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First of all, let us recall the general characteristics of impe-

'rialism, characteristics inherent in its very nature.

Imperialism is capitalism which has reached its highest stage, capitalism which has become rotten and moribund, creating itself the objective conditions which will permit the victory of the proletarian revolution on a global scale.

Let us refer to the Leninist definition of imperialism and its

fundamental characteristics:

- the concentration of production and capital has reached such a degree that it created monopolies, which play a decisive role in economic life;

the formation of finance capital and, in consequence, the formation of a financial oligarchy by the fusion of banking capital and industrial capital;
the importance assumed by the export of capital;
the division of the world under the capitalist boot between

several capitalist countries.

On the other hand, unequal development is one of the characteristics of capitalism: every day we see the catastrophic effects and we know that it is also at the origin of the worsening of the contradictions of the regime.

Lenin has shown what are the consequences of this unequal development of capitalism in the period of imperialism, and he has in particular demonstrated that the inter-capitalist contradictions lead to imperialist wars for new sharings-out of colonies, semi-colonies and «spheeres of influence».

It is wrong to speak, as Kautsky once did and as the revisionists do today, of an «imperialist policy» of certain strata of finance capital, of the financial oligarchy, in opposition to a «reasonable policy» of other representatives of this financial oligarchy.

They are diverse tactics and forms of a single and same policy with a sole aim: domination, oppression, more and more ferocious repression, the exploitation of whole peoples and nations. That is not one policy of imperialism, but its policy, its natural and intrinsic characteristic. It is this very nature of imperialism which means that as long as it exists, there will be wars of one kind or another.

And Lenin concluded his overall analysis of imperialism by showing the relationship between opportunism and imperialism. He showed how the financial oligarchy of the principal imperialist countries spreads the ideology of class collaboration through the intermediary of the labour aristocracy, which it had the economic possibility of corrupting thanks essentially to the superprofits realized by colonialism.

Opportunism and its systematized end-result, revisionism, re-

formism, find a favourable terrain in this situation

Thus is born and grows opportunism which, by becoming systematic, moves inescapably from capitulation before the class

enemy to total collaboration with it.

The financial oligarchy, imperialism, through this go-between, constitutes a social mainstay for itself. Thus, the reformist social-democratic parties are bourgeois parties within the working class. They are the political pillars of capitalism and imperialism, and it is thus that during an entire period, they have been the principal social and political support of capitalism.

Lenin said:

«The most dangerous people of all in this respect are those who do not wish to understand that the fight against imperialism is a sham and humbug unless it is inseparably bound up with the fight against opportunism.» (Imperialism, the Highest Stage

of Capitalism.)

The treason of the social democratic parties of Western Europe, the policy of class collaboration of the reformist parties, was to hurl the workers of Europe into the butchery of the first imperialist world war with its 15 million dead. Afterwards, the permanent and irreversible treason of social democracy was to permit capitalism to crush or smother proletarian revolution in Western Europe, to impose Hitlerite fascism in Germany, to strangle the Spanish republic, to maintain by violence the vast majority of the world's population under the murderous yoke of colonialism. Thus, throughout this entire period, some hundreds of millions of human beings lost their lives because of colonialism, capitalist exploitation, inter-imperialist wars and unjust wars of aggression and oppression. Thus was brought about the Second World War with its 60 million dead.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TAKES OVER FROM HITLERISM

For a long time the United States has been a typically imperialist country, with a financial oligarchy of several «great families». Already before the First World War, it was among the ten imperialist countries which then divided up the whole world among themselves and held under the colonialist yoke 970 mil—

lion human beings.

The state apparatus is always an instrument of the ruling class. In the United States, this class character of the state – in the circumstances, its character of instrument of domination, of repression and repression in the service of the financial oligarchy – is openly revealed, cynically, by the presence of men belonging to this financial oligarchy at the head of the state and its various agencies.

But how did the USA become the main imperialist force? That is the result of the unequal development of capitalism, of the development always based — let us never forget — on the ferocious colonialist and neo-colonialist exploitation — the latter

form having been long used by Yankee imperialism.

During the two world wars, 1914–18 and 1939–45, American imperialism was to adopt the old tactic of British imperialism – that of the «balance of powers»; balance of forces between the other powers, so as to profit from it – and to apply this on a

global scale.

After the First World War, American imperialism put back in the saddle the German big bourgeoisie, the big German trusts and monopolies. Again, after the Second World War, it was American imperialism that restored the economic power of the West German magnates and the revenge–seeking militarism of the Germany of Bonn in order to make it its most faithful ally, its main bridgehead in Europe.

But in 1917, a crucial event took place which no imperialism had expected. On November 7, 1917, the power of the dictator—ship of the proletariat triumphed in Russia, where converged in the most acute fashion the various contradictions of the world at that time, in the country that was the weakest link in the capitalist system, there where there existed a Marxist–Leninist revo—

lutionary party.

The general crisis of capitalism was inaugurated with the opening of a new historical epoch, our epoch which is that of the victorious proletarian revolutions, of the victory of the pro-

letarian revolution on a global scale.

Likewise, the Second World War, in which Hitler had hoped to destroy the Soviet Union and assure the world hegemony of German imperialism, ended with a new and deeper upset of the imperialist system, by the deepening of the general crisis of capitalism, by the overthrow of capitalism in several other countries,

by the constitution of the socialist camp.

In August 1945, Truman gave the order to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This was no longer a military operation of the Second World War. The USA was taking over from Hitler by a terrorist act, and inaugurating nuclear blackmail against the peoples, a theme that the Khrushchevite revisionists were also to take into their «ideological» arsenal of collaboration with Yankee imperialism.





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 $Fascist\ Hitlerite\ imperialism,\ American\ fascist\ imperialism\ :\ same\ aims,\ same\ methods.$

NEW VICTORIES OF THE WORLD PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

But American imperialism and its nuclear blackmail was not to succeed in intimidating the peoples. The socialist camp grew stronger and the revolutionary movements of national liberation went through an unprecedented upsurge.

The Chinese Revolution swept away the American imperialists and their puppets, the Chiang Kai—shek clique. On the first of October 1949, the People's Republic of China was proclaimed. Throughout the country, the Chinese people set about the achiev—ment of the tasks of the socialist revolution.

The victories of the Chinese Revolution were changing considerably the relationship of world forces in favour of socialism. And moreover, by providing a great victorious example, they encouraged and continue to encourage the upsurge of the national liberation movement, integral part in our epoch of the world-wide proletarian revolution.

Thus is verified in practice the Marxist-Leninist theses on the significance and the importance in our epoch of the revolutionary

movement of national liberation.

YANKEE IMPERIALISM AND HITLERISM: SIMILARITY OF AIMS AND METHODS

American imperialism aims at world domination. That was the aim of the German imperialism represented by Hitler.

According to the example of Hitlerism in the past, American imperialism in our time practices the most ferocious anti–communism and seeks to destroy the socialist countries.

Effectively and most concretely at present, it seeks to subject the peoples and nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America, for its own profit, to the colonialist and neo-colonialist yoke.

In the manner of Hitlerite Germany, American imperialism also wants to assure its control, its supremacy, its hegemony over the other capitalist countries, including its «allies».

The American imperialists practice the most ferocious racism,

like the Hitlerites.

American imperialism today, as was Hitlerism in the past,

is the principal force of aggression and war in the world.

The definition of Hitlerite fascism given by the Communist International in 1935, applies today perfectly to American imperialism: «...declared terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, the most chauvinist, the most imperialist elements of finance capital..., shock troops of the international revolution..., principal fomenter of imperialist war...»

Yes, American imperialism has taken over from Hitler and

the crimes it has already committed surpass in number and in horror those of its predecessor.

THE USA, MAIN BASTION OF COLONIALISM TODAY.

Let us look closer at some of the mechanisms by which the financial oligarchy of the United States makes its super-profits. «Private» American investments in Africa, Asia and Latin America, which officially amounted to 5,7 billion dollars in 1950, reached 13 billion dollars in 1963. In reality, these figures should be doubled, as the State Department itself admitted.

In fact, these billions of dollars also come from the labour of those oppressed peoples: thus super-exploitation serves to

reinforce and intensify further super-exploitation.

The ratio of profits to the capital of the companies, which in Belgium is an average of 5.2%, reaches 10.3% in the United States, and for American capital invested in Africa, Asia and Latin America, this ratio rises to 17.1%.

The declared profits of Yankee investments in these countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America rose from 970 million dollars in 1950 to 2,280 million dollars in 1963. To these figures must be added the hidden profits, estimated by American experts at

75% of these amounts.

As the Declaration of Havana recalled, in the Latin American continent, with its 200 million inhabitants, two-thirds of whom were «racially discriminated against», 5,500 persons die each day of hunger, curable diseases or premature old age. In 15 years, as a result of colonialism and neo-colonialism, twice as many human beings died as during the First World War. But American imperialism withdraws 10 billion dollars in profits in five years from this continent, or 1,000 dollars a cadavre or four cadavres per minute.

The rate of illiteracy also shows one of the cruel consequences of old and new colonialism: Tunisia, 84.2%; Venezuela, 34.2% (by survey, and «not including the Indians in the jungle»!);

Peru, 39.9%; Senegal, 94.4%; India, 72.2%; Ecuador, 69.4%. The Yankee financial oligarchy tends to appropriate for it self the monopoly, and the colonialist exploitation, and the sources of raw materials of the capitalist world. Thus, half of capitalist world production of crude oil is in the hands of American finance. The exploitation of Middle East oil brings American firms a rate of profit of 76.7%.

But these sources of super-profits, disclosed by the official

statistics, are not alone.

There are also the super-profits dervied from the unequal terms of commercial exchanges. Industrialized imperialist countries, and principally the United States, dispose of merchandise at high prices with super-profits, and the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America send to the United States and other imperialist countries, agricultural products and minerals «bought» at low prices, resulting from the shameless super-exploitation of the workers of those countries, the colonialist and neo-colo-

nialist plunder.

In the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America under the thumb of colonialist and neo-colonialist exploitation, are to be found only 9% of the capacity of production of the manufacturing enterprises of the capitalist world and 4.4% of the capacity of metallurgical production. Six-sevenths of their exports is made up of raw materials and two-thirds of their imports by manufactured products. Fifty-five countries export a single kind of agricultural produce or mineral: monoculture or mono-industry constitutes one of the means used by colonialism and neo-colonialism in an effort to maintain entire nations in a state of dependency bringing about colonialist super-exploitation.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPLOITER

The development of monopoly state capitalism is connected with the vicissitudes of imperialism and the worsening of its contradictions. Besides its natural function of repression and oppression, the bourgeois state more and more assumes economic functions, at the order of and on behalf of finance capital, multiplying the ties between capitalism and its state. Especially in the United States, state monopoly capitalism participates in the trengthening of exploitation of subject countries, in particular by programmes of so-called economic and military «aid», by state loans and other «Alliances for Progress».

Thus, the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America have a total of more than 30 billion dollars of alleged foreign debts, of which 40% is owed the United States. The settlement of these

debts costs them 5 billion dollars a year.

Let us point out that American imperialism has created a new form of pillage. Its «vassals» accept the dollar as equivalent to one thirty-fifth of an ounce of gold, and accept the blocking of its convertibility by diverse artifices, while American gold reserves have melted away and monetary inflation and credit inflation have reached gigantic proportions in the USA.

American imperialism is thus able to finance cheaply - at the price of paper currency - its foreign investments, its interested «aid» and its enterprises of aggression, pillaging in reality the countries whose government accept this form and this consequence of their vassalization.

We have spoken of the unequal terms of commercial exchanges imposed by imperialism. This inequality was raised to an unpre-

cedented level by American imperialism.

In regards to this, let us describe in several words one of its particular aspects: manufacture under license. The big American companies draw considerable super-profits from the «ceding» of manufacturing licenses, which end up by making the firms which depend upon them subsidiaries of American firms, without them having to invest one cent. When the phenomenon takes place on a grand scale, as in Belgium, it is a factor which aggravates the economic dependence and the exploitation of the workers of the countries by American imperialism. It is not by chance that the government under Washington's orders reduces the credits for scientific research.

Let us recall that the subsidiaries of the American companies absorb 25% of the exports of the USA, that American shipping is often imposed in the transactions with the American firms. Here is yet another area in which the Yankee diktat pays off



The control, the takeover of the economic of Belgium, the political, economic and military control of the country, carried out either directly by American imperialism or through the intermediary of its «European» instruments — the European Common Market and the European Coal and Steel Community — bring about the closing of firms, firings, unemployment, the ruin of numerous regions.

in super-profits.

The sale of American war material imposed in particular through the military treaties to which the vassals of the USA adhere, drains into the strong-boxes of the American magnats other copious profits, profits on the blood spilled by workers, profits

paid for by the toil of the workers.

Finally, the indebtedness of the vassal states of Yankee imperialism is itself a source of profits, of enrichment for it. The increase in public debts places ever heavier burdens on these states. In this respect, the example of Belgium is significant, with its public debt amounting to about 500 billion Belgian francs (about 10 billion dollars), or more than three-quarters of the annual national revenue, with a public debt burden going above 30 billion annually.

The takeover of American imperialism throughout the world, and the resulting super-exploitation, only grows worse from

vear to vear.

Let us take three characteristic examples which show what

was already the situation in 1959.

For Argentina, the surplus of the trade balances (despite the unequal terms of the world markets) was 50.9 million dollars. The return of private capital was 54.7 million dollars. But the outflow of income from private capital and the deficit balance in the column of «official capital» totaled 116 million dollars, i.e. more than the sum of the trade surplus and the «entries» of private capital!

For Colombia, the entries of private capital were 20.1 million dollars, but the outflow of capital income amounted to 37.3 million dollars. The surplus of the trade balance was 92.3 million dollars, but the deficit balance in the column of «official capital and gold» (reimbursements and payments in gold against the deficit of the balance of payments) was 93.5 million dollars.

In Venezuela, the surplus of the trade balance was 131 million dollars, but the outflow of capital income reached 480 mil-

lion dollars.

The U.N. statisticians, whose figures we have quoted, «modestly» let the column of «capital income» disappear in the 1964

edition.

But in the colomn of «other services and private transfers», we again find the amount of these «capital incomes» with other charges arising in these cases essentially from colonialist exploitation, such as, for example, the expense of licenses for manufacturing, transfers of profits on certain commercial operations, transfers of payment for the «technical» assistance «experts, agents and the on–the–spot «cadres» of American and other firms. Let us quote some figures as an example.

In 1962, Argentina had added to the deficit of her commercial balance of 81.8 million dollars, the deficit balance (outflow) of

192.8 million dollars in the column of «other services and private transfers».

For Colombia, in 1963, the deficit balance (net outflow) under the column of «other services and private transfers» amounted to 131.3 million dollars.

In Venezuela, in the same column, the figure reached the enor-

mous sum of 852.2 million dollars the same year.

In 1963, for Brazil, this deficit column was 222 million dollars

and 392 million «Malayan dollars» for Malaya.

American imperialism is the principal bastion of present-day colonialism. It has become the greatest international exploiter.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM: PRINCIPAL FORCE OF AGRESSION AND WAR IN THE WORLD

American imperialism seeks to carry out its plans for world domination, in particular through its entire militarist policy and by military aggressions.

The military budget of the USA amounts to 60 million dollars

per year.

Half of the economic activity of the country is devoted to mi-

litary expenses.

The newspaper «La Libre Belgique» headlines a story: «Wall Street - the rising market to the sound of the cannon» (18-9-65).

For their criminal war against the Vietnamese peoples, the American aggressors expect military expenses in 1966 of 6 billion dollars, plus 1 billion dollars for the puppet army.

The latter, with its 600,000 men, is in complete decomposition. The 200,000 Yankee soldiers, the 50,000 men of the Seventh Fleet, the troops sent by the servile satellites of American imperialism, the mercenaries - and among them, Belgians - have multiplied the war crimes, but they are suffering defeat.

More than a million American soldiers are stationed abroad. American imperialism has set up 3,300 bases in more than 90

countries.

From Guantanamo, in Cuba, to Taiwan, Chinese territory occupied by the agressors, from Rota in Franco Spain to Okinawa, from Florennes (Belgium) to the Philippines, from Ramstein in West Germany to Thailand, from the Canal Zone to the Congo, is woven this vast network of aggression of the USA against the peoples of the whole world, including the peoples of the countries in which these bases have been established.

To these bases must be added those of the countries of the American-led military pacts, NATO and SEATO. Thus, the bases of British imperialism, in particular, from Gibraltar to Singapore, from Cyprus to Ascension Island, are placed at the disposal of



Demonstration against the American nuclear base of Florennes in October 1965.

American imperialism, and the social democrat Wilson has even further strengthened the support of the British ally to US imperialism. The state of Israel also constitutes an American base of aggression.

Hitler's former generals are the precious collaborators of this vast enterprise of aggression and oppression and the German military bases are obviously integrated within the American system.

In Belgium, we know of American bases at Bierset, Elsenborn, Ligneuville, Chièvres, Kleine Brogel and Florennes – and we have denounced the fact that the last two are nuclear bases. Zeebrugge is set up as an American base. The German Bundeswehr occupies the NATO bases of Arendonck and Baronville, and its convoys cross the country.

The ships of American imperialism and its allies criscross the seas, especially the submarines with Polaris missiles. Strategic

bombers are constantly flying, carrying nuclear weapons.

The C.I.A., that central agency of world counter-revolution, plots against all the countries which permit it to conduct its criminal activities. It manipulates politicians, has its own agents in the apparatus of vassal states, provokes subversion, instigates criminal actions, assassinates.

THE AGGRESSIONS OF YANKEE IMPERIALISM

It would be too long to ennumerate here the numerous aggressions – direct or in the form of counter-revolutionary subversions – perpetrated by American imperialism since it took over from

Hitler. Let us rapidly cite several.

There was the war against the Chinese people. Despite the defeat – and a definitive one – of American imperialism and its puppets in 1949, the Yankee aggressors still occupy the Chinese territory of Taiwan and continue their aggressive actions directly or yet through the intermediary of the Indian reaction bourgeoisie.

From 1947, there has been the open counter-revolutionnary action of Tito, precursor, then ideologue of Khrushchevism, betraying the peoples of Yugoslavia and the socialist camp, and

placing his country under the American thumb.

In 1950, there was the cowardly American aggression against the People's Democratic Republic of Korea. During that war, before the eyes of the whole world, the U.N. clearly appeared as an instrument of American imperialism, a role that it continues to play, more and more cynically.

Despite the defeat of its aggression, American imperialism

continues to occupy South Korea.

In 1953, Mossadegh wanted to nationalize the oil of Iran. The C.I.A. intervened with the assistance of the «royal house»

and other traitors, provoking subversion, overthrowing Mossadegh, and the International Petroleum Company of Iran exploits the country's oil with a «participation» of 40% of capital from the USA.

In 1954, in Guatemala, Arbenz wanted to nationalize the enterprises of the United Fruit Company in the country, and to build an electric powerplant to compete with the American electricity monopoly in the country. The C.I.A. intervened. Arbenz was overthrown and replaced by a traitor.

In 1954 again, the Geneva Agreements on Indochina were signed, calling in particular for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Vietnam and the peaceful reunification of the country by general elections which were to be held in July 1956. The American aggression had already been well begun in the form of «assistance» to the French colonialists. After Dien-Bien-Phu and the signing of the Geneva Agreements, the Americans cynically violated them and intervened directly, in particular by installing a Quisling regime in Saigon, and instituting a regime of terror exceeding in horror and number the Hitlerite war crimes and launching against the South Vietnamese people «special warfare» that aimed at the genocide of that heroic people.

There was the attempted counter-revolutionary subversion in Hungary in 1956, with the aid of the Khrushchevite revisionists.

There is also the permanent aggression against Cuba.

In April 1964, the C.I.A. established a fascist regime in Brazil

through a coup d'état.

There are the aggressions against Laos and Cambodia, the backing for the intrigues against the Republic of Indonesia by use of the puppet state of «Malaysia», there is the Indian aggression against Kashmir and Pakistan. There are the criminal interferences in Burundi.

There is the direct intervention of 60,000 American soldiers

against the Dominican people.

Recently, there is the counter-revolutionary subversion in Indonesia.

The industrialized capitalist countries are also the object of the aims of American imperialism, and by every means. Look at Belgium, look at all of Western Europe. Look at what is happening at present in France with the direct interference of American imperialism in the presidential elections and the support that it gives to Mitterand, its recognized agent and candidate of French revisionism.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THE BELGIAN COLONIALISTS AND THE CONGO

At the beginning of July 1960, the old Belgian colonialism made its last attempt to keep the loot from the Congo for the sole profit of the Société Générale, the Union Minière and the Forminière.

On July 9, 1960, M. Gillet, then Governor of the Société Générale and President of the Union Minière du Haut-Katanga, called on the government at 10 o'clock in the morning. The same day, Belgian parachutists «went into action» in the Congo. But soon it appeared that the old «Belgian» colonialism no longer had the strength to act alone against the Congolese people. There was the entrance on stage of the Yankee neo-colonialists under the U.N. banner.

Still under the banner of the U.N., there was the arrest and assassination of Lumumba, the American ambassador having



The Congolese peoples have taken up arms to drive out old and new colonialists.

«loaned» his personal helicopter to hunt down the great patriot. Since then, the puppets of the «Belgian» Government, and their masters in Washington, have divided their labours. Belgium supplies the troops for the colonialist dirty war, arms and «credits»; American imperialism sells the «logistical support»; the profits of the colonialist exploitation which continues and is strengthened, are shared among the big Belgian and American financiers.

The Stanleyville operation – which ended with a big political and military defeat for the colonialists – is an illustration of «community» of war crimes of the Americano–Belgian aggressors.

But when Tshombe showed himself too concerned for the «interests» of the Western European colonialists, he was sent packing. When two Belgian officers, Lamoline and Protin, did not understand fast enough the turn ordered by Washington, these performers nevertheless loyal for the dirty work of colonia lism, were immediately shipped back to Belgium.

And again, when Kasavubu, that servile puppet, showed himself too incapable of facing the problems created by the execution of the plans of his masters, he also was to be sent packing and replaced by Mobutu, the character the Belgian Security Police turned over to the American C.I.A.

The example of the Congo is typical. It shows that the old colonialists (arranging) with the neo-colonialists of the USA in the hope of maintaining their privileges and it shows how American imperialism then takes at its profit, the leadership of these alliances based on the exploitation and oppression of peoples.

THE SECOND INTERMEDIARY ZONE

American imperialism aims at world domination. Also its international enterprises are not limited to strengthened the colonialist and neo-colonialist exploitation and oppression of the peoples and nationals of Asia, Africa and Latin America, conducting criminal wars against these peoples, undertaking provocations, subversions and aggressions against the socialist countries and preparing for war against those countries and in fact making war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and against the People's Republic of China.

The industrialized capitalist countries are also the object of its greed. Yankee imperialism wants them to bow to its orders and for them to participate generously in the expenses and bloody sacrifices caused by the preparation and execution of its aggressions.

Generally, there is found in these industrialized capitalist countries, a financial oligarchy, «understanding» and docile, which accepts subordination in the hope of safeguarding its privileges of class and caste against the victorious thrust of the revolutiona—

ry movements of national liberation and proletarian revolution. There are also to be found collaborators, lackeys and puppets.

Thus, it is in the name of «defense of the 'free' and 'white' world» against communism and the «coloured»peoples (in the anti-communist and racist terminology of these gentlemen, inherited also from Hitlerism), is instituted the economic, political and military control of the industrialized capitalist countries, themselves imperialist, by American imperialism.

The military pacts, such as NATO and SEATO, the military bases of these «pacts», economic arrangements favouring the imperialism of the USA, the privileges granted it are the instru-

ments of this takeover.

The Common Market, the European Coal and Steel Community, EURATOM, also are means of economic and political subjection,

bound moreover to the military subjection.

Because, in the present conjuncture, it is folly ot believe that the Europe of the trusts can be a construction permitting opposition to American imperialism. Indeed, it wants the «European Common Market» as one of its instruments of penetration and economic, political and military domination in Europe.

American imperialism hopes to attain these objectives by backing the Germany of Bonn, which is at present its faithful ally,

its main bridgehead in Europe.

But the American takeover means super-exploitation, inter-

ventions and vexations.

During the last six years, two thousand American firms have set up branches in Europe; the carrying-out of the measures decided by the European Common Market and the European Coal and Steel Community have considerably encouraged this process of establishing American subsidiaries in Europe, often constituted by giant subcontracting firms, which bring about the ruin of local enterprises.

In Belgium, out of the total of foreign investment forecast in the new plans drawn up in 1964, 83% were constituted by American and West German capital. American capital invested in Belgium during recent years represents 60% of foreign capi-

tal invested.

Already in the movements of capital income, seen in the balance of payments of certain Western European countries, is

noted one of the consequences of this American takeover.

For Italy, the column «Exit of foreign capital income» went from 141 million dollars in 1961 to 243 million dollars in 1964, the outflow caused by «capital income» exceeding the return of «capital income» by amounts going between 1961 and 1964, from 52 million dollars to 98 million dollars.

For the Germany of Bonn, from 1961 to 1964, the receipts of German «capital income» abroad went from 217 to 270 million dollars, the outflow of «foreign capital income» climbed from

537 to 678 million dollars; the deficit balance in the column «capital income to and from abroad» rose from 320 million

dollars to 408 million dollars.

If, for the instant, and for differing reasons, France and the Netherlands escape this phenomenon, it is very strong on the other hand in the U.E.B.L. (Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union). Thus, still between 1961 and 1964, return of Belgo-Luxembourg capital invested abroad rose for the U.E.B.L. from 8.9 to 10.2 billion Belgian francs, the outflow of foreign capital invested in the U.E.B.L. monted from 6.9 to 11.1 billion Belgian francs, the surplus in 1961 of 2 billion Belgian francs became in 1964 a deficit to the sum of 0.9 billion Belgian francs.

Thus, clearly appears the tendency to the rapid increase of exploitation of the workers of these countries of Western Europe

by foreign capital, mainly American.

This movement of «capital income» is, moreover, only one aspect of American super-exploitation that is being installed.

The other aspects are known and have been indentified already in the first part of this survey, and certainly far exceed in size the official figures given above.

They are:

- the hidden incomes of American enterprises;

- the incomes (also hidden) of hidden American investments; - the unequal terms of commercial transactions to and from the United States;

- the profits from American manufacturing licenses;

- the burden of the part of the public debt placed - openly or indirectly – in the USA;

- the profits from the purchase of American war materiel; - the net profit due to the usage of the paper-dollar with enforced gold parity; represented nevertheless, for example, by the 23 million in «foreign monies» and the 15.6 billion Belgian francs in the column «International Agreements», carried to the credit of the National Bank of Belgium and totalling more than 23% of its theoretical «assets»;

- the charges caused by war expenses, consequence of subor-

dination to the USA.

In the case of Belgium, with the closing down of coal mines, the ruin of textile firms and metal-working factories, the general threat to the Belgian economy, it can already be observed that this American takeover, approved by big Belgian finance capital, and activated by governments of national treason, has the character of a semi-colonization.

The armed forces of the countries under the thumb of the USA take part in these aggressive pacts, becoming instruments for placing cannon-fodder at the disposal of American imperialism.

The latter continues its interferences, the rapid fascization of

the regime of the country under its control.

The American embassies, the C.I.A., dispose of vast networks of agents and control the state apparatuses. NATO functionaries — which has its own international police apparatus — are also just as much agents of American imperialism.

All these operations, although «legalized» by the lackey governments under American imperialism, are nonetheless acts of

high treason.

Through films, comic strips, children's magazines, the corrupt press, the radio and television, the political parties in its service, American imperialism furthers the penetration of its ideology of the «American way of life», of fascist gangsterism.

Here again in Belgium, we have some particularly revolting examples of these multiple interferences and of this control by

the imperialism of the USA.

We will cite here only one fact among many other. Recently, scandulous anti-guerrilla manœuvres, under American command, were held in Belgium. They were so realistic that several Belgian militiamen playing the role of partisans were tortured and wounded.

The imperialists, American imperialism at their head, have treated Asia, Africa and Latin America as the reserve area of their interests, drawing from the super-exploitation of the people

ITALY:	Outflow of foreign capital income invested in the country	Return of capital income of the country invested abroad	Balances
1961 1964	\$141 million \$243 million	\$ 89 million \$ 145 million	- \$ 52 million - \$ 98 million
GERMAN 1961 1964	\$537 million \$678 million	\$217 million \$270 million	- \$ 320 million - \$ 408 million
1961	Belgo–Luxembourg 6.9 billion Fr. 11.1 billion Fr.	8.9 billion Fr.	+ 2 billion Fr. - 0.9 billion Fr.

of these countries, the super-profits that constitute the bases of their power and their methods of corruption.

On the other hand, American imperialism considers that the other imperialist countries – including its allies – must be its second reserve area.

The consequences of this situation are important.

The countries of this «second intermediary zone» thus acquire a double character. On one hand, in so far as imperialist countries, they remain countries exploiting and oppressing the peoples and nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

But on the other hand, the peoples of these industrialized capitalist countries, under the American rule, are more and more

exploited, super-exploited, by American imperialism.

And it is this aspect of the double character of these countries of the «second intermediary zone» which takes on ever more importance and which tends to predominate over the first and ever more so as American imperialism is always substituting itself for the old colonialists.

Under the blows of the victories of the revolutionary movement of national liberation, the victories of the socialist revolution, and also as a result of the aggressions, the control, intervention and vexations of American imperialism, the inter-imperialist, inter-capitalist contradictions grow ever sharper.

The oppositions to invading American imperialism are ever

stronger, more numerous and broader.

Thus in the struggle of peoples against their ennemy number one, American imperialism, indirect allies appear who must be recognized and who, despite their instability, their inconsequences, can in certain circumstance contribute to this struggle, at least by weakening of the coalition of exploiters around the Yankee financial oligarchy and American imperialism.

What is happening with de Gaulle is an illustration of the real possibilities of seeing, in certain cases, even representatives of certain strata of the finance capital of such and such a country.

oppose American imperialism.

But still, the conscious proletariat will keep in view the fundamental interests of the revolutionary movement, now especially in the revolutionary storm—centres of Asia, Africa and Latin America. That is, it will take into account the contradictions between imperialists, between capitalists, and use them eventually, but not let itself be used by them.

And above all, the working class sets as an immediate objective of its present political struggle at the head of a vast united front of labouring masses, the struggle for national independen—

ce, against American imperialism.

Thus, by this fight for national independence, by the active soldarity with the peoples and nations struggling against Yankees imperialism, the working class, the labouring masses of the in-

dustrialized capitalist countries participate in the vast world-wide united front of peoples against their common enemy, and aid the total and final crushing of American imperialism, marching towards the conquest of their own liberation.

KHRUSHCHEVISM, POLITICAL SUPPORT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

The Communist Parties, the international communist movement, were born from the split provoked and made inevitable by the treason of social democratic reformism, grew afterwards through the necessity to forge thoroughgoing revolutionary parties, Marxist-Leninist parties, to carry through victoriously the struggle against capitalism, against imperialism. And an integral and necessary part of this struggle is the fight against opportunism, revisionism, reformism in any form.

For a long time, reformist social democracy was, on an international scale, the principal social support, the principal political pillar of capitalism and imperialism. The reformist social democratic parties today are everywhere in full decomposition, this being the consequences of the deepening general crisis and the

decomposition of capitalism.

The modern revisionism of Tito, Krushchev and his successors takes over from social democratic reformism. But, more rapidly than social democratic reformism, it will be swept from the stage, because the relationship of forces has fundamentally changed in favour of socialism, the awareness of peoples has considerably increased, the putrefaction of imperialism has worsened.

Revisionism is the consequence of the penetration of the bour-geois ideology and of the capitulation before imperialism.

Tito was the precursor of Khrushchevism.

In Yugoslavia, he liquidated the people's conquests, restored capitalism and established a police state, appendice of American imperialism. As special counter-revolutionary detachment of American imperialism, the Tito clique has received from it 4 billion dollars and more than 2 billion dollars from other imperialist powers.

It is employed to undermine the socialist camp by provoking subversion in the socialist countries. It has distinguished itself by the frenzy of its attacks against the Communist Party of China and Chinese people, against the Albanian Party of Labour and

the Albanian people.

As a zealous collaborator of American imperialism, the Tito clique has striven to divide and weaken the revolutionary movement of national liberation.

Tito was and remains the ideologue of Khrushchevism. Along the path traced by Tito, Khrushchevism, political representative



Despite the attacks and the provocations by all sorts of imperialists and their revisionist collaborators, socialist Albania, by relying on its own strength, has laid the bases of a solid and prosperous socialist economy in what was once the poorest and most backward country of Europe.

of the new privileged strata in the Soviet Union, practices on an international scale collaboration with American imperialism.

The systematization of Khrushchevite revisionism has produced the «theory» of the «two wholes and the three peacefuls».

With the «party of the whole people», the Khrushchevite revisionists sought to liquidate the C.P.S.U., the Party of Lenin and Stalin and to transform it into a bourgeois counter-revolutionary party.

With the «state of the whole people», the Khrushchevite revisionists liquidate the dictatorship of the proletariat in order to assure the «peaceful passage» from socialism to capitalism.

With their «theory» of the «peaceful passage to socialism», the Khrushchevite revisionists want to liquidate the revolutionary

struggle of people against capitalism and imperialism.

With their «theory» of the «peaceful coexistence» between exploited and exploiters, they want to obtain the submission of the oppressed, to combat proletarian internationalism and the international solidarity of peoples fighting for their liberation.

Finally, «peaceful competition», the peaceful cooperation with American imperialism, is the «theorisation» of their practices of collaboration with American imperialism for world domination.

The terror of nuclear blackmail, of the supremacy of the «superior» technique of armaments over men, constitutes the keystone of the «ideological» arsenal of Khrushchevism.

With the Moscow Tripartite Treaty on nuclear weapons, American imperialism and its Khrushchevite collaborators cynically demonstrated that they wanted to «legalize» their monopoly of

the nuclear weapon and their nuclear blackmail.

The «red telephone» is not only the symbol of that Americano-revisionist cooperation against the peoples, it is also an instrument by which the revisionists of the Soviet Union and American imperialism plot their joint activities against the peoples.

The Khrushchevite revisionists have done everything, used the most ignoble methods, in order to divide and attempt to

weaken the socialist camp.

Against the People's Republic of China and Albania, they set up a blockade, in addition to the one of the imperialists; they broke unilaterally and brutally commercial contracts and agreements of all kinds, in order to create in these socialist countries great difficulties in the hope – vain moreover – of bringing them to their knees.

They carried out intrigues and counter-revolutionary manceuvres against the People's Republic of China and Albania, as well

as against the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

The socialist countries, victims of these revisionist attacks, were moreover slandered in the most odious fashion by the revisionist traitors.

On the other hand, they presented the spokesmen of American

imperialism, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, as «reasonable» men, they glorified their so-called policy of peace.

The Khrushchevite revisionists practice great power chauvinism apply in their relations with the socialist countries and with other countries as well, the methods of neo-colonialism, the exploitation of peoples and nations, especially in the unequal terms of commercial exchanges.

Their interference goes as far as copying the American methods of establishing military bases abroad. They also wanted, for example, to dismember Rumania and within a so-called coope-

ration scheme, totally subject the Rumanian nation.

Against the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, they have sought to make the most of the so-called solidarity of highly industrialized countries, practiced racism and picked up the theme of the alleged «yellow peril», that invention of Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.

The Khrushchevite revisionist clique has supported the U.N., that instrument of American imperialism, and its interventions against the peoples. This was especially the case in the Congo, where it constantly betrayed the armed resistance struggle of the Congolese people.

In collusion with American imperialism, the Khrushchevite



Tito, lackey of American imperialism, «ideologue» of modern revisionism, plots with Khrushchev, at that time leader of the Americano-revisionist cooperation for world domination against the peoples. The successors of Khrushchev continue his policy with greater ruse and hypocrisy.

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revisionists carried out, especially at the end of 1962, a series of odious manœuvres aimed at annihilating «peacefully» the Cuban Revolution and its spread. They installed missiles bases under Soviet control in order to withdraw them rapidly afterwards. And under the false pretext of «saving world peace», they then demanded, jointly with the United States, U.N. intervention and the sacrifice of Cuban sovereignty.

Again jointly with American imperialism, the Khrushchevite

Again jointly with American imperialism, the Khrushchevite revisionists supplied great quantities of modern arms and aid to the reactionary Indian bourgeoisie and backed up their aggressions againts the Chinese People's Republic, as well as against

Pakistan and Kashmir.

They supported the scating of the puppet state of «Malaysia» on the Security Council and scandulously condemned the just anti-imperialist and revolutionary position then taken by the Indonesian Republic in respect to the U.N.

They went as far as proposing, in agreement with the United States, the formation of an international police force for the repression of peoples, a gendarmerie that they call a «peace corps».

With regard to the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese peoples, they pursued a policy in conformity on all points with the wishes of Washington.

Waving again the hugaboo of nuclear blackmail and the threat of world war, the Khrushchevite revisionists would like to disarm

the South Vietnamese people.

While Khrushchev openly expressed his hostility to the struggle of the Vietnamese people, his former collaborators – who are his successors – talk of their aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Now, this «aid» is absolutely insufficient, very far inferior to the aid given by the Soviet Union to the Indian reactionary bourgeoisie. It is made up, most often, of old and inadequate materiel. The aim of this new tactic of the Khrushchevites is to interfere more insidiously in the affairs of the Vietnamese people in order better to betray them. The Khrushchevites also want to give themselves an alibi in order to conduct directly or through the intermediary of their followers, campaigns effectly directed against the Vietnamese people by calling for the «negociations» wanted by Johnson in order to impose in South East Asia the domination of American imperialism, although it is at its last extremity.

The true face of the Khrushchevite revisionists was revealed during the brutal repression, in Moscow and Leningrad, of student

demonstrators against American aggression in Vietnam.

The Khrushchevite revisionists have ceaselessly conducted an escalation in the international communist movement; they have attacked and slandered the Marxist-Leninist parties, in particular the Communist Party of China and the Albanian Party of Labour.

They have attacked and directed splitting, fractional activities against the Communist Party of Indonesia, the Japanese Commu-

nist Party, the Communist Party of New Zealand and the Com-

munist Party of Australia.

The Khrushchevite revisionists of the Soviet Union have given total support to the revisionist splitters in the various Communist and Workers Parties, and have thus played a fundamental role in the degeneration of several parties who are only communist in their name, and whose «line» of treason is illustrated notably by the Dange clique in India, the leaders of the Italian Communist Party, who voted for Saragat as President of the Italian Republic, by the leaders of the French Communist Party who have madly, and without conditions and restrictions, supported the candidature of Mitterand, that adventurer whose programma is that of American imperialism.

The degeneration goes as far as singing the praises of the pro-American policy of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

There is practically no distinction between them and the reformist social democratic parties, themselves political supports of American imperialism. This is why they openly aspire to organic

«unity» with the social democratic garbage.

The fall of Khrushchev disclosed the importance of the contradictions between revisionists, reflections of the contradictions which tear apart their imperialist masters. It pointed out the difficulties and the disarray of the revisionists in the face of the rise of the revolutionary struggle of peoples and in the face of the consequent action of Marxist–Leninists.

However, the successors of Khrushchev are carying out 100 per cent Khrushchevism, without Khrushchev. They are distinguished from the latter only by greater ruse and skillfulness.

Therefore, they are even more dangerous.

The «unity» that they hypocritically clamour for is nothing other than the unity of their positions in treason, unity with American imperialism.

'In Belgium, the Khrushchevite revisionist leaders have appeared particularly vile and odious. For year, they have been the saboteurs of working—class struggles, strikebreakers.

Indeed, to fight against federalism, they have been the grave-

diggers of the Wallon People's Movement,

They propagate views which tends to strengthen the agencies of and to perfect the methods of class collaboration, such as the obligatory referendum and «social conciliation», as in the Servais anti–strike bills.

In everything, they support the reformist trades union bosses of the P.S.B. (Belgian Socialist Party). They proclaim that they want to save the P.S.B. and the institutions of the unitary bourgeois state from the disaster that nevertheless inevitably awaits them.

They have long ago abandoned the struggle for national independence; they accomodate themselves to NATO and try to sabotage all every means the actions of our Party and the vanguard workers.

They do not hide, to the contrary they have displayed on several occasions, their sympathies for Spaak «Honorary» President of NATO, that agent number one of American imperialism

in Belgium.

Need it be said that the Khrushchevites in Belgium are the zealous propagandists of nuclear blackmail ad that they are opposed to the complete banning and total destruction of nuclear

In all international events, they are constantly on the side of the counter-revolution; they participate in the intrigues and manœuvres of American imperialism. They were on the side of the Hungarian counter-revolution in 1956. They were and are against the armed struggle of the Congolese people.

They were and, most certainly, are supporting the U.N., ins-

trument of American imperialism.

They have particularly distinguished themselves in the anti-



Brutual police repression by the Khrushchevite revisionists against a demonstration of youths in Leningrad, against the Yankee-nazi agression in Vietnam.

Chinese chorus by making fascist-type remarks against the Com-

munist Party of China and against the Chinese people.

In their frenetic zeal in favour of the American deceit of «negociation» against the Vietnamese people,' they have gone as far as to insult openly the Vietnamese people. They have done everything to sabotage demonstrations of solidarity with the N.F.L. of South Vietnam, with Vietnamese people. They have plotted with Spaak so that the U.N. would intervene against the Vietnamese people.

The Khrushchevite leaders in Belgium, these traitors, naturally receive the warmest praises of the revisionist leaders of the Soviet

Union.

And when in concert with the American C.I.A., they attack us; when they slander us, we know that we have taken the right path, that the demarcation is well established between them and us, between the enemy and us.

Khrushchevite revisionism is totally counter-revolutionary and reactionary.

Khrushchevite revisionism means collaboration with American

imperialism.

Khrushchevite revisionism is a political pillar of imperialism. Let us repeat it : there is no thoroughgoing battle against the imperialists, against their leader, American imperialism, without a merciless struggle to denounce, isolate and sweep away the old reformism - wherever it still exists, as in Belgium - and neo-reformism, Khrushchevite revisionism, wherever it holds sway, including Belgium.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. MORE AND MORE ISOLATED, IS A GIANT WITH FEET OF CLAY, THAT THE PEOPLES WILL BRING DOWN.

The power of American imperialism, in reality, is precarious and vulnerable because it depends upon the exploitation and the oppression of the overwhelming majority of the world's population. This is why the Yankee imperialism sees innumerable masses tuned against it.

Hostile to 90% of the world's population, representing the defense of the interests of a thin stratum of financial oligarchs, American imperialism is condemned inevitably to final and total

defeat.

At present, it is in Asia, Africa and Latin America that converge and are particularly sharp the different contradictions of the contemporary world. It is there that the revolutionary national and democratic movement is giving direct blows to American impe-



In Vietnam, the Yankee-nazi aggressors are suffering defeat after defeat.

rialism. It is there that at present is situated the revolutionary storm—centres, in which the battles of people's war are developping.

The just, liberating war of the people of South Vietnam, crucial and of world historical importance, illustrates particularly the people's revolutionary strength and the vulnerability of the Nazi-Yankee imperialists. A heroic people of 14 million inhabitants is inflicting considerable losses in men and materiel on the American troops and their puppets, inflicting defeat after defeat upon them.

When the American spokesmen said there were needed 20 aggressors for one Vietnamese fighter, they recognized, in that

alone, the inescapable defeat of the agressors.

The puppet army, the 200,000 American soldiers operating in South Vietnam, the 50,000 men of the Seventh Fleet, the bombings of South Vietnam and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the innumerable and monstruous crimes committed by the rivals of Hitler; the tortures, the use of devastating toxic products, gases and poisons, the thousands of concentration camps for entire populations baptised «stategic hamlets», have not been able to prevent the liberation of four-fifths of the territory and more than two-thirds of the population of South Vietnam.

Moreover, the ferocious American agression stirs up the hatred against those who have taken over from Hitler; the heroic and victorious battle of the Vietnamese peoples encourages the will to fight of the world's peoples against American imperialism. The Vietnamese people are surrounded by the ever more active solidarity of ever more numerous masses throughout the

world.

In these conditions, who does not see that the escalation of aggressions of American imperialism will precipitate its loss? And widening the field of its aggressions and its subversions, from Santo Domingo to Laos, from Colombia to Indonesia, from Cambodia to the Congo, from Bolivia to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, American imperialism grows weaker and weaker, is more and more isolated, drives new nails into its own coffin.

American imperialism believed, with the aid of the Khrushchevite revisionists, to be able to weaken the socialist camp, that product of the struggle of the proletariat, the workers of the whole world.

But, thanks to the correct leadership of the parties holding firmly to the positions of Marxism-Leninism, the peoples making up the majority of the population of the socialist camp, by relying on their own strength and by making immense efforts, have not only compensated for the losses inflicted by the revisionists, but have even strengthened the power of socialism.

The experimental tests of the Chinese atomic bomb have destroyed the Americano-revisionist nuclear monopoly and delive-

red a mortal blow against nuclear blackmail.

The firm position of proletarian internationalism of the peoples of these countries, who continue to carry out the tasks of the socialist revolution to the end, the victories that they win on all fronts constitute an inestimable contribution to world proletarian revolution.

In the industrialized capitalist countries, the working class is having a new awakening. The forces opposed to American impe-

rialism are growing.

In the USA itself, the struggle of Afro-Americans reveals a great revolutionary potential. Ever more numerous popular forces are turning against their own bourgeoisie, against Yankee imperialism and especially against the dirty war of aggression of Vietnam.

The American imperialism is thus more and more isolated.

American imperialism is at the last extremity.

The Khrushchevite revisionists are in full disarray.

Everywhere are growing stronger the Marxist-Leninist parties, the Marxist-Leninist organizations, vanguard of the working

class, the popular forces.

The situation is excellent for the innumerable forces that will cut down American imperialism which is being revealed and will be revealed even more a giant with feet of clay, a paper tiger.

THE PEOPLES OF BELGIUM IN THEWORLD-WIDE GRAND UNITED FRONT AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

My purpose today is not to make an analysis of the concrete situation in Belgium and of the political line of our Party. I will only say several words.

Our Party, by raising the banner of Marxism-Leninism, has raised the banner of proletarian internationalism and the socialist

revolution.

We cannot foresee, at present, in which concrete conditions, following which precise events will be created in Belgium the revolutionary situation that will permit the destruction of the bourgeois state machine and installation of the power of the dictatorship of the proletariat. What we know with an absolute certainty is that this revolutionary situation will inescapably be produced again: capitalism produces itself the objective conditions that will permit the workers to bring it down. It provokes periodically its own bankruptcy. But in order that the revolutionary situation leads to a revolutionary victory, the working class, the labouring



American aggression in San Domingo.



The People's United Front lays out the objective of work demands, the national and democratic objectives of the peoples of Belgium – A demonstration of the Wallon People's Front.

masses, must be prepared for this eventuality. For that, there must be a vanguard party, a revolutionary party, a Marxist-NINIST PARTY.

But, at present, we can point to one of the possibilities of the revolutionary process in Belgium. There can also be events that will lead to others. Let us state, therefore, for the instant this perspective which arises from the analysis of the present situation and its developments.

At the present stage of the struggle, our Party has proclaimed the objectives of the PEOPLE'S UNITED FRONT, that is:

- workers'demands:
- defense of democratic liberties;
- federalism:
- solidarity with the classes, peoples and nations of the world struggling against the exploitation, oppression and aggressions of American imperialism, its allies and puppets; in particular total solidarity with the Vietnamese people and with the Con-

golese people;

 the conquest of national independence : smashing the yoke of American imperialism.

The battle for these objectives of national and democratic character, in order for it to be brought to conclusion – we do not hide it – will pose the question of power, of its nature, the question of the necessity of breaking the unitary bourgeois state machine and installing a power of people's democracy, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Thus are traced the revolutionary perspectives which would permit the peoples of Belgium, once these national and democratic tasks achieved, to pass on, and then certainly rapidly, to the tasks of the socialist revolution.

The struggles of the vanguard workers in Belgium and their party, ours, is part of the great world-wide struggle of peoples.

In Belgium, the dominant elements of finance capital, represented notably by the SOCIETE GENERALE and several other big trusts, have completely aligned themselves with the policy of American imperialism by subordinating themselves to it.

For numerous years, successive governments have been made up by lackeys of American imperialism and have practiced a shameless policy of national treason. The consequences have been felt severely: dismantling of the coal industry, closing of other firms, shaky economy, fascization of the regime, pauperisation of the labouring masses, super «unique law», dirty colonialist war in the Congo and preparation for new escalations of it, American and German bases, crushing military expenses, direct or indirect participation in American aggressions throughout the world. The general crisis of capitalism is rapidly worsening. Parallel with this, the crisis of parties of the bourgeoisie is ever deeper.

The yoke of control, interventions and vexations of American imperialism become always heavier.

The unitarist bourgeois state, instrument of the domination of the trusts and American control, also ceaselessly increases its oppression, including the oppression of national character against the Wallon people, the Flemish people and the population of Brussels.

This is why our Party has placed in the foreground the objectives of struggle of the working class, the labouring masses: self-determination for the Wallon people, the Flemish people and the Brussels population through the conquest of federalism against the unitarist bourgeois state, and of national independence against American imperialism, as well as proletarian international solidarity. These are three indissolubly linked objectives.

The struggle of the workers of Belgium is joigned to that of the great world—wide united front of peoples against the common enemy, American imperialism.

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