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**DEGENERATION AND DISSOLUTION IN THE MASS OF
YOUTH —
A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM**

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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 de-

generation, to spread criminality and hooliganism, fear, alcoholism, prostitution and narcomania on a large scale. Only in this way it renders youth un- harmful to its power, because

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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 communique 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 pu-

pils 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, unharmed 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.