THE CHILDREN — VICTIMS OF SAVAGE CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION

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In the various bourgeois and revisionist countries even the children are subjected to savage capitalist exploitation. From their earliest years they become acquainted with the savage oppression and exploitation of the owners who employ their slender young arms, too, to increase profits, as well as with hunger and poverty. The graver the crisis grows, the more deeply these countries become bogged down in it, the more the savage capitalist exploitation is intensified, and the heavier the burden of oppression. Innumerable facts speak of the intolerable difficulties of life for millions of children in the USA, Italy, Spain, Portugal, India, the Soviet Union, Poland etc., for whom the bourgeoisie ensures a future of ignorance, poverty and suffering. Millions of children go hungry, are left in the darkness of ignorance and at the mercy of various diseases and epidemics, which take their lives at an early age. As a result of dire poverty, there are 600 million hungry children in the world today who are forced into the savage mechanism of capitalist exploitation, or to beg in the streets.

According to the western press, every day hundreds of children become "professional" beggars in the streets. In many capitalist countries, 300 out of every 1,000 infants die. The process of "selection" continues throughout the whole of their short lives, when they become victims of accidents at work, various diseases, and the intensification of the exploitation and starvation. According to UNO statements, 45 million children up to 14 years of age work in the same difficult conditions and under the same tension as adults in the capitalist countries. The owners of the various US industrial enterprises or the landowners aim to employ as many children of 10-12 years of age as possible in certain jobs. This is done for many reasons. The children are treated savagely, they are beaten, compelled to work long hours and are paid only a quarter of what adults get for the same work. If one of them dares open his mouth in protest, he is threatened with the "law" and is forthwith laid off and replaced with another, who is compelled to sacrifice himself in order to feed his family. In the USA, 25 percent of the work force in agriculture is made up of children, the majority of whom are coloured.

In Italy, apart from their very difficult living conditions, children find the doors of schools closed to them because of the high school fees, the high cost of school books and the lack of schools. More than 500,000 Italian children have no possibility at all to attend school and thus are not enrolled. They roam the streets of the various cities hunting for work or begging. Those who find jobs are paid only a quarter the wages of other workers. In the province of Milan, alone, the number of children, who are exploited in an unscrupulous manner in the agricultural zones, amounts to more than 100,000. Many among them become ill or suffer accidents at work. In Spain, too, hundreds of thousands of children aged under 14 years old are worked to the bone for their daily bread and live in dire poverty. Their pay is only one third to one fifth of the pay of other workers for the same work.

Not only are children subjected to merciless exploitation but they are bought and sold like any other ordinary commodity in the capitalist market. This is going on in West Germany, Italy, South Korea and other countries. There are special agencies which are
expert in «solving» the problem of buying and selling children, because they have links with the maternity homes. Frequently, young mothers are told that their child died at birth, whereas, in fact, their infants are sold in the child's market. Prices vary according to the colour of the skin, sex, etc. In the USA there is even an international agency for the sale and purchase of children. One such agency is that directed by Stanley Michelman. Recently this «honest» businessman has pocketed 173,000 dollars earned from the sale of children that he secured from the maternity homes. During the last ten years, the South Korean trade in child slaves has sold 31,000 children to the USA, thus realizing profits that amounted to 72,900,000 dollars. The future of these children is clear. They end up as servants of the bourgeoisie, mercenaries, etc., thus, remaining despised all their life and slaves to the dissipated tastes and desires of the bourgeoisie. Through this despicable traffic, the international capitalists also ensure a supply of girls for their brothels.

These are only some aspects which reflect a part of that bitter capitalist reality of the life of the hundreds of millions of children. This illustrates the really inhuman nature of this rotten decaying system, which is utterly corrupted and unjust. The «humanism» talked about so pompously by the bourgeois ideologists, that allegedly characterizes the capitalist way of life, is simply a fraud to hide the bitter truth. The reality is quite different. The struggle of the broad working masses against this deplorable and intolerable situation shows this. In the strikes, demonstrations and protest rallies and in all the activity of the struggle of the broad masses of working people against the bourgeoisie and its system of oppression and exploitation the consciousness of the working people and their determination to demolish this power of barbarous oppression and exploitation to its very foundations, is rising.
THE BOURGEOIS EDUCATION SYSTEM –
A BARRICADE TO THE CHILDREN OF COMMON WORKING PEOPLE

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The grave economic, financial, political, ideological and moral crisis that has beset the capitalist and revisionist world today is reflected in all its force also in the education system of these countries. The bourgeois education system is suffering all

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consequences of the crisis that has enveloped the base of the obsolete capitalist order, and it is also suffering the consequences of the all-round decay and degeneration of the superstructure.

Education, and in general, the right to go to school, are not the right of all, but on the contrary they are only for the classes in power, with the doors to education for the broad masses of the working people being closed in all sorts of ways.

The gross inadequacies of this decaying system of education are obvious, first of all, from the unsolved problem of illiteracy. According to figures published in the British press, there are about two million adult illiterates in Great Britain; according to published official statistics, there are over 2,500,000 illiterates in Italy. The situation is even worse in such countries as Indonesia, where one third of the population, about 30 million inhabitants, is illiterate, or India, where 7 out of every 10 people cannot read and write. Today, there are more than 800 million illiterate people in the world. The crisis of the bourgeois education system is clearly expressed in the obvious deficiencies caused by the continuous curtailment of the funds allocated for education by the various bourgeois governments. As a result of such a reactionary education policy, thousands of schools have been closed or are about to close, leaving hundreds of thousands of children with no school to go to, or cramming them into overloaded classes where they receive only perfunctory teaching. In Italy, for example, as a result of this situation, there is a shortage of 4 million places in primary and secondary schools; in the United States, 5.4 per cent of the children and youth of six to sixteen years cannot attend public schools. Obviously, these are the sons and daughters of working people who, among other things, in the conditions of the deepening of the general crisis of capitalism, with rising prices, taxes, unemployment, etc., cannot cope with the high costs of keeping their children at school. In the United States higher school fees have risen more than 12 per cent. This means that the student has to pay on the average 7,000 dollars a year, to go to college or university. Likewise, school fees in Italy have recently been raised as much as threefold. Within a year they have risen 15 per cent in Britain, 10 per cent in France, 13 per cent in West Germany. Along with tuition fees, prices for textbooks and other school supplies go up each new school year.

It is obvious that in such conditions the only ones relatively unaffected are the children of the capitalists, who are able to pay thanks to the fat profits they draw from the exploitation and plunder of the broad masses of the working people. By this means, along with the deepening of the crisis of the education system, a further polarization in the bourgeois society is taking place, the gap dividing the capitalists from the working people is getting deeper, cutting off any real prospect of education for the children of the workers.
DEGENERATION AND DISSOLUTION IN THE MASS OF YOUTH —
A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

In the capitalist society, based on the exploitation of man by man, the monopoly bourgeoisie, in order to further consolidate its power in all the life of the country, to increase its profits and fabulous riches, is vitally concerned to divert youth from the main problems of life, to slacken its revolutionary spirit and plunge it in the scum of moral and political degeneration, to spread criminality and hooliganism, fear, alcoholism, prostitution and narcomania on a large scale. Only in this way it renders youth unharmful to its power, because

the bourgeoisie knows that youth is the most vivid, active, explosive part of the population, consequently also the most dangerous to the bourgeoisie. Therefore, the latter not in vain devotes a special attention to its effort to disorient the minds of youth, to numb its consciousness, sidetrack it from the main and disturbing problems of the capitalist society.

Not without purpose today, when the deep antagonistic contradictions between labour and capital, when the evils of the capitalist society such as unemployment, poverty and misery, taxes, the steady rise in prices of the main food and industrial articles, are deepening and worsening to the maximum, the broad propaganda machine in service of the monopoly capital, through numerous channels such as cinematography, television, radio, newspapers, reviews, books, painting and sculpture — as means of superstructure, are systematically spreading the ideological poison. The bourgeoisie needs an apolitical, dissolute, immoral youth, engaging itself in its intimate problems rather than in the national and international ones. Also the police films in many series, in various novels, stories and reportages published in the western press, there is in the focus of attention a criminal, a violator, a bandit killing with cool blood his mother, brother, the defenceless old man or old woman, the little child, robbing the bank, the shop, the house, a prostitute, a public house, etc. Such a «hero» is praised to the skies, he is honoured and considered the most respectable and adored. The capitalist firms themselves encourage crime, hooliganism, theft.

In 1973 the American firms engaged in the production of arms, sold in the home market alone some 1.700,000 pistols. According to the American press itself, today individuals in the USA dispose of over 40 million fire arms.

The large number of criminals in the USA includes also 1 million of teen-age criminals. A child caught after having perpetrated his crime, admitted that he had acted in the same way as the hero in a film he had seen on television one night before.

The number of crimes committed by youngsters is assuming quite large proportions in the USA. The American press carries numerous facts showing to what degree the education of the present American youth has been reduced. While a few years ago when a teacher was warned by his pupil through telephone that he would be killed on the next day, the «New York Times» points out, «this would not arouse any great concern, at present few teachers would not attach importance to such a warning». A communiqué issued by the Los Angeles police said that the number of murders as a result of the use of violence in schools has trebled, and the employees, school teachers and pupils who do not belong to various groups, take with them to school fire-arms to «defend themselves».

An increasingly growing evil in the capitalist society is also the spreading en masse of narcomania. The youngster, taking various narcotic drugs, seeks to live in a world of beautiful dreams, so as to divorce himself from that gloomy, dark, poor and miserable reality surrounding him. Taking of various drugs by youngsters makes them powerless, unwilling and darkens their reason. Such people are of course unable to object to the oppressive and exploiting capitalist system; they become obedient tools, harmless to the bourgeoisie. According to the Swiss review «Weltwoche», the youth roam jobless. They sleep wherever they can, use various drugs, falling also victims to road accidents.

Of course, the spread of criminality, narcomania, prostitution, etc., is a great evil which the progressive and revolutionary youth strive to eliminate together with the capitalist system cultivating it.

The strikes and demonstrations, the revolts of the worker and student youth are increasing from day to day. They are the result of the aggravation of the antagonistic class contradictions which will without fail lead to the collapse of the hated capitalist regime and to the establishing of the dictatorship of the proletariat.
THE DEGENERATION OF YOUTH — A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF SOCIAL DEGENERATION IN THE REVISIONIST COUNTRIES

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The western journalists who go to Moscow, Budapest, Warsaw or Prague, point out that now there is no difference in the fashion, or habits of the youth in these cities from those in the western countries. Long hair, hippies, the return to primitivism, to the time of the primitive community, hooliganism, prostitution, drugs — all these are being steadily introduced into life and culture in revisionist countries. In particular these evils have infected the youth of these countries.

In the hotels of Warsaw, such as the «Europeiski», prostitutes are always present to amuse foreigners. Indeed, they are protected by law. Prostitution, the AFP agency writes, has become a business in itself, and the centre of a flourishing black market.

In the «Europeiski» hotel, or the «Maxim» or «Adria» clubs in Warsaw, rock music resounds and disolute dancing takes place to such an extent, the tourists are surprised that the Polish Capital continues to bear the name of «socialist»...

Contact with western tourists, the showing of degenerate films, radio and television programmes have made the youth of these countries still more dissolute, and have pushed it further toward corrupt western culture and the imitation of the American way of life. The many tourists who come to the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, bring with them not only the latest degenerate fashions in clothes, but also plenty of records of deafening music.

In Hungary things have gone so far that the composers have begun to write pieces which are executed before the public with plates, kitchen utensils and various objects which fall on the stage. The «melody» of this constitutes the «originality» of this music. There are other composers who instead of proper notes use for «originality» an astronomy map projected on a paper with lines. The height of the notes, one of these modern Hungarian composers says, is set by the position of the stars and their nuances must come out in proportion with the intensity of the light of each star shown on the astronomy map...

There are many such absurdities which are becoming quite fashionable in the revisionist countries.

All this environment yields its bitter fruits, particularly among the youth. It has been officially admitted that in Poland there are 30,000 drug users. The figures are still higher in Czechoslovakia, the same thing occurs in the other revisionist countries. Drug-taking is associated with hooliganism and crime. In Czechoslovakia, for example, criminal gangs and groups of hooligans, called «jíti», spring up like mushrooms. To be able to enter these groups one must spit at a teacher.

The gangsters of Moscow, Warsaw or the other capitals of Eastern Europe are now worthily competing with their Chicago or New York partners. The same forms of gangsterism, the same forms of robbery, the same terrorisation of the population exists as in the large cities of «western culture».

The difference between the East and West perhaps exists only in the published figures. The FBI publishes, several times a year in the United States, increasingly more alarming figures about the growth of criminality and gangsterism among the young, in the Soviet Union, Poland or Hungary these figures are kept closely guarded in the safes of the Home Ministry; and the press carries only expurgated data. But what the press publishes is of little importance. It is a fact, and it cannot be concealed, that the revisionist cliques which have usurped power in the Soviet Union and in the countries of Eastern Europe have, parallel with the restoration of capitalism, infected the youth of these countries, pushing them increasingly toward the dissolute American way of life, toward degenerate western culture.
IDEIOLOGICAL DIVERSION
AIMS AT DISRUPTING AND SUBVERTING THE YOUTH

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Towards the beginning of the sixties, there was an upsurge in the struggle of youth in the capitalist world. This fact is connected with the increase of the opposition and revolt by youth against exploitation and the aggressive policy of imperialism. The general opposition of youth goes as far as rebellion and revolutionary actions, as in the youth and student movement in 1968. Concerning these movements, comrade Enver Hoxha has pointed out that «at the foundation of the student and youth problem in general, in the capitalist countries, there is the cause of revolution, the violent overthrow of the power of the bourgeoisie which is the source of all their misfortunes».

The political struggle of the youth compelled the bourgeoisie more intensively to put into action against the younger generation its main weapon, ideological diversion, which has principal aims: First, by means of social demagogy, to spread among the ranks of the youth social and political indifferentism, in order to achieve the spiritual enslavement of the younger generation. Second, to spread ideological confusion, so that the opposition and revolt of youth against the capitalist system will not be channelled in an organized political direction.

In this way, the imperialist bourgeoisie seeks to split the youth, so as to make it easier to subvert them and place them at the service of its antipopular policy and expansionist plans.

The social demagogy of the bourgeoisie has a general aim, but it aims at the younger generation first since, because of their nature and lack of experience in life, they can more easily be affected by this demagogy. The propaganda of the bourgeois state, such as decadent literature and art, films, radio and television, and the omnipresent advertising of goods, does its best to convince people that capitalism has changed its nature and has become «people's capitalism>, where the exploitation of man by man has allegedly disappeared, that the antagonistic classes are now disappearing, that «the consumer society» has created well-being and abundance for all men, that education has taken on a mass character, and other nonsense. The bourgeoisie aims, through the «power of things>, to enslave souls of people.

In the field of politics, they seek to befuddle the youth by means of bourgeois «freedom» and «democracy>. These are purely demagogic slogans which serve to extend ideological chaos and political anarchy. The power of capital allows just so much freedom as will not endanger its existence: when it feels itself in danger, it resorts to force of arms, paves the way for the fascist forces, as in Chile in September 1973, or revives the fascist elements, as for instance in Italy.

The power of capital encourages, and frequently even finances, the spreading of all kinds of tendencies and political trends in the fold of the youth movement, with a view to disorientating and disrupting it. The anarchists launch slogans which curb the revolutionary movement of the working class and the progressive youth. A general political strike is considered by the Trotskyists as the only form of carrying out the revolution, thereby negating the other, higher forms of revolutionary struggle. Anarchist tendencies are revived in particular at the most intense periods of the struggle of the youth. They deny the necessity for a vanguard party in the revolution and the state in general. One feature of the Trotskyist trend in the youth and student movement is phraseology, which considers the intellectuals, the students and pupils as the leading core of the revolutionary movement of the masses. In general, the so-called «leftist» trends have no organisational unity among them, but in practice, by sabotaging the progressive movement of youth, they directly serve the bourgeoisie.

Particularly great service is rendered to the bourgeoisie by the modern revisionists, who have become its collaborators in spreading ideological confusion in the ranks of the youth. They often help the repressive apparatus of the bourgeoisie to divert the revolutionary actions of youth from political demands, or directly to sabotage them. This is how the French revisionists acted during the student movement in France in May-June 1968. They called on the rebelling students to give up their political demands and confine their struggle to «trade union rights» and «reforms of the educational system» without
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breaking out of the bourgeois framework. The Spanish revisionists are trying to channel the struggle of the youth and students toward the "democratization" of the fascist Franco regime. The undermining activity of the revisionist parties in many countries of the capitalist world has openly come out against the use of violence by youth and students, defending in this way the power of the bourgeoisie. The modern revisionists have transformed themselves into social-democratic type saboteurs of the struggle of youth.

But however hard the bourgeoisie and its servants may try, through social demagogy or by spreading ideological confusion, they will be unable to divorce the progressive youth of the capitalist countries from the working class. The objective conditions of bourgeois society urge youth and the masses of students increasingly to unite with the struggle of the working class. The youth struggle is now assuming a markedly political character. This is proved by the struggle of the Spanish youth against fascism in power, that by the Italian youth against the revival of fascism, the protest demonstrations and marches of the American youth against the hegemonic and aggressive policy of US imperialism, etc. In this revolutionary movement, an ever more active role is being played by the Marxist-Leninist parties. They are rallying around them broad masses of young people by means of meetings, the press and other forms, they ideologically instruct the workers and student youth, they fight against revisionist, anarchist and Trotskyist concepts, they show youth the true revolutionary road and they lead them on this road. For the progressive youth in capitalist countries the revolution is becoming an increasingly attractive force, and this must be so because, as comrade Enver Hoxha has said, "the tendency of present day world development is toward revolution and the triumph of socialism."
Unemployment, this permanent wound of capitalism, has worsened as never before in our days, as a result of the deepening of the financial and energy crisis. The branches most affected or which are expected to be still more heavily hit as a result of the oil shortage, are the chemical, plastic and synthetic fibre industries which are directly dependent on oil. Also heavily affected is the automobile industry. The epidemic of unemployment particularly affects the younger generation who have not yet assured their place in society and who do not have the proper education and qualifications. Young people are the first to be thrown into the street and the last to be employed. This is why 14.5 per cent of the young people in the US are in the army of the unemployed. It emerges from Danish press reports that more than one quarter of those unemployed in the Common Market are under 25 years of age, while in Canada, out of half a million unemployed, 45 per cent are young people up to 24 years of age.

According to data from the Italian Ministry of Labour, the number of young people unemployed in Italy is comparatively higher than in all other Common Market countries. Over 700,000 young people aged between 14 to 29, the Ministry admits in a report, are jobless because they are not able to study and gain qualifications. Every year, according to data from the French press, 300,000 people leave school. The only prospect for them is to do unskilled work. They do not receive vocational training and even when they do get a diploma or certificate for technical ability, they are employed in jobs which do not correspond to their qualifications, ad have reduced wages. The diplomas they receive do not ensure them a job.

It is characteristic that while there is an increase in the ranks of the unemployed in general, and the ranks of youth in particular, in all the capitalist countries there is an increasing tendency to include children in the mechanism of capitalist production. According to reports of the International Labour Organisation, in capitalist countries over 43 million children, under the age of 15, are compelled to work to earn their daily bread.

This facts exposes the ugly, criminal features of capitalism, and its efforts to gain the greatest possible profits by any means, not stopping at any crime, and 'trampling under foot all human laws', as Karl Marx has said.

The ruling circles in western countries shed crocodile tears and are unsparing of plans and projects full of promises to eliminate unemployment. This tiresome refrain is repeated from year to year, generation after generation, feeding the masses with stones instead of bread. Doubtless, this is being done to deceive the working people who bear the heavy burden of unemployment, and to conceal the main causes of this epidemic which is corroding the capitalist system. But however much the apologists of capitalism may rave, the working masses are more clearly understanding, from their own experience, the source of their misfortunes; they have therefore arisen in struggle for their rights. The class battles launched by the proletariat against the system of oppression and exploitation are also joined by the progressive youth who bear the heaviest weight of the burden of difficulties caused by the present crisis of capitalism.
WHILE THE MILLIONAIRES MULTIPLY THEIR MILLIONS, THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN POVERTY AND WANT

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In the present conditions when the capitalist-revisionist countries are deeply involved masses of the working people are becoming more and more impoverished, the bourgeoisie is increasing its profits. In the United States, the profits of 541 big monopolies rose 33 per cent in the first six months of 1976, in comparison with the same period of 1975. The DuPont firm, for example, made a profit of over 200 million dollars, or 6 times more than in the same period of the past year.

Today in the United States, 5 per cent of the population owns 57 per cent of the national wealth, whereas 87 per cent of the remainder of the population owns only 8 per cent of it. Over 30 million people in that country are living below the official poverty level. This in no way hinders the monopoly bourgeoisie from spending about 130 million dollars per year just to maintain its bureaucratic apparatus, or from spending 10 billion dollars on the receptions given by the big corporations, or 40 billion dollars on luxury items each year.

This is the road the new bourgeoisie in power in the Soviet Union has taken, too. There, the process of class differentiation, the polarization of society, is increasing rapidly. On one hand there are the elements of the new bourgeoisie, such as the top functionaries of the revisionist party and state, the bureaucratic military caste, the technocrats, etc., and on the other the broad masses of the working people of the town and countryside. Millions of Soviet people, especially in the countryside, are living below the recognised minimum. According to official data, there are 25 million people in the Soviet Union living at the minimum level set by the Soviet revisionists themselves, while 68 million others have a family income below that minimum.

Under these conditions, in which the fundamental contradictions of capitalist society are becoming ever deeper, social-democracy, the revisionists and the other opportunists are intensifying their deceptive propaganda intended to convince the masses of the working people that the present upheavals are allegedly a passing phenomenon, therefore they should endure the heavy burden that has fallen upon them. But, as Comrade Hoxha stressed at the 7th Congress of the Party, «...capitalism, as a social system, can never escape its contradictions and ulcers, because it is incapable of ensuring its own superprofits and preserving an internal social equilibrium at the same time. Nothing can cover the fact that the enrichment of a handful of millionaires brings about impoverishment and want among the masses of the people. An intensive process of polarization is observed, among other things, also in the colossal differentials in wages. In Spain, for example, the manager of an enterprise is 40 per cent of a worker's pay, whereas in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1975 alone the masses of the working people had to pay 65 billion Marks in taxes.

The more the general economic crisis of the bourgeoisie-revisionist countries deepens, the more big capital, the bourgeoisie and the revisionists try to shift the burden of the crisis on to backs of the broad masses of the working people. Thus the gulf between rich and poor, between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, is becoming deeper day by day. This class differentiation leads to the continuous sharpening of the antagonistic contradiction in capitalism between the social character of production and the private character of appropriation, and leads to the further intensification of the struggle of the proletariat for the overthrow of the rotten system in power.
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EMIGRANT WORKERS — VICTIMS TO THE ORDER

"BASHKIMI"

The emigrant workers have spread throughout the capitalist world, particularly on the European continent. The number of them today exceed 15 million. These millions, who leave Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece, Puerto Rico, etc., go with the hope that they will put an end to their troubles and find wellbeing, but they suffer great disillusionment. In the countries to which they emigrate the difficulties are even greater. They are compelled to work under very heavy conditions and for very little pay, even to endanger their lives just to get a job.

You find a good part of the emigrant workers cleaning the streets in Paris, working in the mines of Belgium, driving the tunnels for the underground railways in Munich and Rotterdam. In almost all the cities of West Germany the collection of garbage is considered an occupation mainly for foreign workers.

The emigrants also have exceptionally bad living conditions. They are compelled to live in shacks outside the city. And despite the lack of water, light and any household equipment in their hovels, they are compelled to pay the capitalists very high monthly house rents, which take a large part of their income. The situation of these "20th century slaves" has become still worse as a result of the general crisis that has gripped the capitalist world and which the bourgeoisie is seeking to shift onto the backs of the broad working masses. Price rises, numerous lay-offs are felt everywhere. And first of all this wave hits the migrant workers, who are the most defenceless masses from the legal viewpoint and with fewer rights. After having exploited them for years on end and squeezed them, the bourgeoisie of the countries where they are is throwing the migrant workers out in the road to face unemployment.

The "slave" traders of the 20th century are making large profits from this trade, and the profits are economic and political. By sending their citizens abroad to work, the exporting governments lighten the heavy burden of mass unemployment locally.

For the importing country, this trade with these "20th century slaves" is one of the most profitable, because the price of their labour power is very cheap. Being in a very bad economic situation, they agree to work anywhere, on the heaviest work and with very low pay simply to ensure a job. Apart from the barbarous exploitation of the migrants, the capitalists also use economic emigration as a means of pressure on the local working class. To divert the attention of the unemployed workers from the real cause of their unemployment, the capitalist owners try to convince the workers of their countries that foreign workers have taken their jobs, thus, arousing hatred between them and the local workers. These then are the economic and political profits that make the bourgeoisie encourage emigration.

The phenomenon of emigration is observed in the revisionist countries, too. Tens of thousands of Bulgarian, East German and other workers and specialists, the majority of them young, are obliged to emigrate to the Soviet Union, encouraged by the bourgeoisie of their own countries, in the hope that they can earn something after working to exhaustion in the interests of the Soviet bourgeoisie. More than 40,000 Bulgarian workers are cutting timber in the forests of Siberia, or working in various Soviet factories. Thousands of German, Czechoslovak, and other workers, are working on the construction of the gas pipeline for the export of Soviet gas to the countries of Western Europe. The emigrants from Bulgaria, East Germany, and other countries also do the heaviest and most difficult jobs which Soviet workers refuse to do, and they are exploited to the maximum by the Soviet bourgeois owners.

In the face of such a difficult situation, the migrant workers have raised their voice and have hurled themselves into struggle against the savage capitalist exploitation and the exceptionally difficult situation in which they find themselves. Their struggle has found the allround support of the local workers.
EMIGRATION — GRAVE TRAGEDY FOR MILLIONS OF YOUTH IN THE BOURgeoIS — REVISOIIST WORLD

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All the evils which present-day capitalism, in the grip of one of the most serious crises in its history, has loaded on the backs of the masses of working people, weigh especially on the multi-million masses of the youth. It is precisely the youth who experience the hardest capitalist oppression and exploitation, who pay the "cost" of the crisis in education, and who form the main detachments of the army of unemployed. It is the mass of the youth which constitutes the main target of the bourgeoisie in its efforts to sow confusion, moral degeneration and disruption. And for the youth of the bourgeois-revisionist world, emigration, this ugly monster of capitalism, constitutes one of the gravest tragedies.

Millions of young people (today they make up the bulk of the 12 million immigrants in the West European countries) have abandoned their homeland in search of any sort of job, just to keep body and soul together.

Today, the situation of the emigrant youth constitutes one of the gravest indictments of bourgeois "civilization" and "humanism." Bourgeois society has deprived them of even those few rights which the local working class has won through its long struggle. They enjoy no political rights, do not have the right to hold a work permit and can be laid off from work whenever it suits the employer. And the capitalist employers take them on only for the most back-breaking, unqualified jobs. Sometimes they are paid less than half the wages of a local worker. In the Federal German Republic, an immigrant youth is paid two marks per hour less than the local worker. The rate at which they are exploited is inhuman, while safety measures at work are simply nonexistent. They hold first place in suffering accidents at work and occupational diseases. According to figures from the bourgeois press, in West Germany 200 thousand immigrant workers fall victims to accidents every year, whereas in France, one in every three workers disabled in accidents is an immigrant. The profits of the monopoly capitalists are swollen with the blood and sweat of these workers. Their exploitation provides the French employers with super-profits amounting 16-18 billion francs per year, whereas in West Germany from the exploitation of Greek immigrant workers alone, the capitalist firms ensure super-profits amounting to 3.5 billion dollars. Capital exploits the immigrants not only by robbing them of their unpaid labour, but also in indirect ways, by constantly raising the taxes levied from them. In West Germany alone, during the last four years, about 15 billion marks were taken from immigrant families in the form of taxes.

The dazzling advertisements of the "consumer society" cannot conceal the miserable living conditions of millions of immigrants, and of the immigrant youth in particular. Mostly they live in shanty towns and decaying slum suburbs, which lack running water and the elementary conditions of hygiene and sanitation. It is not unusual for ten or more persons to be crowded into a single room.

The worsening of the economic crisis throughout the capitalist-revisionist world has made the problem of economic emigration even more acute. Emigration is the direct product of unemployment, and at the present time, the army of unemployed in the capitalist and revisionist countries has grown to unprecedented propor-

ions. According to official figures, in the 21 capitalist member countries of the OECD, there are now about 7 million unemployed under 25 years of age, in the United States more than 3 million, whereas in Africa, from which large contingents of immigrants come to Europe, there are now more than 23 million unemployed young people. Just in the countries of the European Common Market, from the beginning of the present cycle of the crisis (1973), the number of unemployed has increased by another 2 million, who are mostly young people. In these conditions of the rapid growth of unemployment, immigrants have been the first to be thrown out on the street by the capitalist bosses. According to press figures, in West Germany, last year 600 thousand immigrant workers were sacked, in Switzerland among the 370 thousand workers who were laid off last year, 278 thousand were immigrants. In France there are now about 100 thousand unemployed immigrant workers. A similar situation prevails in the other countries of Western Europe, too. And the future holds out no promise of any improvement for the immigrants, therefore many of them (as has been the case with nearly half a million immigrant workers in West Germany) are returning to their homelands, worn out by the savage exploitation, worse off than when they left their homes, but with no more illusions that there may be a country in the world of capital in which they could live well.

The young immigrant workers are uniting ever more closely with the local workers, rejecting the efforts of the bourgeoisie which is trying to set one against the other, and expressing their determination to fight to the end against the social order which gives rise to such evils as emigration.
Unemployment and gloomy prospects in their own countries compel hundreds and thousands of Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and African workers to leave their homeland and families and go to foreign countries, to other capitalist countries, where they sell their labour force at cheap prices to earn their daily bread.

In Western Europe alone, this great mass of foreign labour has reached about 12 million. Thus in West Germany, one out of every 18 people has a foreign passport; in France there are more than 3,700,000 foreigners, in Belgium 250,000, in Holland about 250,000 and in Britain more than 1,500,000.

The situation of these «new slaves» has greatly worsened, especially now as a result of the crisis that has gripped the capitalist world and which the monopoly bourgeoisie is striving to shift onto the shoulders of the broad working masses. Rising prices, taxes and numerous dismissals from work are reported everywhere. And this wave is affecting, in the first place, the emigrant workers who are the most defenceless mass from the legal point of view, and have fewer rights. The bourgeoisie of the countries where they find themselves, after having exploited them for years is now compelling these workers to leave and go to their own countries, where poverty and unemployment lie in store for them. Thus, for example, according to foreign press reports, more than 190,000 emigrant workers from Italy, Turkey and other countries, will be compelled to leave West Germany, in search of work in some other country. Similar consequences are also affecting foreign workers in France, Belgium and elsewhere. In Belgium a few days ago, several hundred demonstrators came out in the streets of the small town of Molenbeek, in the Brussels suburbs, to protest against measures taken by local authorities against foreign workers. The Belgian police have recently undertaken a number of operations against foreign workers who have come to work in Belgium, and have used violence against them. News agencies report that the Belgian authorities have recently established a number of new, strict regulations to limit the stay of foreign workers in the country...

An analysis of these facts clearly shows how groundless is the fuss of bourgeoisie propaganda about the so-called «freedom to work in any country». This «freedom to work» is nothing but freedom for the bourgeoisie to act as it pleases with foreign manpower, to dismiss it whenever it likes and to exploit as much as possible the workers who remain, who are not only under the continuous threat of unemployment, but do the most difficult work and enjoy almost no rights at all.

The capitalist proprietors consider them as productive machines. By a frequent turnover of emigrants, the capitalists hope to reduce «social» expenditure, i.e. expenditures for hospitals, schools, the construction of houses, etc. to a minimum. The emigrant workers live in very bad conditions, in shanty towns and barracks.

The difficult working and living conditions have increased the indignation and revolt of the emigrants. They are extending their struggle together with the local workers against layoffs, price rises, and intensified work, demanding a better life. They are making new strides forward, under the leadership of the genuine Marxist-Leninist parties, to put an end once and for all to the exploitation of man by man. And they are convinced that they will achieve this through a determined revolutionary struggle, overthrowing the bourgeoisie and establishing in its stead people’s power, socialism, which liberates the working class from any kind of oppression and exploitation.
In a number of West-European countries there is a re-crudescence of fascist activities, indeed, an explosion of the hysteria against migrant workers and their families. Gangs with swastika emblems terrorize foreign workers whom poverty and unemployment have forced to abandon their countries in search of a job to secure the bitter bread of emigration in West Germany, England, Switzerland, France and the Netherlands. With «Heil Hitler!» shouts, fascists have attacked migrant workers in Tutlingen, Munich and West Berlin, in London and Birmingham, threatened them and set their houses to fire. The bourgeoisie encourages these outrageous acts even in traditionally quiet countries, such as the Scandinavian countries, where the burning crosses of the notorious Ku-Klux-Clan gangs have become a frequent sight. Fascist hysteria coincides in time with the administrative measures the governments of West Germany and other countries have taken against migrant labour in order to expel them and their families, or «facilitate» their repatriation.

They find the excuse for unleashing this campaign in the large-scale unemployment and crisis that have affected these countries. The unemployed in West Germany are 2 million, in Britain more than 3 million, and in France, Belgium and Denmark unemployment has beaten all records. The official propaganda makes the great number of migrant workers responsible for this state of things. The bourgeoisie makes out as if these workers have been invited to the European countries only thanks to its generosity. But now that the Europeans have come up against difficulties, the foreigners must clear out!

One can call this anything, but not generosity. There was always cold reckoning in the utilization of the cheap migrant labour. The American, West-German, British, French, Belgian or Scandinavian bourgeoisie needs migrant workers, who are employed in the more menial jobs, are paid less, have no rights, in order to exercise pressure on the local workers and force them to think that they must be «more moderate» in their demands and in their class struggle.

If there are so many unemployed today, migrant workers are not responsible for it. Responsible for this state of things is the bourgeoisie order and the appetite of the bourgeoisie for maximum profit, for the highest possible surplus value from the unpaid labour of the worker. By inciting attacks against foreign workers, the bourgeoisie imposes dangerous diversion. It tries to distract the attention of the working class from the true cause of its wretchedness, from the heavy burden of the crisis, high taxes and rents, from the insecure future and astronomical prices the worker comes up against every day. By implementing the centuries-old motto of all exploiters — «Divide and rule», the bourgeoisie and its state try

...to shift the attention to the «harm caused by migrant labour». At the same time tens of thousands of workers are sacked and thrown into the streets, and funds for social insurance, hospitals and schools are curtailed.

Behind the activities of the criminal gangs is hidden the hand of the bourgeoisie.
Economic crises in the capitalist world have always been accompanied by the efforts of the forces of retrogression to hang on to or to seize state power by means of counter-revolutionary violence. A similar phenomenon is being observed now in the increased and perfected even going to the length of training special paratroopers to drop them over the demonstrators.

In the approval and application of these antilabor laws and decrees the capitalist bourgeoisie also has the support of the revisionist parties, which not only vote for them in the parliaments where they take part as «opposition» parties, but under various counterrevolutionary and defeatist slogans of being «patient», «keeping calm» to avoid «frightening» the bourgeoisie, etc., are striving to quell the revolutionary spirit of the proletariat and the working masses, to sabotage their strikes and protests, their just struggle against capitalist oppression and exploitation. Now, as is occurring in France, Italy, Spain and elsewhere, things have gone so far that the traitorous leaders of the revisionist parties are seeking collaboration with the bourgeois parties to share the state power through the division of government posts, hence, joint administration and domination over the working masses. The capitalist bourgeoisie fully supports this because it serves its aims and current needs.

The peoples, the working masses everywhere in the world have sufficient experience concerning the manoeuvres and demagogic activity of the capitalist bourgeoisie, when it calls to office the parties of compromis, the socialist and social democrat parties, when it supports coalition governments with the participation of the revisionists, or when it openly collaborates with fascists parties.

Therefore, they are increasingly enhancing their revolutionary vigilance. Evidence of this is the continual increase of the protest of the working masses, expressed through ever more powerful demonstrations and strikes, to defend their right to work and their wages, against the savage capitalist oppression and exploitation.
FASCISM — A REAL DANGER TO MANKIND

«ZERI I POPULLIT»

The bourgeoisie is trying to shift the grave consequences of the profound economic-financial crisis, which has the capitalist world in its grip, more and more on to the backs of the proletariat and the other working people in town and country. In face of this situation, it is natural that the revolt of the working masses is becoming more and more powerful, while the capitalist and revisionist bourgeoisie, seeing its power in peril, is turning, without delay, to its last card — the fascist dictatorship.

Just as in the period of the '20s and the '30s, the same political-social forces, the big armaments monopolies, the revenge-seeking military circles, the counter-revolutionary and reactionary forces of the extreme right, and others are supporting the fascist movements and fascism. Just as in the past, close ties and collaboration exist between them. Almost the same methods are being used to bring to power and establish, the fascist dictatorship in this or that country. In Germany for instance, the events have shown that, in order to seize power, the Hitlerite nazis not only were prepared for coups d'état of the fascist type, but also made use of the parliamentary road, the «electoral» system of that time. It is a known fact that in September 1930 the National-Socialist Party (Hitler's party) «won» the parliamentary elections thanks to the treacherous activity of the social democrats and the disruption they caused in the ranks of the forces of the left and these elections opened the way to Hitlerite national-socialism.

On coming to power, the German type fascism became the most reactionary of the time. It was the representative of the savage chauvinism. Within the country, it pursued
a policy of gangsterism, provocations and tortures against the working class and the progressive revolutionary elements, and took upon itself the task of destroying the Communist Party of Ernst Thaelmann and Rosa Luxemburg, at all costs, of destroying the workers' movement completely and intimidating the petty bourgeoisie, weakened by the economic crisis, with the spectre of the «communist danger», etc. In foreign policy, it represented the policy of unrestrained aggression against other countries and peoples, it became the main inciter of imperialist war. Aren't the same signs showing up today in the aggressive hegemonic practical activity not only of the two superpowers, but also of some other imperialist countries?

The continuous growth and further modernization of the repressive police apparatuses are clear expressions of the trend to fascism. In 1978 in several capitalist countries budget expenditure for police salaries was increased, while over the past 7 years, expenditure for the police apparatus as a whole has more than trebled. The main task of the colossal repressive police apparatus remains, as before, the suppression of demonstrations and strikes of the working people, ousting them from the plants and factories they occupy, the forcible eviction of the homeless poor who break into and occupy apartments left standing empty and which the owners let only at rents which the working people can never afford, the eviction of the peasants from the land they occupy (in Latin America), etc.

In several capitalist countries, and especially in the main ones, special police organs have been set up under the slogan of the protection of «sensitive objects», of vigilance, action and intervention in cases of «natural calamities», etc. In fact, these organs do nothing but train special troops to fight against the strikes and demonstrations of the working masses. Such units are operating in Iran, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the U.S.A., etc.

In many capitalist countries, the fascists have their own seats in parliament, are members of municipal councils, prefectures and other state organs, up to the highest instances, they have their own people in the army and, particularly, in the police and security organs, they have at their disposal radio and television stations, meeting halls, squares for rallies, newspapers, etc. In other words, they are organized, defended and supported on a broad scale.

In these conditions, the fascists are openly proclaiming their own programs for coming to power.

Precisely in these moments of the large scale re-activation of the fascist forces, the revisionist parties, through their participation in the bourgeois parliaments and other state organs, have become part of the prevailing capitalist social and state systems and serve these systems. Just as the betrayal of the reformist leaders of social democracy in the past opened the way for fascism to come to power, today, too, through the betrayal of the revisionist leaders, who are striving to divert the working class and the working masses away from revolutionary action, the way is being opened again to the advent to power of fascism.

The process of the revival of fascism and its activity has been made easier and encouraged by the advent to power of revisionism in the Soviet Union and a series of other revisionist countries, by the destruction of the dictatorship of the proletariat and its replacement with the dictatorship of the new bourgeoisie and social fascism, by the transition to the positions of social-imperialism, the implementation of an aggressive, hegemonic chauvinist foreign policy and by the collaboration both with U.S. imperialism and with the different dictatorial and anti-people regimes. Clear evidence of this is the brutal aggression carried out against Czechoslovakia in 1988, during which all disguise was torn to shreds and the use of openly fascist methods in relations with the other countries began.

History and the development of events during the recent decades of the 20th century show that fascism whether the classical Italian or German variety, or the «modern» fascism of the present day, is the sworn enemy of mankind. It poses a great, direct and permanent danger to the proletariat. But it is not inevitable. Its coming to power can be averted, the establishment of the fascist dictatorship can be successfully opposed, and it can be defeated. This demands the enhancement of the revolutionary vigilance of the working masses, unity in the great anti-fascist and anti-capitalist struggle, of all the revolutionary forces, the working class, the proletariat, the peasantry, the students and other progressive forces under the leadership of genuine Marxist-Leninist parties.

There are many examples of this because the peoples hate fascism and are opposing it actively. Hence, the unity of action of the international proletariat is the most powerful weapon against the common enemy, fascism.
News agencies report bloody crimes by fascist and neo-fascist groups in various countries of the world have become only too banal. The "black chronicle" is full of tragic events.

These events, which have shocked progressive world opinion, have a profound political significance. They show that the spectre of fascism is again at large.

In the conditions of the general crisis of capitalism, which affects political, financial and economic life, the condition of the working masses is growing steadily worse. On the other hand, the peoples are organizing themselves and militating in revolutionary movements. The outburst of this struggle is shaking the foundations of capitalism. Faced with this situation, world imperialism sees that it can no longer maintain its rule by "democratic" methods of government and bourgeoisie legality, therefore it is searching for a way out of the impasse by applying fascist methods, resorting to open violence and terror against the revolutionary and democratic forces. The bourgeoisie governments, which are unable to stem the mounting tide of revolutionary events, are overcome by military putsches and replaced with fascist governments.

In many countries, the chiefs of fascist gangs are arrested or even less tried in court. Investigations and trials are carried out from time to time, but they are directed against less important elements, those playing secondary or tertiary roles. The main leaders, those who organize and finance fascist activities either remain at large or, if some of them are arrested, they are quickly "absolved" or freed for "lack of proofs". And it could not be otherwise, as long as the leading fascists hold at the same time commanding posts in industry, the army, etc.

Nevertheless, the fascist threat is not an unavoidable evil. It can be stopped, if the united strength of the peoples is opposed to it. The terrorist activity of the fascist elements and their attempts to seize power have aroused the indignation and anger of the democratic and revolutionary forces of all the peoples of the world, who can never forget the lessons of history, the millions of martyrs and victims of fascism in the Second World War.
RACISM AND CHAUVINISM

«ZERI I POPULLIT»

When he entered upon office, Reagan, amongst other things, made a number of declarations, demagogical, of course, about putting an end to racial discrimination which has been raised to a system in the United States of America. «We are a united people,» he said and solemnly declared that he recognizes no racial or ethnic divisions. Continuing on this line, he promised «equal opportunities for all Americans,» etc. Later the American president repeated the same statements, as in the case of a conference recently organized by a negro association, where he declared that «the administration will eliminate all cases of discrimination of minorities by the government.»

However, promises are one thing and the reality is another thing. Promises are made in profusion by all the presidents of the USA without exception, whether of the democratic or the republican party. The reality, however, has remained unchanged, indeed has become even gloomier. In the USA of our days even after the «anti-racial» declarations of Reagan the supremacy and domination of the whites over the black population, the existence of the tragic black ghettos are a flagrant reality. In a number of states of this country the blacks are prevented from attending white schools. Through various decisions and measures the Reagan administration has justified and supported this state of things. Even under Reagan the blacks are prohibited from utilizing the same urban transport facilities as the whites. The blacks are less paid for equal work than the whites. Unemployment among the black population is the highest in the country. The American bourgeois press itself admits now that the time has come «to make Reagan personally responsible for the racial policy of his administration.»

Certainly, the racial policy of Reagan is not the personal doing of the president, nor can it be charged to his administration alone. Being the spokesman for capital in power, in this case one of the two big parties of capital — the Republican, the president, speaking of the American blacks, has publicly declared that «to try to win over the people who have closed the doors to us, means to misuse our own resources.» Such a declaration speaks of the deep unsurmountable gap between the black population of the USA and the power of capital, and shows that the policy of racial discrimination, and indeed racial terror, is an instrument in his hands to suppress «by force of law» about one fourth of the population of the country in order to exploit it even more ruthlessly and ensure higher rates of profit. Reagan's demagogy is merely an effort at covering up this reality. Both the president and his administration, like all the preceding presidents and their administrations, are representatives and zealous servants of the interests of big capital, they practice the most savage racism and support Ku-Klux-Klan, the open or disguised offspring of a slave owner domination, in its murders and secret physical liquidation of the blacks and their children. This is how things stand about the much advertised Reaganism, which amongst other things is hailed as the official anti-racial doctrine in the USA.

Chauvinism, also raised to the level of official policy, is the other side of the medal. With Reagan's entering upon office, the myth of the «American superiority» has assumed new and threatening proportions. Reagan has raised it to a cult. He has made a fetish of the Americans' «energy and genius». According to him, the Americans represent «such a great nation that they cannot permit themselves to indulge in petty dreams,» because they have been born «to perform great deeds». America is the «blessed land», and its citizens are «heroes», says Reagan. There is no doubt about the similarity of these sermons with those of the Hitlerites about the «Nordic superman». There is no doubt, either, about the fact that behind such national-chauvinist clamour loom criminal objectives which have a striking similarity to the aspirations of the nazifascists in their time. Reagan himself has declared, «while we build here on our own land, we must see to it that our strength grows all over the world,» or «the growing role of America lies in the fact that it has emerged to the position of a leader.» The Hitlerites also spoke about the «Nordic superman» and the «revival» of Germany, connecting this with what they proclaimed to be the special mission history had assigned to it to establish its domination over the entire world. Their motto «Deutschland über alles» is notorious.

The «greatness» of the America of the dollar rises on the sweat and blood of the millions of the oppressed and exploited who are ruthlessly robbed of everything both inside the USA and in all other countries of the world where American capital has dug its clutches, carrying out barbarous aggressions, creating hotbeds of tension, throwing the peoples into armed conflicts and fratricidal wars. It is an accepted fact today that the wealth the United States of America has created through the plunder of the former colonial peoples and dependent countries is calculated not by tens or hundreds of billions of dollars but by thousands of billions of dollars.
RACISM IS STILL A MAJOR EVIL IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

"BASHKIMI", central organ of the Democratic Front

The first slaves bought in Africa were taken to America 350 years ago. Thus, alongside the barbarous extermination of the native Indians, there began one of the most shameful periods of the exploitation of black people as beasts of burden, and the most savage racial discrimination. But even now, after more than three and a half centuries, although the word "slave" does not exist in the American constitution, there exists in essence the same situation: people are divided into "black" and "white". In the USA the unwritten laws of racial discrimination and savage exploitation, laws which are based on the capitalist system itself, as an oppressive and exploiting system, are in full force.

Racism is an offspring of the bourgeoisie order. In the USA it constitutes one of the typical examples of the cynicism of U.S. imperialism. American racism was born along with the bourgeoisie, with U.S. imperialism; it developed with it and will disappear only when US imperialism disappears. US racism is an integral part of the so-called "American way of life".

The USA is populated by people of various races: Europeans, Africans, Indians, Asians, Puertoicans, etc. But the unwritten law of racial discrimination stipulates that the white is master, and superior to all the other races. Despite the demagogical fuss of the rulers, and although the American constitution expressly states that "all men are by nature free and equal", this racist law is preserved and defended by the American system of government, by the ruling and racist circles. This policy, helps the business and monopoly circles to exercise, alongside the exploitation of white workers, a still more savage exploitation of the so-called "coloured" workers, making them the object of double exploitation.

"In the USA", - the French newspaper "Le Monde Diplomatique" writes, - "the black people are entirely neglected. In his messages to the Congress, Nixon does not mention the blacks at all. The funds assigned for black people in the federal budgets are constantly diminishing. . . ."

Nixon was asking the Afro-Americans to improve their lot by themselves; in other words, to continue living under the same conditions of savage racial discrimination. Nixon's scornful statements differ a great deal from his demagogical declarations made during the election campaign, where the list of promises was very long.

"Consequently", - "Le Monde Diplomatique" further continues, - "the Afro-Americans are at the bottom of the ladder in per capita income; they constitute the largest number of unemployed, and their ghettos have not yet disappeared."

According to official American sources, 12.3 per cent of black women and 10.2 per cent of black men are jobless in the United States. In fact, the actual percentage of black people unemployed is much greater, and comes to 31 per cent of the able-bodied black population. In the big American cities more than a quarter of the black labour force has no chance of finding work. In Detroit, for example, the percentage of unemployed black people is 29.2, in Chicago 28.2, in Newark 28.3 in Milwaukee 26.8, in Kansas City 24.3, and so on. Black people are the last to be hired and the first to be fired. Even those blacks who are employed are very badly treated and are subject to great inequality. Blacks are paid less than whites for the same work. Blacks make up the majority of the army of 23 million American poor. One out of three black families lives in complete poverty, while over 2 million black Americans suffer from malnutrition.
FALSITY OF BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY

"BASHKIMI", central organ of the Democratic Front of Albania.

The presidential election campaign is now in full swing in the United States of America. The candidates for the presidency are roaming from one city to another of the USA, presenting their programs, granting interviews to the press and television, and making promises that the situation will be improved after their coming to office. But up till now many presidents have sat in the soft seats of the White House, while the situation in America remains what it was: wide open for the millionaires and multi-millionaires to increase their profits; poverty, uncertainty, discrimination and humiliation for the rank and file masses of the people, the Afro-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, or the native Indian inhabitants. The presidents, senators, or the members of the House of Representatives are installed or removed by the millionaires, they are financed and bribed by the millionaires, and for this they reward their patrons when they occupy the warm arm-chairs of the president, vice-president, congressman, governor or judge. Facts show that there is not even one representative from the strata of the working people in the American Congress. It turns out from a study made of the biographies of 92 members of the Supreme Court of the United States that they came from the top families of the bourgeoisie of the country. The facts show that 20 per cent of the richest American families provide from their ranks about 90 per cent of the political elite of the United States. As regards the remaining 10 per cent they are likewise representatives of the bourgeoisie, completely in the service of the big monopolies.

Inequality is encountered at every step in America. In America today there are 21 million illiterate and semi-illiterate people: about 30 million Americans are living under the poverty line at a time when 5 per cent of the rich families of the United States own half of all the national wealth, or 1 per cent of the richest people hold 31 per cent of the country's national wealth and 61 per cent of the shares.

This inequality is even more grave when it is a question of the Afro-Americans, the Puerto Ricans or the elderly, who live in utter poverty, completely abandoned by the capitalist society which after having squeezed all the strength and energy out of them during their whole lifetime, has now cast them aside. Studies carried out on a national scale show that the average income of an Afro-American is only 53 per cent of the income of a white citizen. Likewise, the studies show that half the people over 65 years of age suffer from malnutrition.

Despite this the whole burden of taxes by which the bourgeoisie maintains all its apparatus of oppression and defrays the colossal expenditure for the militarisation of the country (the record war budgets of over 110 billion dollars a year) falls on the masses, precisely on these tens upon tens of millions of the poor and the discriminated. The entire oppressive apparatus of the bourgeoisie works for only one aim: The bourgeoisie must preserve intact and increase its profits at the expense of the working masses. Taxes in America have become an intolerable burden. It has been calculated that from every dollar of lantional income, the federal and local authorities plunder the Americans, in the form of taxes, of 37 per cent, and at the present rate, before long, will be taking 50 per cent in tax (taxes in the USA are increasing at an annual rate of 8.6 per cent).

Hence, this great burden of taxes is borne by the working people. As regards the millionaires, we need only say that it emerges from the statistics of the Taxation Service in 1974 that 244 persons with annual incomes of more than 200,000 dollars, had not paid even a cent in federal tax.

The bourgeoisie legislation creates numerous advantages for the millionaires to avoid paying taxes, and the greater the wealth of the millionaire, the greater these advantages are, which means that the big monopoly companies pay very low percentages of taxes.

This is only one aspect of the inequality and falsity of the all bourgeois propaganda clamour about the so-called society of equal opportunities.—
THE MEN OF BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS ARE READY TO SELL ANYTHING FOR MONEY

«BASHKIMI», central organ of the Democratic Front of Albania

New and more scandalous facts of the huge proportions of the bribes the CIA and various US monopoly companies have paid to government figures in Italy, West Germany, Japan and many other capitalist countries, are appearing in the press. The practice of paying bribes is quite usual in the degenerate life of capitalist countries. The money we distribute is not for graft but purely as a gift, — declared one of the managers of the big American firm «Lockheed», which has paid millions of dollars in bribes to government figures in all parts of the world, before the Senate.

It is not any sort of person who receives the «gifts» from «Lockheed», but Cabinet Ministers and Prime Ministers, princes and high officials. In Italy, they mention the names of the former Defence Ministers and other high officials who ordered the purchase of «Hercules C 130» transport aircraft from the «Lockheed» company, although they were unsuitable.

In Japan, they mention names of high officials, and indeed former Prime Ministers, who suspended work on the construction of Japanese aircraft, causing thousands upon thousands of workers to be fired, and ordered the import of US aircraft. Likewise in West Germany, some years ago 917 «Starfighter» planes were ordered in exchange for a modest «gift» of 10 million dollars by «Lockheed», although they had so many defects that they were described as «flying graves» (in 14 years 178 «Starfighter» planes have crashed in the GFR). And despite this, despite the indignation and continuous protests of the public, nothing stopped the buying of further supplies of these defective aircraft. It could not happen otherwise: The bribes which the Cabinet Ministers and officials had received from «Lockheed» were very fat indeed.

Government figures of these and many other capitalist countries have taken bribes, have closed down so many factories on their own countries, spent millions of dollars, taken out of the pockets of poor taxpayers to buy defective, frequently unnecessary or unsuitable American aircraft.

The U.S. monopoly companies had full guarantee that, in exchange for the bribes they paid they would secure profits several times higher. Thus, for instance, in South Africa «Lockheed» paid 9 million dollars; in Nigeria it paid 3.6 million dollars in bribes to government figures in all parts of the world, before the Senate. In Spain — 1.3 million dollars in bribes to buy aircraft planes, worth a sum of 20 billion dollars. And not only «Lockheed», «Gulf Oil», «Occidental Petroleum», «Tennessee», «Northrop», «Grumman», «Aerospace», «United Brands», «Ashland Oil», «Exxon» and other companies have acted in the same way. For example, in order to sell Iran its «F-114» fighter planes, the Grumman company handed out bribes amounting to 28 million dollars. Likewise, in Italy alone, there is talk of 9 large US companies which have paid out millions of dollars in graft to sell their commodity to the detriment of the national commodity. Heading the list are the «Exxon» and «Esso» companies, followed by «Lockheed» and «Mobil» with more than 2 million dollars each paid out in graft. «United Brands», «Mcdonald - Douglas», «Boeing», «Northrop», «Tennessee» and many others. The notorious American CIA does not lag a single step behind these corporations in paying out bribes to buy government figures, military men, journalists and whole newspapers. The fact has now become known that in the last 30 years the American CIA has handed out over 50 billion lira as graft to various Italian political formations and personalities.

Paying bribes, buying or compromising the men of government and officials of other countries, even of those described as «allies», is one of the forms of the unscrupulous interference and blackmail which U.S. imperialism exerts over the others. Sometimes through open aggression and at other times through the notorious CIA or its companies. U.S. imperialism, in rivalry with Soviet social imperialism, is seeking to plunder everywhere, to play the role of international gendarme, to dictate to the others its will as a ruler. This brutal interference in the affairs of other countries is, in the final analysis, a component part of the policy which the two superpowers and their allies are pursuing, a policy in which, as comrade Enver Hoxha has pointed out, degeneration, falsity and deception reign. The monstrous proportions of the corruption also show that the men of government everywhere in capitalist countries serve and worship money alone, they are ready to sell anything, their honour, their dignity and their nation for money, for graft.
ESPIONAGE, DIVERSION AND AGGRESSION —
IN THE SERVICE OF THE HEGEMONISTIC AIDS
OF THE US AND RUSSIAN IMPERIALISTS

«BASHKIMI»

A few weeks ago the director of the ill-famed American CIA, William Colby, published inter-
views in the weeklies «Time» and «US News and World Report», arrogantly declaring that the
United States has the right to interfere secretly everywhere in
this or that country is building socialism and, consequently, to
interfere with troops and carry out fascist aggression like the
one in Czechoslovakia, allegedly
in the interests of the defence of
socialism.

And all this is done so that
these two superpowers will pave
the way to attain their ultimate objective — to dominate the
whole world, the peoples and
the states.

In order to achieve this aim, the US and Russian imperialists
leave no stone unturned. The
CIA and its as much ill-famed rival, the KGB, through their
nets extended all over the world, put in practice the policy of
espionage, sabotage, subversion
and aggression, which has been raised to a system by them.
According to American figures, some 200,000 CIA agents act in
109 countries of the world. Al-
though no figures have been
given concerning the KGB
agents, everything shows that
they do not lag behind their CIA
rivals.

Particularly, the embassies of
the two superpowers in other
countries have been transformed
into great centres of espionage. It
must be pointed out that as
well the US as the Soviet embas-
sies have an inflated personnel,
frequently up to ten times larger
than the other embassies.

Sometimes, the personnel of the
US embassies surpasses the fi-
gure of 1.000. In one or another
form, they carry out espionage
and diversion activity. Suffice it

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interests as well as in the inte-
rests of its friends. . . Dwelling
in particular on the orchestrati-
on of the fascist coup in Chile
by the CIA, Colby cynically de-
clares that the CIA acted in con-
formity with the «supreme inter-
rest of the Chilean people»!, for
in his opinion, Salvador Allende's regime was not democra-
tic.

You can hardly find any clea-
rer admission of the gendarme's
role assumed by US imperialism
which is seeking to arrogate to
itself the right to interfere evey-
where in the world when its
interests or those of its friends
(read the puppets and obedient
servants of the US monopolies)
are impaired, wherever the peo-
ple rise and fight for real free-
dom and independence, against
the savage imperialist plunder
and exploitation.

The gendarme's role of US
imperialism and William Colby's
recent cynical statements have
aroused a profound indignation,
particularly in the Latin Ameri-
can countries where in the last
decade alone the CIA has or-
organised 14 coups d'état to bring to
power the stooges of US mono-
polies. Refuting the declaration
made by Colby, who claims that
the USA is entitled to carry out
sabotages and intervene in other
countries, the Peruvian Prime
Minister, Edgardo Merhado Jar-
rin, forcefully pointed out that
his country would never allow
any interference in its internal
affairs and the less so the inter-
ference of the American CIA.

Likewise the Foreign Minister
of Mexico, Emilio Rabassa, for-
cefully condemned Colby's state-
ments and pointed out that no
country whatsoever has the right
to interfere and carry out espio-
nage activity in other countries.
A similar declaration was made
also by the Home Minister of
Venezuela, Louis Pinera. The La-
tin American public opinion
condemns with indignation the
hideous activity of the American
monopolies and CIA, and calls
for enhancing vigilance against
US imperialism.

Colby's admissions are an ex-
pression of the official policy
of US imperialism. They are an
elaboration of the line of his
chief, Henry Kissinger, who sta-
ted on June 27, 1970 that the
United States «cannot remain in-
different and allow that another
country should become com-
munist due to the irresponsibility
of its people»!

Thus, Kissinger, Colby and the
other US rulers are seeking to
arrogate to themselves the right
to decide on which country has
or no a democratic regime, and,
consequently, have a free hand
for the overthrow of any regime
that does not respect the inter-
ests of the Americans and their
friends.

This policy resembles, like
two drops of water, that of the
other world gendarme — Rus-
sian imperialism. Brezhnev has
issued his ill-famed doctrine of
«limited sovereignty» and has
arrogated to himself the right
to decide by himself on whether

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to mention that according to official data, only 20 per cent of the personnel of the US embassies is paid from the State Department funds, while the rest of 80 per cent depends on the Defence Department, the CIA, the Information Service or other American agencies. The same thing happens also with the Soviet embassies. Suffice it to mention that 40 countries of Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America have caught Soviet diplomats red-handed and have expelled them as undesirable persons. A great indignation is aroused throughout the world by the espionage activity carried out near other countries' coasts by Soviet ships which pretend to be fishing or oceanographic boats, as well as by the flagrant practice of "spying out the skies," practised by the two world gendarmes, the US and Russian imperialists through their great height planes and spy satellites.

In those countries which they call allies, the embassies of the two superpowers are quickly transformed into a government over government. Fresh is the memory of Prague, where the Soviet ambassador dictated the list with the names of the collaborators who were to be included in the government, a practice which has become a road in the satellite countries that have been turned into provinces of the Russian empire. In many countries of Latin America, particularly in Central America, the US embassies, together with the "United Fruit", "ITT" and other corporations, have become governments dictating their will in the country. But not only in Latin America. The US imperialists are seeking to pursue the same policy also with regard to their European allies. The Italian press wrote with indignation about the brutal interferences of the US ambassador John Volpe, whose secretary, with an unprecedented practice, fixes meeting hours to the Ministers of the Italian government with the US ambassador in the embassy seat. During these meetings the ambassador unceremoniously suggests that the parliament should be dissolved and shows the Ministers the ways for the "solution" of the crisis of the Italian Government. All this is accompanied with a broad backstage activity of the CIA such as "rest visits" recently made to Italy and Portugal by the CIA deputy-director, the American Army General Vernon. This includes also the encouragement and organization of the coups d'etat to which reference has been made in the Italian press.

The entire subversive, espionage and blackmail activity of the US imperialists and the Soviet social imperialists is being carried out in strong competition and rivalry with one another, for it is an integral part of their contest and rivalry to dominate the world, aiming each for itself to seize the largest portion, be it from the other's mouth.
NATO — AN ALLIANCE FOR WAR AND AGGRESSION AGAINST THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLES

NATO's short 25 years of existence show that it has always been an instrument of the aggressive policy of US imperialism. Precisely this organization, set up on the pretext of the danger to «the free world», further paved the way for the interference of US imperialism in Europe. US imperialism settled down militarily on the continent, extending the network of its military bases and paving the way for the allround economic and political penetration of the USA. Over 300,000 troops, stationed in several hundred military bases in the Federal Republic of Germany and elsewhere, are the American «defenders» of the «free world» in Europe.

NATO has been used by US imperialism and its partners as a common weapon and a strike force against the revolutionary struggle of the European and other peoples. NATO arms and soldiers have been stained with crimes in Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Guatemala, in the Portuguese colonies or Cambodia. US imperialism has incessantly armed this aggressive alliance. It has possessed the most up-to-date weapons. Over the past 25 years the NATO countries have spent 1 trillion 700 billion dollars on the upkeep of the military forces and on equipping them with ever newer arms.

By means of NATO, US imperialism has striven to preserve its leading role and exercise its dictate over its partners. With the aid of Washington, and in the framework of the Atlantic alliance, the West German Bundeswehr was restored and armed. The Bonn revanchists are playing an increasing role in NATO. Bonn is Washington's most loyal partner, and through this loyalty, as well as the concessions of the Soviet social imperialists, it is striving to open the way further to the realisation of its militarist dreams for a «great Germany».

The 25-year activity of the aggressive NATO alliance is also filled with defeats and contradictions which originate from its imperialist character. In the fold of NATO, there have been continual quarrels between the USA and its partners, who, for the sake of their imperialist interests, have tried to get rid of US tutelage. In this atmosphere of contradictions, France has long since left NATO's military structure, and later on there were increasing demands for a revision of the alliance. In order to mitigate this situation, Washington, as is known, proclaimed the so-called «Atlantic Charter». But the US-European contradictions were further sharpened after the Arab-Israeli October War and the challenge of the USA to its partners on this occasion. The disputes have continued to increase, and are constantly worsening.

But irrespective of the contradictions, which are connected with the struggle for markets and profits among the imperialist powers, the NATO bloc remains as aggressive as ever, with the same aggressive aims against the freedom and independence of the peoples. It is arming incessantly; it is extending its military bases and increasing its military exercises, and all this threatens the peoples. In the framework of the continuation of NATO's aggressive activity, US imperialism is striving to strengthen NATO under its tutelage, in order to ensure US power and dictate in Western Europe. This is the strategy of US imperialism; a strategy in conformity with that of the other gendarme of the peoples, Soviet social imperialism, which strives to secure its domination and dictate in Eastern Europe. Thus the two aggressive blocs, NATO and the Warsaw Treaty, are proceeding towards further coordination of the activities having as their sole objective the oppression and subjugation of the European peoples.
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THE MILITARY PROTECTION OF THE SUPERPOWERS IS INTENDED TO TURN THE «DEFENDED» COUNTRY INTO A U.S. OR SOVIET PROTECTORATE

«BASHKIMI», central organ of the Albanian Democratic Front

In their efforts to establish their world hegemony, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism devote special importance to the stationing and strengthening of their military forces in other countries, the inclusion of these countries under the U.S. or Soviet «defence umbrella». In this way, under the pretext of defence from the threats and aggression of one or the other side, or maintaining the balance, the two superpowers have formed military pacts with other countries and have secured military concessions from them, and this allows them to maintain many troops and bases in those countries. Thus, the U.S.A. has political-military agreements with about 50 countries and has built up an extensive network of military bases all over the globe. Today the Pentagon has more than 300 big military bases in 20 countries of the world and a very much greater number of smaller military installations and bases spread throughout the world. Many troops (one out of every four American soldiers is outside the U.S.A.), conventional and strategic weapons have been deployed in them.

The U.S.A. has created the aggressive NATO alliance, which serves as the main pillar for the realization of its hegemonic policy and to keep the European allies tied to U.S. imperialism and under its political dictate.

In rivalry with the U.S. imperialists, the Soviet social-imperialists are making similar efforts to establish and expand their military presence in other countries. The Soviet Union has over 600,000 occupation troops, along with large numbers of modern weapons, in the countries of Eastern Europe today. Meanwhile, it has intensified its efforts to secure new military bases in the Indian Ocean, the Middle East, on the shores of Africa and Northern Europe. The Warsaw Treaty, likewise, is a tool in the service of the expansionist policy of the Soviet social-imperialists, to exert their control over the satellite countries of Eastern Europe and to keep them captive.

The imperialist-revisionist
propaganda has always tried to hide the occupation character and the dangerous role of the U.S. and Soviet military troops and bases in other countries. But the objective reality, daily events, show that the maintenance of their military presence in other countries, the creation of military pacts or the signing of agreements on defence aid, serve the two super-powers to strengthen their political, military and economic control over other countries, to transform them into protectorates and spheres of influence of the U.S.A., or the Soviet Union, hence to promote their global strategy for world domination.

The U.S. and Soviet press and publishing houses are constantly churning out countless articles and books about the horrors of the coming war and about the "lightning character" this war will have, while providing "precise" details about how, within this or that many days, the Soviet troops will occupy a western country, while the U.S. tanks will appear in another country of Eastern Europe. All these activities and this diabolic propaganda constitute a special strategy and tactic. They are intended to intimidate the peoples, to weaken their defence, to dull the vigilance and morale of the masses of the people, to crush their militant revolutionary spirit in defence of their national freedom and independence, so that they will capitulate to the two super-powers.

Each of the two super-powers exploits the inter-imperialist contradictions between them to terrify the peoples and states with the bogey of the other, to tighten to screws of its allies, to establish and strengthen its imperialist or social-imperialist control and domination over the political, economic and military life of other countries.

Every year, important sums of the U.S. budget are allocated as military aid for the reactionary regimes, loyal to the U.S. imperialists and tools in the service of their expansionist policy. Thus, the new military aid program for 1978, which the Secretary of State, Vance, presented to Congress recently, envisages a further 2,537 million dollars, most of which will be used in favour of such reactionary regimes as those of Israel, Jordan, South Korea, Spain, etc. Likewise, the Soviet social-imperialists spend large sums every year as "military aid" to other countries, to ensure and preserve their political and military control over those countries and to implement their neocolonialist policy there.

Another means used by the two superpowers to strengthen their military control over the allies and to include them under their "defence umbrella" is the so-called program of the standardization of arms implemented within the framework of NATO and the Warsaw Treaty. Through the standardization of arms, the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union are aiming to weaken the national defence of other countries, to keep them exposed to foreign aggression and dependent on U.S. or Soviet supplies, thus to have a powerful lever of dictate and control. "The standardization of arms", wrote the French newspaper «Le Monde», "means the absorption of the Common Market into an Atlantic environment of the U.S.A."

The revisionist countries of Eastern Europe, members of the aggressive Warsaw Treaty, are completely dependent on the Soviet metropolis for supplies of arms, a thing which seriously damages their national defence. And even those allegedly "modern" weapons which according to the boasts of the Soviet generals, are to assist the defence of their allies, cannot be used against foreign aggressors without Soviet permission and without their instructors, let alone against the Russian occupationists (as in the case of Czechoslovakia).

The development of events shows that the presence of the foreign troops and participation in treaties, alliances, and military integration with one or the other superpower seriously violates the national sovereignty and independence of the other countries, limits their freedom to take decisions on internal or ex-
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ternal questions (especially in the field of defence), and turns those countries into satellite countries, obedient lackeys of U.S. and Soviet interests.

The stationing of foreign military bases and forces is very dangerous not only for the country which accepts them, but also for other countries, especially the neighbouring ones. These bases are centres of war and aggression, a permanent factor for quarrels and conflicts between neighbouring countries. The U.S.A. and the Soviet Union have used and are using their troops and bases abroad as jumping-off places and bridgeheads to undertake aggression and blackmail against the other countries, in order to realize their hegemonic interests. During the aggression, of the Israeli zionists against the Arab countries, in October 1973, the U.S. imperialist exploited their bases in Spain and West Germany as supply centres to assist the Israeli aggressors. They have done the same thing also with their bases in Thailand, from which they have undertaken grave provocations against the Cambodian people. The Soviet social-imperialists, too, used the occupation troops and arms they have in the countries of Eastern Europe to commit the fascist aggression against Czechoslovakia, to threaten and exert blackmail against the people of the Balkans, etc.

In these conditions, the peoples of the world are understanding ever more clearly the true role of the foreign military presence and bases, the imperialist alliances with the two superpowers, which seriously violate the national sovereignty of other countries, and are intended to turn them into U.S. or Soviet protectorates and colonies. Therefore, the tide of the anti-imperialist and anti-social-imperialist struggle is mounting throughout the world, the peoples are opposing the foreign military presence, demanding and fighting for the withdrawal of the U.S. and Soviet bases and fleets from the territories and coasts of their countries.
A WEAPON OF AMERICAN IMPERIALIST ESPIONAGE

«ZERI I PUBLIK»

Nearly twenty years have passed since the American administration of president Kennedy created the so-called «Peace Corps». Life proved eventually that although all kinds of labels about «peace», «charity», «development», were attached to the «Peace Corps», it was nothing but a government organization created, in fact, by the State Department of the United States of America and the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is simply a weapon in the arsenal of American Imperialism in order to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, to carry out espionage and sabotage to the detriment of the interests of the peoples of the countries in which it operates.

In the mid 60's, volunteers of the so-called «Peace Corps», who, according to the American propaganda were supposed to spread the «development, understanding and human values», reached their highest level, amounting to 80,000 people in scores of different countries of the world. These «volunteers» were to be found in all fields of the life of these countries, where under the guise of nurses, doctors, professors of various subjects, technicians and agronomists, teachers of foreign languages, physical culture and sports, experts in science and technique, people competent in trade and
departmental tasks.

business, these agents of the American intelligence service engaged in undermining and espionage activity. By means of economic and political pressure, the American government tried to secure diplomatic status and other privileges for the «Peace Corps», in order to set it above the law in the countries in which its agents were established. With the passage of time, the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, where the activities of the «Peace Corps» were mostly concentrated, raised their voices in protest against such espionage activity. In these conditions, for a time there was a decline in the number of members of the «Peace Corps» active in other countries, but this does not mean that American imperialism reduced or ceased its espionage activity, and ideological and military aggression.

Other previously existing instruments, such as AID (Assistance for International Development), the Import-Export Bank, the «Food for Peace Program», «the Alliance for Development», the Diplomatic Corps, the many journalists, who act in the service of the American CIA, the various missionaries of religion dispersed all round the world, undertook to do what the «Peace Corps» was unable to achieve, because it had become discredited in the eyes of the people. Now, a good many years later, the Carter administration has undertaken a new offensive for the revival of this notorious «corps». The Carter government intends to add up to 5,000 new members a year to the existing structure of the «Peace Corps» which at present amounts to 6,000 agents deployed in 62 countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Such an increase will also lead to increased expenditure for this weapon of U.S. imperialism's secret service. Now the Carter administration has put more than 80 million dollars at the disposal of the «Peace Corps», funds extracted by the exploitation of the broad masses of the American people.

The activity of the «Peace Corps» is not limited to outside the USA only. Inside the country, the so-called «Corpsmen» have proved themselves to be assiduous lackeys of the American government. They hold important posts in the Federal administration. The majority of those who are considered as «pensioned off», that is, agents who had been exposed abroad, are active inside the USA and are occupying leading posts in various institutions which deal with «International Development AID», in the institutes of Afro-American studies and in the institutions which deal with Latin America. Apart from those «volunteers» who are still involved in espionage in the service of the CIA, disguised as members of the «Peace Corps» and those who are being trained for posting abroad in the future, the American government also maintains a reserve ready for any eventualty, to be used in those zones in which the predatory interests of American imperialism may be endangered, regardless of whether they are sent as spying journalists, as «members» of the «Peace Corps», as «dipomats», as consuls of the «green berets», etc. The American magazine «US News and World Report», admits that in Los Angeles the government of the USA is keeping 900 former members of the «Peace Corps» ready to go into service in any emergency situation: which, of course means the organization of coups d'état, political disturbances, espionage, etc. But besides these, there are a further 4,000 former «Peace Corps» agents in the region of Washington, who belong to this reserve and who are now employed in the Federal administration of the USA. The chief of Staff on the White House, Craft, the assistant attorney-general of the USA, Baker, and the director of the «Immigration and Naturalization Services» unit, started their careers as active members of the «Peace Corps» and have carried out tasks in the service of the USA in many countries of the world. Two former corpsmen have been elected to the House of the Representatives of the American Congress.
THE BOURGEOIS DETECTIVE NOVEL TODAY

In their furious competition to attract buyers, the writers of bourgeois commercial literature are constantly searching for new gimmicks. In their so-called works, which, in general, amount only to a nauseating hotch-potch, these writers contrive the most banal combinations in order to create among their readers the illusion that, after all, they are serving up something new. In fact, these new mixtures are concocted from the scraps remaining from earlier brews, themselves the result of stale ingredients combined, to time-worn recipes.

Bourgeois detective literature has long been a means of endless speculation and profits for the magnates of the press. Like pornographic literature, this literature, too, has had and is still undergoing its own internal development. Here, too, as in all other branches of commercial art, the bourgeoisie has made the necessary replacements, from time to time. In recent years, there has been a new outburst of detective literature on the western book markets. Lengthy preparations were made for this. The old tricks, with which the readers are familiar to the point of boredom, were quite insufficient to secure their triumph on the market. A renovation of detective literature began on the basis of the new demands of the bourgeois propaganda machine. And the bourgeois writers and editors, who dealt with this literature, worked furiously to carry out this reconstruction. Two new elements were introduced to detective literature, on a broad scale: Sex and psychopathy.

The bourgeois literary press itself is obliged to admit that the flood of these motifs has badly confused the detective novel. Thus, for example the lunatics and psychopaths in detective novels, with their lack of logic and irrational acts, destroy the logical flow of the subject, which, even as it is, has nothing much to recommend it. Speaking of one of the recent detective novels published in France, entitled "Le Schizo" (The Schizophrenic), the critics have pointed out that this book lacks the elementary, logic, which is obligatory for a detective novel, and the cause of this failure is the central character, who, being a schizophrenic, thinks and acts in an irrational manner.

Unlike the author of the novel "Le Schizo", the American author, Stephen King, has exploited the erotic as an element to enrich his novel "Salem". His book, which is filled with horrors, anxiety, with vampires flying under the ghastly palour of the moon, and so on, is pervaded from cover to cover by unprecedented pornography.

Examples of this sort are innumerable. Besides the trend to sex and mental derangement, the present detective novel is tending more and more towards combination with the science-fiction novel. From time to time, from this mixture emerges some ugly hybrid with pseudo-philosophic pretensions about the "eternal evil", the "triumph of the evil on a universal scale", and so on and so forth, which are nothing, but the echo of the various reactionary and decadent philosophic trends of the bourgeoisie. The detective-science-fiction novel does not fail to parade the omnipotence of the superpowers, which are allegedly capable of making the law not only on this planet, but also on other planets, indeed even in other galaxies.

Besides this strategy, the detective-science-fiction novel does not neglect to perform its direct and concrete service to the present day economic and political life of the imperialist bourgeoisie. For instance, in the novel of the American writer, Collin Forre, entitled "The Year of the Golden Monkey", which is pervaded by the motif of catastrophe, a favourite theme of present day bourgeois literature and art, the writer describes a great explosion which blows up a giant oil refinery in San Francisco. Then, the investigation begins to find the causes of the explosion, and it turns out that the Arabs had blown up the oil refinery from Africa by means of telecommanded devices! And this was done in order to raise the oil prices!

The capitalist book market is filled to overflowing with such monkey tricks. The aim is, after luring the reader into this tangle, to confuse and stupify him so that he loses his bearings and clear understanding of things. However, despite all the means of the propaganda and distribution, despite the sensational advertising, despite the efforts to "rejuvenate" it, this literature is becoming more and more exposed in the eyes of the western reader, who is abandoning it day by day.
«THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE»
«ZERI I POPULLIT»

At the invitation of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Albania and of the General Council of the Democratic Front of Albania, a friendship delegation of the Palestinian national liberation movement «Al Fatah», headed by colonel Sa'ad Sayel Abu Walid, member of the Revolutionary Council and of the Military Council, is visiting our country. This is a memorable event and another important contribution to the further strengthening of the friendship binding the Albanian people with the Palestinian people and with the other Arab people.

The friendship delegation of the Palestinian national liberation movement «Al Fatah» is visiting our country at a time when the situation in the Middle East region is becoming increasingly complicated, when the lawful national rights of the Palestinian people continue to be denied and when, under the guise of «reasonable solutions», the old plots to liquidate the liberation movement of the Palestinian people and their just cause are being reenacted.

But the Palestinian people are a brave and freedom-loving people. They have been under arms for years and, inspired by the lofty ideals of freedom and independence, are struggling to return to their homeland usurped by the Israeli aggressors. The years that have passed, the liquidationist plots and plans conceived by their Zionist, imperialist and revisionist enemies, have not broken their revolutionary spirit, their determination to carry their just national struggle through to the end. On the contrary, in its heat they have tempered themselves, they have gained a greater experience and they have got to know their sham and real friends. In the present situation which is greatly complicated by the anti-Arab policy of the two superpowers, the Palestinian people have known how to correctly orientate themselves, they have understood the essence of the plans of their enemies in time, and have determinedly exposed and rejected them. With their courageous struggle, the Palestinian people are rejecting the illusions which the two superpowers and reaction are trying to spread, alleging that the Palestinian people and the other Arab people are powerless to fight and win against the Israeli aggressors on the battle field and that there is no other road but that of compromise. The long struggle of the Palestinian people, as well as the October war, are concrete examples showing the opposite of what is being propagated by their enemies and those of the other Arab peoples. The Palestinian people are convinced that the only possible way to achieve their just aim is the road of armed liberation struggle, the strengthening of unity with the other fraternal Arab people, self-reliance and determination to carry through to the end their struggle against the Israeli aggressors and their supporters of all shades. «The Palestinians», the VAFA agency pointed out in recent days, «will continue their armed struggle, until their legitimate rights are restored».

The Palestinian people's struggle for national liberation is a great example of people's heroism. As such, it enjoys the support of all the peoples and revolutionary forces everywhere in the world. In this just struggle to live free and independent in their own country the heroic Palestinian people, as up to now in the future too will have the full backing, support and militant solidarity of the Albanian people and of the People's Republic of Albania.
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ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE ACTS CANNOT SUPPRESS THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE

"ZERI I POPULLIT"

The Israeli zionists continue to deepen their criminal activity against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

Israel's repeated attacks on the Lebanon are part of the series of activities Israel has undertaken to impose its conditions on the Arab people, to compel them to accept the present situation in the Middle East, the continuation of the occupation of Arab land and the denial of the rights of the Palestinian people. Tel Aviv is seeking to attain these aims both by the force of arms and by diplomatic methods.

Israel's aggressive policy is backed and encouraged by the activity of US imperialism as well as by that of Soviet social imperialism. The zionists manoeuvre according to the situation created by the diplomacy of Washington and Moscow and they exploit the rivalry between the two superpowers in the Middle East for their own ends. Us imperialism and Soviet social imperialism have engaged in a political and diplomatic struggle, at times open and at times under cover, for the strengthening of their positions in the Middle East. The two sides dish up their plans - for a settlement, offering one to counterpose the other. They are doing their utmost to divide the Arab people, to drive wedges between them, trying in this way to undermine the Arab front for the liberation of the occupied territories and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people. In particular they are doing everything they can to obscure the Palestinian problem, to impose their imperialist plans on it. For this purpose, by creating divisions, by inciting the Zionist aggressors and activating the Arab reaction, they are trying to disrupt the Palestinian resistance and place it in a seemingly hopeless situation, so that in the end the Palestinian people will be forced to capitulate and accept the anti-Palestine condition worked out long ago by Washington, Moscow and Tel Aviv.

To the Palestinian people the way is clear. They are capable of rejecting any imperialist plan, as they have done before, and no sort of pressure can intimidate them. They are unconquerable and are fighting arms in hand for the return of the homeland of which they have been robbed. Their history is a history of struggle, of super-human efforts to exist, refusing to yield to any kind of pressure. They do not pin their hopes for salvation on the machinations of their enemies who have always striven, either with artful smiles or brute force, to bury them. They see the road to victory, to the restoration of the rights they have been denied, in the continuation of the armed struggle. The spokesman of the Organisation for the Liberation of Palestine declared recently that the Palestinians "must continue the fight to regain their rights, with all their might".
In recent times the Israeli Zionist chieftains as well as the Israeli press have openly threatened with a 5th Israeli-Arab war and for this the Israeli Zionists are making feverish preparations. The Zionist army as well as hundreds of thousands of reservists have carried out numerous military manoeuvres. Zionist jets of US make fly up to over Beirut. But their main target remains the camps of Palestinian refugees, which are savagely bombed. Inside the Israeli territory a campaign of genocide has broken out against the Palestinians. The Zionist chieftains propose stringent measures, up to the creation of special services which will have as their task the extermination of the Palestinians wherever they may be. In the framework of this entire hysteria full of threats in words and intensive preparations with arms, the Israeli president Kacir and following him Rabin, staged the threat with atomic weapons against the Arab people.

The threats of the Zionists for war against the Arab people stem from the allround support the US imperialists and the Soviet social imperialists give them.

It is not fortuitous that the warmongering hysteria in Israel has been increased after the Brezhnev-Ford meeting in Vladivostok and after Allon's visit to Washington. Everything clearly shows that the war psychosis incited by the Zionists serves the policy and aims of the two superpowers.

But at the same time it must be pointed out that this brandishing of arms expresses the great rage of the Zionists caused by the continuous defeats they have suffered as a result of the just struggle of the Arab people and the Palestinian people.

During the October war the Arab people, in militant unity destroyed in the battlefield the myth of Israel's invincibility and inflicted great losses on it. Even today, despite the billions given to them by their American bosses, the Zionists have not picked up again: inflation is rampant, the balance of payments is closed this year with a record deficit of 3.6 billion dollars.

A permanent blow to the aggressors remains the courageous struggle of the Palestinian fighters, who are ever more frequently acting within Israel, carrying out bold actions against the military objects and detachments of the enemy.

The Israeli Zionists fume with rage because their continuous aggression and threats as well as their disruptive plots have been unable to break the unity of the 120 million strong Arab nation. On the contrary, this unity, born in the joint struggle, is further strengthened. At the Rabat conference the leaders of the Arab countries and of the Palestinian people set new targets to strengthen unity in their common struggle against the Zionist enemy. This unity, which has as its pivot the support through to the end of the just cause of the Palestinian people, is expressed in joint actions, in the aid for one another and in the unanimous stand for the defence of the Arab cause and of the Palestinian people in the international arena.

The just struggle of the Arab and Palestinian peoples has now acquired the admiration and powerful support of all the revolutionary peoples and freedom-loving countries of the world, who have condemned and are politically isolating the aggressor state of Israel. In the United Nations Organisation and its other forums the anti-Arab policy of the Zionists is being ever more severely condemned by the freedom-loving peoples of the world. A great defeat for the Zionists and their supporters was the approval by the UNO, under the pressure of the developing countries and freedom-loving peoples of the world, of the decision which gave the Organisation for the Liberation of Palestine the right to be represented in the UNO.

The Israeli aggressors have thus reaped what they have sown: defeats in the battlefield, disasters in economy and politics, the hatred and isolation by the progressive public opinion throughout the world. It is these very defeats that infuriate the aggressors. And they threaten and brandish arms again, indeed they exert atomic blackmail hoping in vain to be able to intimidate the Arab people and compel them to meet their expansionist ambitions for a greater Israel.
THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE ENERGETICALLY SUPPORT
THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

From the speech of the Albanian representative at the 7th extraordinary urgent session of the UN General Assembly

In these days the 7th extraordinary urgent session of the UN General Assembly held its proceedings in New York over the question of Palestine, at which the representative of the FSР of Albania Abd Bleta also intervened. Among other things he said:

«With the recent barbarous attack on Lebanon the imperialist-zionist aggression in the Middle East assumed a new criminal escalation and very dangerous proportions. The crimes and massacres, the terror and real genocide which the military machine of the zionists is perpetrating against the Lebanese and the Palestinian people have deeply angered the peoples and progressive opinion.»

«The Albanian people and the FSР of Albania condemn these new crimes of Israel and American imperialism against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples with the most profound indignation.»

«The bloody events in Lebanon once more prove that the Israeli zionists and the American imperialists do not hesitate to set in motion huge military forces and use large amounts of modern and lethal weapons to destroy a small country like Lebanon, to drown a whole people in blood, to kill thousands of people within a few hours in order to

...vit social-imperialists have openly declared that the Middle East is situated near the southern borders of the Soviet Union and any development in this region affects Soviet interests.»

«The zionist aggressors and their imperialist bosses intend to suppress the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people and liquidate their just cause. They want to extend the area of Arab lands under zionist occupation so as to force the Arab peoples into renouncing their rights on the lands that already are under Israeli occupation for some years now and oblige them to abandon the cause of the Palestinian people, and definitively submit to the dictate of zionism and imperialism.»

...he representative pointed out, among other things, that the zionists, imperialists and the other enemies of the Arab peoples will not succeed in achieving their aims. The cause of the Palestinian people and of the other Arab peoples and their struggle is a just cause. The experience of the people's struggles throughout history teaches us that when people fight for their rights, for self-determination, and national freedom, there is no force that can subdue them.

...the Albanian people energetically support the just struggle of the fraternal Palesti...nian people to return to their Homeland, to take back their hearths and to fully restore all their national rights. They have always admired and continue to admire the superhuman efforts of the Palestinian people to maintain their national identity, regardless of all the sacrifices they have had to make and the suffering they have endured.

The Albanian people support the just struggle of the Lebanese people against zionist aggression which must cease immediately with the restoration and respect of Lebanese sovereignty.»

Taken from the newspaper «Zëri i popullit» of August 32, 1982.
ZIONIST LOGIC

«ZERI I POPULLIT»

Tel-Aviv informs that the Israeli Government has worked out a new plan for the Israeliization of the occupied Arab lands on the West Bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip. This plan is not confined to the creation of dwelling centres of the Kibutz type. Now the appetite of the Israeli expansionists has grown and they intend to found a number of big cities on the West Bank. Tel-Aviv reckons to quadruple the Jewish population in the occupied Arab lands until 1987.

The Israeliization of the occupied Arab lands has begun with their occupation. Since then hundreds of colonies with hundreds of thousands of Jewish colonists have been set up, mainly members of fanatical Zionist groups such as «Gush Emunim», etc. Their intention is to have the whole of «Erets Israel» (the Biblical Israel), the boundaries of which are laid down in the «Holy Book» peopled with Jews. More than 60 per cent of the occupied lands is or will be soon con-fiscated by the Israeli state for military purposes or for Jewish settlements. In the meantime, the Israeli authorities encourage of emigration of the Arab inhabitants of these territories by every possible means. Resorting to violence, they have succeeded in settling an average of 20,000 Jews each year in these lands. The military authorities have also created, apart from large occupation forces, more than 1,000 fascist para-military groups which are employed to keep «law and order».

The Zionist policy intends to people the occupied Arab lands with Jewish settlers in order to have the pretext to tell world opinion that «in these lands dwell many Jews whose desire is that the lands they inhabit should not remain outside Israel sovereignty». This is a known practice of all occupiers.

With the logic of the aggressor and occupier, the Zionists think that they can do what they like in the Middle East, that they can expel by force entire populations to other regions; that they can change governments and regimes in other countries that they can colonize lands which for centuries belong to their autochthonous inhabitants; that they can present the history of the peoples as it suits them, etc. etc. These Zionist ambitions remind the peoples of the crimes of the Hitlerites during the Second World War. Going by its aggressor logic, Israeli Zionism stops before nothing for the realization of its expansionist plans — neither before massacres, nor the most savage terror. These expansionist ambitions become even greater when the Israeli aggressors see that American imperialism and the whole world reaction approve of their crimes and give them all possible military, political and economic assistance.

These measures of the Zionist authorities are increasing the hatred of the Arab peoples and the other peoples of the world.
IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST ANTI-ARAB CO-ORDINATION

«BASHKIMI»

The aggressive military activity of the imperialist-zionist alliance in Lebanon is becoming increasingly more feverish, which shows that this reactionary alliance is determined to achieve its anti-Arab objectives. American and Israeli warships are bombarding Lebanese towns and villages. The commander of the American naval fleet sailing off the shores of Lebanon has been ordered by the Department of Defence to act as he sees it fit against all those who hamper the American forces in the carrying out of their mission in Lebanon. The American marines have been put on first degree alert. There are all the signs of a further escalation of the aggression of the American imperialists in Lebanon. US vice-president Bush declared openly that the presence of American troops in Lebanon «is absolutely necessary and their withdrawal is not envisaged.»

Meantime the American imperialists continue to coordinate their political and military activities with those of the Israeli zionists. As is already known, this reactionary anti-Arab alliance was given a fresh impulse by the recent visit of Israeli Premier Shamir to the United States. As a result of his talks with the head of the American administration, President Reagan, and other American high officials, new strategic agreements were signed between the United States and Israel. The fact that the aggressive military activities of the United States and Israel are being stepped up in Lebanon clearly reveals the content of these new anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian agreements, as well as the arrogant determination of the imperialist-zionist alliance to carry through to the end their black work in Lebanon — to maintain the Israeli occupation in South Lebanon and put down all Palestinian resistance, to stamp down with sword and fire the just cause of the Palestinian people and their national aspirations. In the same declaration Bush said it openly: «The United States of America, which have strategical agreements signed with Israel, will not allow it to be threatened militarily.»

More and more Arab countries are seeing the great threat of the new American-Israeli alliance. They are resolutely condemning the recent American-Israeli agreements and exposing their anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian essence. In many Arab countries demonstrations were held to condemn these sinister agreements which are the prelude to new aggressions of the American imperialists and the Israeli zionists.
THE VATICAN IN THE SERVICE OF THE TWO IMPERIALIST SUPERPOWERS

"ZËRI I POPULLIT"

In bourgeois society, and that dominated by the modern revisionists, the church and religion are an integral part of the superstructure, serving the power of the ruling classes and acting in and influencing politics through both visible and invisible means. The claims of the Vatican that "the church does not identify itself with any social system," and that "it is not connected with any political system," are only expressions of political changeability and clerical conformity in the present conditions of the class and liberation struggle. Thus, for instance, there will not be many people naive enough to believe the documents published lately about the political and diplomatic activity of the Vatican during the second world war, those were chosen in such a way as to "prove" that "the Holy See" cannot be accused of collaboration with fascism and German nazism. The Vatican seeks to hide the truth, but people are very well aware that it is an active participant and accomplice in all the political intrigues, diplomatic manoeuvres and crimes, including Franco's counterrevolutionary falanges in Spain, the chaplains and "sisters" of the fascist military detachments, the treachery and banditry perpetrated in many countries of the world by "Catholic Action", the "blessings" of the Nazi-fascist hordes, the churches and cells turned into arms depots and hideouts for criminals, and the sheltering and encouraging of reactionary political exiles and individuals who have committed many crimes against the people.

Even today the Vatican's ties with the fascist movement in Italy are obvious.

The history of every country is replete with many facts which tell about the dark activity of the Vatican. It is publicly known that it supported Italian fascism and the Hitlerite campaign for the occupation of Europe and the world. Numerous facts show that the Vatican and the reactionary Roman Catholic clergy did all they could to assist the occupation of our country by Italian fascism, and have been consistent enemies of our freedom, independence and territorial integrity, our traditions, language and national culture. Since the liberation of our country, until today, the Vatican has continued its hostile activity against the
Albanian people. In close collaboration with the US, British and other imperialists, it has done its utmost to overthrow the people's power and restore former regimes in Albania. For this purpose the «Holy See» has taken under its protection all the Albanian war criminals sentenced by the people's justice, and all the spies and diversionists of foreign powers captured by our people. Many plots against the People's Republic of Albania are connected with the Vatican. The pope and his friends have continually undertaken frantic campaigns and fierce attacks and calumnies against the People's Republic of Albania because they have been enraged by the fact that the popular masses in socialist Albania, on their own initiative, cast away religion, setting a great example of how to get rid of centuries-old religious obscurantism. But the entire uninterrupted hostile activity of the «Holy See» against the People's Republic of Albania has failed and will always fail shamefully. The enemies of our people are powerless with regard to Albania.

As in the time of the Middle Ages, so today too, religious intolerance, fanaticism and racism continue to be used and manipulated according to the policies, interests and situations of the two imperialist superpowers and international reaction. The fact that the Washington and Moscow chieftains often get the pope's blessing for their actions, and that their plots and deceptive agreements on «European security», «disarmament», «peaceful solution» of the Middle East crisis, etc., meet with the approval and support of the Vatican, helps to expose before the peoples the reactionary and aggressive nature of the two superpowers. There is no baser irony and demagoguery than to refer, for example, to the «will and benevolence of God», for the restoration of peace. Neither the essence of religious doctrine nor the diplomatic political practice of the Vatican brings about any kind of peace other than the so-called «peaceful coexistence» which ensures the further counterrevolutionary rapprochement of the two superpowers.

The imposition of their dictate on the peoples and the strengthening of the shaky position of the Roman Catholic Church itself. The whole propaganda and activity of the Roman Catholic Church in this direction aims to weaken the vigilance of the peoples and leave the imperialists a free hand for their aggressive actions. The pope prays to «God» for peace and Nixon thanks God in church for giving him «peace» in one or another focal point in the world. But this is a very convenient method of exculpation and justification, for even imperialist aggression and banditry may be presented as part of the «divine will». The Vatican exploits all situations and circumstances for the realisation of its aims. The pope notices that the policy of aggression and war of US imperialism for the establishment of world hegemony is closely connected with the cultivation and spread of religious obscurantism, and he relies on this policy. The Vatican's stance towards Eastern Europe is also conditioned by the revisionist cliques' moves towards the West. Religion, both exploited and used in its cosmopolitan class essence, extensively serves as an ideological bridge both for the penetration of the Vatican and for imperialist-revisionist rapprochement and collaboration.

The Vatican knows that any step to strengthen its position can be undertaken only under the shadow of the policy of the two superpowers and within the frameworks of their expansionist plans. As long as the neocolonialist aims and interests of Washington and Moscow in the Middle East demand that the «no war no peace» situation be preserved in that area, so that both sides have the chance to intervene, dominate and impose their will, the diplomacy of the «Holy See», too, remains in this framework and has been further set in motion calling for «peace» in the sense of the victims of aggression submitting to the Israeli aggressors and to the anti-Arab plots of the two superpowers for «coexistence» between religious communities etc.

In view of the realisation of its aims, the Vatican does not stop at the most unscrupulous tricks and manoeuvres. When one of the past popes signed the agreement with Mussolini, he declared that he was prepared to come to agreement with «the devil himself» if it would serve the interests of the church and religion; the present pope is prepared to accept any modification, liberalisation or modernisation
of religious dogma, provided the religious opium and the "fear of God" is kept alive and spread among the peoples. Such is, for example, the preaching of the present pope - scientific studies confirm divine truths, that the church supports science, that the conflicts between religion and science have stemmed from the weakness of human judgement, etc. It is quite clear that the pope falsifies the entire ill-famed history of the church, and underestimates its savage activity against science, its barbarity, and the declarations of his predecessors.

The demagogy of the Vatican is connected with that of the two superpowers. They speak of "economic aid" and they plunder with both hands, they preach "Christian charity", they "pray for peace and tranquility" and carry out aggressions, disrupt and suppress the national liberation movements and the revolutionary struggle of the working class. Washington, Moscow and the Vatican are close to one another and allied in essence in the methods they use and in their counterrevolutionary aims. The raising of secret talks and secret diplomacy to a system, both between the two superpowers, in the internal activity of the "Holy See" and between the see and the superpowers, shows that these forces are afraid of communicating openly with the peoples, that they express their real aims and bargains tête-à-tête, in closed meetings and talks while publicly they come out with demagogic declarations.

The Vatican and the chieftains of the two superpowers would greatly like the world not to speak out, and not to judge their crimes. But the world with not remain silent. The intrigues and hegemonistic plans of the two superpowers will not be realized, however the pope may bless them and mask them with demagogy. The peoples will not allow themselves to be deceived by tricks and treachery, they are rising and opposing ever more strongly the aggressive and chauvinistic hegemony of US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism.
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SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE AND PRACTICAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE REVISIONIST CLIQUES

"ZERI I POPULLIT"

Two prelates of the Vatican, the arch-bishops Casaroli and Poggi have been visiting Czechoslovakia and Poland, respectively. Their meetings and talks with the official and religious circles of these countries were centered on finding new ways and means to strengthen the positions of the obscurantist clergy and to promote the relations and collaboration between the centre of medieval obscurantism and the new Czechoslovak and Polish bourgeoisie. According to the Czechoslovak revisionist news agency "ČETEKA", the talks in Prague, were held in a "frank realistic and positive" atmosphere. On the other hand, the Polish revisionist newspaper, "Życie Warszawy" wrote in connection with the visit of the other missionary of the "Holy See", that archbishop Poggi's visit to Poland will contribute to the further progress of the process of normalisation not only as a result of his talks and meeting with the representatives of the Polish authorities, but also as a result of his direct contacts with the clergy.

The visits of emissaries of the Vatican to these countries are now quite usual and welcomed by the revisionist cliques. This is because there is conformity of interests between the new revisionist bourgeoisie and clerical reaction at home and abroad. In all the countries in which the revisionists are in power today, religion, as an organic part of the superstructure, has that same role and mission it has had through the centuries: the sanctification of the power of the rulers, their feudals, bourgeois or revisionists and the spiritual enslavement of the working masses, the general curbing of all revolutionary and progressive movement. "On the general background of bourgeois degeneration", comrade Enver Hoxha has pointed out referring to the situation in the revisionist countries, "because of the internal and external political circumstances, indeed using even the church for social imperialist aims, religious propaganda is being extended there, churches and the clergy are increasing, the reactionary, old obscurantist rubbish of the Middle Ages is being revived." Now, in the Soviet Union and the other revisionist countries, religion and its institutions have gained complete freedom of action. The new Soviet bourgeoisie has sup-
ported and financed the construction of churches in all parts of the country. Today the Soviet Union has 7,500 parishes and 73 dioceses. In Poland there are, at present 27 arch-dioceses and dioceses with 7,000 parishes. In recent years alone, 500 churches have been reconstructed and 600 new ones have been built in Poland. In Hungary, too, the advent to power of the revisionists, brought happy days, also for clerical obscurantism and Jesuitism. The head of the Hungarian revisionists himself, Kadar, has declared that «the Roman Catholic church is striving to find its place in this modern world».

The revival of religion as an obscurantist ideology and counterrevolutionary and reactionary practice is connected with the entire process of the capitalist degeneration which has occurred in the Soviet Union and in the other revisionist countries of Eastern Europe. Its extension and development are a necessity to defend the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, to befuddle the proletariat and the other labouring masses of these countries and keep them in ignorance and darkness. «The idea of god», V.I. Lenin points out, «has always lulled to sleep and stupefied «social feelings» replacing the living with the dead, and is always the idea of slavery (the worst slavery without any way out). The idea of god has never «linked the individual with society», but has always tied up the oppressed classes with belief in the divine character of the oppressors». In the present day conditions the clergy, whether of the west or of the east is adapting itself to the new internal and external circumstances, and its propaganda has become more sophisticated and dangerous. In the revisionist countries the clergy it training large contingents of priests, preachers and demagogues of obscurantism with university diplomas. The Soviet Union has religious seminaries and universities in Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa, and elsewhere. Zagorsk, in the vicinity of Moscow, otherwise called the Russian Vatican, has been transformed into a centre where hundreds of priests are trained for the parishes in the Soviet Union.

In view of the extension and preaching of religious ideology the bourgeoisie of the revisionist countries has also encouraged the setting up of a whole network of mass media. In the Soviet Union religious obscurantist literature is published and sold. In Poland there are a number of press organs which are directly administered by the Roman Catholic clergy.

The attitude of the revisionist cliques towards internal clerical reaction has also led to the strengthening of collaboration with the chief centre of medieval obscurantism, the Vatican. Many revisionist chieftains have visited the Pontiff's palace. The epoch of close political collaboration between the clerical reaction and the Soviet social imperialists which was opened by Khrushchev, has been even more zealously continued by the Brezhnev clique which has sent Podgorny, to see the Pope, and Gromyko, too, on several occasions. On the other hand, the revisionist cliques of Eastern Europe, on Moscow's example, did not lag behind in this direction. The revisionist Ministers and the emissaries of the «Holy See» come and go.

The Soviet social imperialists and the other revisionist partners need the services of the clergy and the Vatican, not only to befuddle and mislead the toiling masses in their countries, but also to spread the pacifist wind of capitulation and the spirit of reconciliation and compromise in the international arena. The various demagogic imperialist-revisionist conferences being held in Europe now, and the bilateral Soviet-US talks, have united the preachers of imperialism, revisionism, and the Vatican, in a single chorus. The «Holy See» has begun to take an active part in the discussion of many problems of present-day international relations. Casaroli, who is known in fact, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Vatican, during his recent visit to Czechoslovakia, talked with deputy Premier Lukán and Foreign Minister Hnoupek, also about a series of in-
ternational problems and, particularly, about European problems. In connection with these talks the Czechoslovak revisionist news agency “ČETEKA”, pointed out that the two sides had identical or very similar views about the majority of the problems discussed. This identity of views is not accidental, but stems from their having the same class character, from their common interests and aims.

The revival of religious obscurantist ideology and the strengthening of ties and collaboration with the Vatican are one of the aspects of the process of counterrevolutionary changes in the degeneration of the revisionist countries into capitalist countries. But neither the fascist violence and revisionist demagogy, nor the preachings of the local priests and the popes of the Vatican will be able to enslave the souls of the peoples of these countries in their efforts to win real freedom and socialism.
THE VATICAN — CENTRE OF THE OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE PEOPLES

«ZERI I POPULLIT»

In many declarations and speeches on various occasions the Pope Wojtyla has expressed his «deep preoccupation» about the millions of working people who suffer all over the world and has called for «justice», «equality» among the rich and the poor, has begged the oppressors and exploiters to think of the poor in the sharing of profits, etc. These words, which are frequently used by all the popes of the Vatican, are intended only to keep the oppressed peoples and masses in passivity to sabotage their revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the old world and its bosses. Through such phrases the Polish Pope Wojtyla seeks to cover up the crimes of the Catholic Church, its role as a centre of oppression and exploitation, of the plunder of the fruits of work of the peoples all over the world.

The facts show that the Vatican is, among other things, a company similar to the multi-nationals. The capital of the Catholic Church and the Vatican is invested in the steel industry, in the extraction and processing of oil, in the construction of aircraft and missiles, arms and ammunitions. Thus, the Vatican operates like the notorious multi-national companies such as General Motors, Esso, etc. In France, for example, the Vatican possesses a non-productive capital of 50-60 billion francs. It owns a capital of 2 billion pounds in Britain, more than 79 billion dollars in the USA and is at the same time one of the biggest financial groups in Italy, where it controls 9 banks, one of which has a capital worth 36 billion dollars. Apart from this, the representatives of the Vatican participate in the administration councils of a great number of Italian banks, financial companies which control different industrial enterprises, etc.

By means of such activities, and through the exploitation of the proletariat of the countries where it has invested its capital and the plunder of the wealth of the various peoples, the Holy See makes huge profits. Only in the role of the proprietor of its assets in Rome, the Vatican ensures an annual income of about 4 billion dollars. Through such banks as the Banco di Santo Spirito, etc it ensures huge profits in Europe, Latin America and other regions. The Bank of Sao Paolo in Torino, which is connected with the Holy See, has made a net profit of 14,226 million lire in 1979, or double that of the previous year.

Besides the activity of different industrial and financial monopoly companies and enterprises, the Catholic Church also appears as a big landed proprietor, whose estates keep extending all over the world. At present it possesses about 483,000 hectares of land in Italy, 500,000 hectares in France, 100,000 hectares in Great Britain, 330,000 hectares in West Germany, millions of hectares in Latin America, as well as hundreds of thousands of acres in Spain, Portugal, etc.

All these facts show what is hidden behind the religious demagogy of the Vatican and its hypocritical calls for social «peace» and «equality»: they indicate that the Vatican not only is the centre of mediaeval obscurantism, of the spiritual oppression and enslavement of the peoples, but also a centre of oppression and exploitation of the toil and wealth of the peoples, an institution which fattens on their sweat and toil.
RELIGION —
CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS

«BASHKIMI»

Some time ago, «Politizdat», the publishing house of political literature of the Soviet Union, published a voluminous book written by the chairman of one of the state committees of the Council of Ministers, a certain Kuropydov. According to «Pravda» which reviewed the book, it is specifically written for the Soviet working people, for the propaganda workers and teachers of the higher schools. On account of the high functions filled by this Soviet official, one would be left into thinking that this book should serve atheistic propaganda. Nothing of the sort. The author solemnly declares that the committee he chairs «does not engage in atheistic propaganda, because such a thing does not fall within its competences.» According to «Pravda», the author has set out to tell his readers, at home and abroad, that the priests and their followers are well off in the Soviet Union, that they «take an active part in the construction of communism,» and that the Church in the Soviet Union «is active in the defence of peace in the world.»

This anti-Marxist stand of the Soviet social-imperialists towards religion and its representatives is part of their all-round bourgeois degeneration. The chiefs of Moscow have harnessed the Church to their social-imperialist ambitions and use according to the various internal and external political circumstances. Religious propaganda is spreading, the number of churches and priests is increasing, and reactionary and obscurantist medieval concepts are being revived.

A big factory specialized in

the production of cult objects was inaugurated with great pomp and ceremony not very long ago. New churches have been built and old ones are being reconstructed all over the country. Every year the top personalities of the Soviet Union send messages of greetings to the patriarch of Moscow and all Russia. According to «Pravda», in the recent years «hundreds of large mosques and thousands of village mosques have been built or reconstructed» in the Soviet Union. The Church published its own newspapers, reviews and calendars in millions of copies, religious icons and postcards have wide circulation, the Quran and the Gospel have gone through many publications. Internally, the chiefs of the Kremlin want the Church to put people in a state of apathy, to educate them in the spirit of submission and meekness, according to the sayings of the Bible: «Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also,» or «Blessed are the poor for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,» so that people do not oppose the fascist dictatorship, do not make demands for a better life without oppression and exploitation, and work as much as possible for the new Soviet bourgeoisie, part of which is the clergy with its great privileges.

Externally, the present rulers of the Soviet Union want the Church to give its «blessing» to their expansionist policy and their penetration into different regions of the world. They organize «world» conferences and congresses of religious representatives in support of their policy. The synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, for example, approved the Soviet fascist aggression against Afghanistan, and the patriarch Pimen, soon after this declaration, was awarded the order of the «Peoples' Friendship» for his «patriotic activity and defence of peace», as Kuznetsov's message of greetings puts it in a cynical manner. The Soviet aggression against Afghanistan was approved by an Islamic conference organized in Tashkent.

Besides their «world» and regional conferences, meetings and congresses of religious personalities, the Soviet social-imperialists have set up specialized religious institutions for the co-ordination of the activity of the Soviet clergy with the clergy of other countries. They openly praise not only their Orthodox Church but also the Catholic and other churches. According to the Soviet press reports, «the Catholic Church has undergone an historical change and is fighting for peace,» etc.

The yearly meetings between the «Marxists and the Christians», as the chiefs of Moscow describe such meetings, have become a revisionist-Christian institution. In the last such meeting which was held in Madrid, the Soviets had taken along not only the so-called Marxists from their vassal countries of Europe, but also bishop Pitirim. At the press conference after the meeting the Soviet representatives declared that they had reached common views with the Christians of the West on many points.