Progressive Labor Party Says: Bosses' RAT PACK NULLIFIES NIXON

Build Our Own Organizations WHON CAUCUSES/ Offset Bosses' Impeachment' Hokum

"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall Humpty Dumpty had a great fall all the Kings horses and all the King's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again."

Well, one thing can be said of Nixon and the current crop of U.S. bosses; they have added a new twist to politics—absurdity! If the unfolding political events weren't deadly serious for workers the world over, the doings of the big bosses from Washington to Moscow would drive Flip Wilson from his top ratings as a comedian.

In the N.Y. Times (October 25th), James Reston writes, ".

The impression given here is of an uncertain administration defying the courts and Congress one day and submitting the next, announcing Presidential speeches or press conferences in the morning, and cancelling them in the afternoon, giving promises and breaking them, and over reacting to imagined conspiracies at home and abroad. . . . But now if he hands over the tapes, peoplesay he has doctored them, and even when he staggers from one move to another, he is met with a cynical remark: A crisis a day keeps impeachment away."

NIXON, THE JOKE

There is hardly a political columnist who any longer believes or speaks with any sort of seriousness about the President of the U.S. From Jack Anderson to Evans and Novak, we are being deluged with the "real reasons" why Nixon has done this or that. A top spot in the current news deals with the question of the sanity of Nixon. George Meany has called him crazy.

(IF YOU CAN LOSE THE RIGHT-WING MEANY you are in real trouble.) At the recent Kissinger press conference on the Mid-East crisis four questions were raised. One by top analyst Marvin Kalb of C.B.S., openly suggested that placing U.S. forces on alert in response to Soviet moves, was a move contrived by the President to divert attention to the mounting impeachment crisis.

With the entire world breathlessly watching the Kissinger (Dr. Strangelove) performance, Clark Mollenhoff, one of the leading reporters in the U.S. questions the rationality of Nixon's decision to start the alert.... Question: Do you feel it's a totally rational decision? More interesting was the answer he got from Kissinger.... Answer: I may say that all the President's senior advisers, all the members of the National Security Council, were unanimous in their recommendation as the result of a deliberation in which the President did not himself participate. .

So we were told that he is really no longer involved in serious decision making (if he ever was). One gets the picture of a baboon confined to his cage and let out only to be seen.

NIXON IS OUT

One of Nixon's problems is that he no longer realizes he is not the President of the U.S. The question of impeachment is now reduced to the minor point of how will impeachment act on the public confidence. This is not the picture of a confident, stable ruling class. It is in fact shown through the demise of Nixon as a politico, the picture of a class in trouble, a class whose fortunes are sinking.

IN THE VAIN ATTEMPT OF THE PREDOMInant capitalist figures to recoup their losses, it requires them
to reassert their political and economic leadership and
control over every aspect of U.S. life. At least two of their
first goals is to drive Nation from office politically cripple
him, and to weaken or eliminate his financial base. This
base is mostly centered around the development of newer
capitalists who appeared in the main after World War II.
The more entrenched eastern, Wall St. establishment,
whose chief voice is the N.Y. Times, has been resolute in
this quest. The Cox investigation team was made up mostly
from the old Kennedy machine. And the Justice Dept., first
under Richardson, now Bork, represent the the more
moderate and conservative forces centered around the
Rockefeller and Morgan groups.



HOPALONG KISSINGER

Currently, it is generally acknowledged that Nixon is tottering and is a political joke. Less well known, is how their efforts are going to establish financial hegemony. Recently there have been a few important developments on this matter.

NIXONS7 FRIENDS IN TROUBLE

One of the first and most significant financial supporters of Nixon was C. Arnholdt Smith of San Diego. He typified the development of the "new money." He was the "leading light" of San Diego. This city developed rapidly after Worlds War Two, and emerged as one of the super cities. Smith was the owner of the Westgate-California and United States National Bank. This enterprise was a billion dollar affair. Recently, the IRS levied a \$22.8 million lien on his 1969 taxes. This lien was the largest ever in the history of the U.S. Now faced with fraud and a number of other charges, and with his gangster pal Alesio in jail, the Controller of the Currency declared the bank insolvent in the biggest failure in American history, and seized it. The bank was sold for a nominal sum to the Crocker bank which is the oldest West Coast financial group. It is closely tied into the east coast bosses banking system. In other words they took away his bank like candy or a toy from a naughty child.

Of late, another pal of the President, Bebe Rebozo, is in deep trouble. He is about to be had on the matter of buying and selling stolen securities, embezzlement, etc. It is already established that he was one of the conduits for billionaire Howard Hughes who happened to give him \$100,000 at the very moment Nixon was buying one of his little villas. Coincidentally right after Nixon did Hughes a little favor making Hughes a big bundle. Also it was uncovered that Rebozo had set up a little investment company in which Nixon is a partner. Some time ago Robert Vesco decided to buy a company in LatinAmerica and not to return to this one. In brief, Hughes, Vesco, Smith and Rebozo are being chased by the bigger bosses—and they are running. Still to come out more openly is the big money attack on other, smaller, oil and natural gas interests who are Nixon supporters.

CAPITALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The nub of the current Mid-East crisis (see last and current C-D edits. on this matter) is closely interrelated to the fight for power among different sections of the ruling class.

THE MORE ESTABLISHED MONEY FORCES are very disturbed about the way the Soviets have moved to shore up the Arab nationalists. They are panicked over their growing alliance and the inability of their Israeli stooges to stop it.

While the Israelis may still be able to best the Arabs militarily, they are unable to reverse the profit patterns which are tilting unfavorably for the big oil companies which are led by the Rockefeller klan. This is why Kissinger (Rocky's boy) went ape over the possibility of Soviet forces in the Mid-East. The secondary aspect of this momentary flare-up was that it gave poor Dick a couple of days more to booze it up at Camp David. Maybe in his stupor he called Bhreznev on the hot-line and said, "Leonid, maybe you can keep this crisis going a few days more. Listen, how would you like about a few more million tons of wheat."

As these thieves fall out, workers can take advantage of it

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The Progressive Labor Party and its newspaper, Challenge, are dedicated to the U.S. working class and the working class of the entire world—black, brown, white, red and yellow.

The only way our class can ever have a decent life is by overthrowing the bosses' governments and establishing the DICTATORSHIP OF THE WORKING CLASS, a system in which the workers rule and the bosses are outlawed.

When this is done, we can build a new society, with no exploitation of man by man, a society in which working people collectively own the factories and farms: a society of socialism.

Until this is done, the bosses will continue to hold the trump card: their armies, police, and courts. The reforms we win in day-to-day struggles will be whittled away. Progressive Labor Party members dedi-

regressive Labor Party members dedicate themselves to serve the people by guiding them to working-class revolution; by building deep ties among the mass of working people in their day-to-day battles; by learning to apply the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism—proven in decades of world-wide struggle—to the particular conditions of industrial America.

Our newspaper, Challenge, strives to present the unconditional truth of class struggle so our class can learn from experience how to win.

by not picking one side or the other. The form it takes is to suck workers and students into an impeachment movement. Whoever replaces Nixon—if it comes to that—will be another agent of the bosses. This time one who more faithfully represents the big ones. All these bosses are for racism, low wages, speed-up, high prices, etc. None of them can halt the deterioration of our living conditions.

WORKERS' OWN ORGANIZATIONS

We have to build our own political forces. Bosses are weaker now. We can take advantage of their problems by building caucuses, the Workers Action Movement and the Progressive Labor Party. This movement can develop now around the issues of fighting racism, 30-40, breaking all the bosses wage freeze and for all things which will improve our living conditions.

ULTIMATELY THIS WILL MOVE US IN THE direction of state power for the working class. This is much more in focus as the bosses demonstrate that their system is unworkable. And that their class interests have nothing to do with ours.

Turn Mid-East War Into Class War

In the past three wars the Israeli fascist military clique was able to stage swift and totally victorious marches deep into Arab territory, thus the Zionists evolved about themselves a myth of invincibility much like that boasted by the Nazis who they so closely resemble. This time, however, the Israelis suffered a series of serious losses—600 tanks wiped out; one-third of their airforce shot down; loss of the fabled "Bar-Lev Line" fortress on the Suez. This marks the beginning of the end for the Zionist colony in the Mid-East, but more importantly constitutes the biggest defeat yet for the U.S. imperialist bosses.

LIKE ALL RACIST FASCIST REGIMES, THE Israeli ruling clique depends for its survival on a "myth of invincibility." The myth rests on racism pure and simple—on the false notion that the Arabs are "inferior fighters." Tis myth has now been shattered by experience—the Israeli military has been shown to be a paper tiger. Even if Egypt loses the present war, everyone now knows that the Zionists can be taken.

But, unlike the Nazis whom they take after, in other respects the 'zionists are not their own masters. For now, the Israeli fascists stand revealed as nothing more than miserable puppets of U.S. imperialism. (Just as the various Arab nationalist regimes are controlled by the Soviet and/or W. European imperialists.) This was not so clear in the past. In the 1956 war, the U.S. government was able to even

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pretend to be "pro-Arab," issuing statements calling on the Israelis to withdraw. In the 1967 war the U.S. rulers pretended to be "neutral." Now the U.S. imperialists airlift the most advanced weapons to the Israelis, send agents and "volunteers" to direct the faltering Zionist cause, send money, hold big pro-Israel rallies and use their own air force for "reconnaissance" on behalf of their stooges in Tel Aviv. The stripping of the disguise of "U.S. even-handedness" leaves U.S. imperialism in the Mid East in a near shambles.

THE MAJOR GAIN FOR THE U.S. BOSSES in World War II was the undisputed control of the Mid-East (along with their British junior partners). The area is strategic geographically and contains 2/3 of modern industry's most important raw material. Seeing a growing Arab workers' movement as its main worry in the area, in 1947 the U.S.-British imperialists set up the military colony of Israel in order to: (1) act as a policeman for the oil companies, (2) act as a lightening rod diverting Arab anger away from the oil companies to the 'zionist killers, (3) provide an exc use for the U.S. to arm the reactionary Arab regimes, arms to be used against their own people, to further entrench these pro-U.S. stooges. It will be remembered that at the time all the Arab nations were ruled by pro-U.S. kings, shieks, oligarchies or British viceroys.

The overthrow of King Farouk of Egypt in 1954 began a process that saw reactionary pro-U.S. regimes overthrown in Svria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, Lybia, South Yemen and

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