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RACISM AND CHAUVINISM

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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 Party, the

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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 demagoguery 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.