that man will be better off under this system in the future.

To the critics from the right, we answer their shallow observations with facts, which destroy their pseudo-moralizing but to the critics of the left we go further - if there has been mistakes made in the past, and some are being made presently - the causation is not engendered in Marxism, but is directly the fault of capitalist pressure upon the socialist system. A prime example is the case of Cuba, who will be to blame if the Cuban revolution starts to veer from its correct path? Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, the PSP? Or will it be the direct results of the U.S. blockade and harrassment by U.S.-financed counter-revolutionaries. With this in mind the critics of the left would do better if they spent more time attempting to combat the virus instead of the victim.

Of course we in Canada will have fewer problems than the countries that have already taken the path of socialism. For in most countries that have gone socialist, there was prior to the transition, a lack of productivity, which can, and did in some instances, create a caste of the privileged few but that will not be our problem since we do not have scarcities, but over-production. The fact of the matter is, that no previous social system has come into existence without contradictions in its early stages, in comparison socialism has had the least of all.



# LABOUR'S POET JOE HILL WRITES OF B.C.

Joe Hill, labor's poet found the inspiration for his songs in the militant labor struggles of his day. One of the lesser known of his songs, set to the tune of "Where The River Shannon Flows", had for its inspiration a great strike of B.C. lumber and railroad workers. The Industrial Worker of April 11th, 1912 carried a report of this strike which read, in part, as follows:

"The main thing that caused the walkout was the foul condition of the camps in which the men were herded. Even the capitalist press are forced to admit that fact.

In one of the Tierney camps the bunks were built three tiers high and the men after working each morning for a short time with raging headaches, tore down the top bunks.

In other camps the floors were laid directly upon the ground instead of 18 inches above, insufficient air space was allowed and wash houses, dry houses and bath houses were of the vilest sort. The politicians who were supposed to investigate sent Dr. Davis down for a visit. The doctor came, he saw, and he returned to his snug palace in Victoria. The contractors paid no more attention to his report than if he were in China.

The strike broke out on the 27th in Nelson and Benson's camp No. 4, which is about 5 miles from Lytton. The men came down the line and called all men out at camps 3 and 2. A meeting was held at I.W.W. Hall in Lytton and demands were formulated, various committees elected and in a short time the entire line from Hope to Kamloops was tied up, over 4,200 men being directly involved".

Four weeks after the appearance of this news item - on May 9th, 1912 - the following song by Joe Hill was published in the Industrial Worker:

## WHERE THE FRASER RIVER FLOWS

Where the Fraser River Flows, each fellow worker knows,  
They have bullied and oppressed us, but still our union grows.  
And we're going to find a way boys, for shorter hours and better pay boys,  
And we're going to win the day boys; where the Fraser River flows.

For these gunny-sack contractors have all been dirty actors,  
And they're not our benefactors, each fellow worker knows.  
So we've got to stick together in fine or dirty weather,  
And we will show no white feather, where the Fraser River flows.

Now the boss the law is stretching, bulls and pimps he's fetching,  
And they are a fine collection, as Jesus only knows.  
But why their mother reared them, and why the devil spared them,  
Are the questions we can't answer, where the Fraser River flows.

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