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CAPITALIST COOPERATION FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS AND PEOPLES

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Merger of international capital, integration of economic life in general, coordination of political, scientific and other activities, independently of the contradictions eroding the capitalist system, are some of the historical tendencies of capitalism in its stage of imperialism. At all the stages of its development, whether on a national, regional, or international scale, this is seen in the creation of multinationals, integrated groups going over national barriers, and others. The degeneration of the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union and in the other countries of Eastern Europe into a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, the return of capitalist forces to power, helped the transformation of these countries, too, into elements of this process of capitalist integration. A whole series of organisms and institutions, not only military and political, but also economic, have actually been created with the only aim of coordinating the entire activity of the bourgeois society in various fields of life in the East

and in the West. To this end, a whole series of international agreements are also being concluded on «industrial cooperation», «cooperation of production», etc. Likewise, a host of theories have been worked out and are gaining circulation along with concepts in the service of this process, which the two imperialist superpowers, the USA and the Soviet Union, wish and encourage in order to foster their own hegemonistic interests.

According to assessments from the European Economic Commission at UNO, from 1973 onwards, about 6,000 agreements on trade, payments, cooperation have been concluded between the revisionist countries of Eastern Europe and the capitalist countries of Western Europe, respectively members of the Comecon and the European Common Market. Many agreements of the same nature have also been reached between these countries and the USA, Japan, etc. In connection with this, the Soviet revisionist review «Voprosy Filosofii» writes: «...most

of them are agreements on international cooperation in production and have been concluded during the recent two or three years alone. Thus, about 1,000 such agreements have been signed from the year 1976 on». There is an evident intensification of this process as against 8-10 years ago, when it began to appear as an active phenomenon in relations between the revisionist countries of Eastern Europe, on the one hand, and several capitalist countries on the other.

In the opinion of Soviet revisionist theoreticians, this is a case of «coordinated realization of a whole series of economic functions». There is no longer question of merely economic relations among states within the framework of exchanges of reciprocal profitability, but of coordination of an entire mechanism setting in motion the economy of one or several capitalist countries, of coordination of the gears of a given economic system. Thus, for instance, the Soviet capitalist economy, in the first place, but also that of the

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other countries of Eastern Europe where the revisionist cliques hold sway, long before being transformed into capitalist economies fell into line with the historical trend of development of capitalism, integrating themselves ever more quickly into the system of the world capitalist economy, not only in their content but also in their organizational structures.

The new Soviet bourgeoisie are giving widespread circulation to all sorts of sermons and preachings intended to make people believe that such a phenomenon is inevitable, be it only for the fact that, as the Soviet revisionist review «Memo» has it, «mankind continues to exist as one and a whole». This is how they falsify Marxism-Leninism, which says that, true, mankind exists as one and a whole but with the qualification that it is divided into classes. By wiping out all class distinctions, the Khrushchevite revisionists, as all the modern revisionists, in general, intend to cover up the degeneration of their economic base of relations of production as well as the real result of this situation, namely, the integration of their capitalist economy into that of the capitalist-imperialist world economic system. In the last analysis, they also seek to conceal the fact that the new revisionist bourgeoisie not only have been transformed into exploiters of the working class and peoples of their own countries, as well

as other countries through most elaborate neo-colonialist methods, but that they have also for years on end been partners of the international bourgeoisie and reaction in the oppression and exploitation of the working class and peoples, in general. And they are bound to go down this road. The Soviet revisionists have offered themselves for cooperation with their US partners, for example, in fields which, according to «Voprosy Ekonomiki», include «setting up of joint enterprises, cooperation in production... in chemical and extracting industry...» cooperation in «the sphere of processing» raw materials and other spheres, which the Soviet revisionists describe in general as «spheres of constructive cooperation between the two leading superpowers of our time». In this manner, they invest joint capital and, consequently, share in the capitalist profit they make both in the home markets as well as in other markets.

«Industrial cooperation», or even «cooperation in production», is possible between the new revisionists bourgeoisie and the Western bourgeoisie because there is no essential and fundamental objective obstacle to it, because the economic base of the typically capitalist countries and that of the revisionist states is similar. All this cooperation and collaboration is based on the community of their class interests. «Cooperation in pro-

duction», the modern revisionists preach, «presupposes existence of mutual trust between partners.» This is too clear for comment. Mutual trust in the economic field implies mutual trust, in the first place, in the political field as well, because, in the last analysis, politics is the concentrated expression of the economy. The security the modern revisionists want to obtain for the security they give is also linked with their class solidarity with the international bourgeoisie, with their common interests as oppressing and exploiting classes, both on the economic and political plane.

The Khrushchevite revisionists, in an effort to present the integration of their economy into the world capitalist economy as some sort of normal inter-estate relations, at the same time admit that they see economic cooperation and collaboration as «a means for strengthening the technical and scientific potential of production». The Soviet revisionists, and the other modern revisionists themselves after them, declare openly that this is not a «passing phenomenon», but a «long-term policy». This is tantamount to saying that this collaboration and cooperation serves the economic potential of capitalism and its strengthening as an economic-social system.

Facts show that capitalist-revisionist cooperation has a strong counterrevolu-

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tionary flavour. Its aim is to strengthen the economic potential of crisis-riddled capitalism, consolidate the shaken political positions of the bour-

geois power, to step up savage oppression and exploitation by the bourgeois-revisionist partners of the work-

ing class and the broad masses of working people, of the various peoples of the world.