

# THE MENACE OF FASCISM WILL BE

# SMASHED BY THE MIGHTY FIST OF THE

# PROLETARIAT!



The menace of fascism is once again confronting the working class and oppressed peoples around the world. Not since the rise of fascism in the 1930's has there been such a revival of fascist organizations and groups as there is today.

Around the world the international proletariat has been set into motion in reaction to the crisis of capitalism. The strength of the proletariat is growing and this force is being organized by the genuine communist parties of the working class.

In a desperate attempt to curb this inevitable tide of revolutionary activity of the proletariat and in an effort to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working class the bourgeoisie is actively promoting the growth of fascism.

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In the U.S. the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis are becoming more and more visible. There is hardly a month that goes by without these fascists holding a demonstration. Their reactionary terror is continually being used to intimidate and harass workers and oppressed peoples. In the Black Belt South, the KKK, long the henchmen of reaction, have continued their tradition of beatings, lynchings and hate rallies. In August, there was a demonstration in Pascagoula, Louisiana, in September it was in Mobile, Alabama, in October it was in Birmingham, Alabama. Unknown number of Blacks across the South are continually beaten or murdered by these fascists.

In other parts of the U.S. the Nazis and the KKK are also active. UNITE has pointed out in the past about the activities of the Nazis in the busing struggle in Chicago, about the bombing of Black families' homes and so on.

There is no doubt that the rise of fascist activity here in the U.S. is an integral part of the trend internationally. In Germany, according to Albanian Telegraphic Agency, there

are now about 150 fascist organizations that are operating. These organizations publish nearly 280,000 copies of newspapers, magazines and other propaganda weekly. It has now become fashionable to hold meetings of Former Nazis of the Third Reich. Theaters and TV now show films that depict the enemy of the working class, Hitler, as a sensible man and a great military strategist. All of this fascist activity is openly allowed and promoted by the German bourgeoisie. And related to this fascist activity is the current push for legislation that will outlaw all communist organizations.

In Italy the fascist activity has assumed great proportions. There are over 30 fascist organizations that are operating there which are led by the fascist "Italian Social Movement". This organization is headed by a collaborator of Mussolini, Almirante. These fascist gangs carry out murders, tortures, and kidnapping. The Italian bourgeoisie openly supports this revival of fascism by financing the Italian Social Movement to the sum of 3.6 billion lire (\$4.1 million).

The bourgeoisie is actively promoting the growth of fascism because they need fascism to maintain their class rule. As Georgi Dimitrov said in 1935,

"The imperialist circles are trying to shift the whole burden of the crisis onto the shoulders of the working people. **That is why they need fascism.**

"They are trying to solve the problems of markets by enslaving the weak nations by intensifying colonial oppression and repartitioning the world anew by means of war. **This is why they need fascism.**

"They are trying to forestall the growth of the forces of revolution by smashing the revolutionary movement of the workers

Marchers at the African Liberation Day demonstration in May, routed a Nazi counter-demonstration. Fascism is a ferocious enemy of working and oppressed people, but it is a monster with feet of clay.

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and peasants and by undertaking a military attack against the Soviet Union — the bulwark of the world's proletariat. **That is why they need fascism.**" (Dimitrov, FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS AGAINST FASCISM, 1935, p.7)

When we look at the situation in the capitalist countries today it can be seen that these are the reasons for the rise of fascism again today.

The capitalists today are facing an extreme crisis. Factories are being shut down, unemployment is high, there is moral decay. The world markets of the capitalists are also shrinking. National liberation movements are demanding the right of self-determination and are driving the imperialists from their land. At home the capitalists face a growing workers' movement, under the leadership of Marxist-Leninists and genuine communist parties. All these factors together make the crisis of the capitalists an all-round crisis. And as the capitalists find themselves driven into a blind alley, they are compelled to establish a fascist dictatorship and head for war.

Fascism is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. It is the reactionary rule of finance capital and stands in total opposition to the interests of the working class. Fascism preys upon the discontent of the petty bourgeoisie and backward elements of the working class. Where there is instability, the fascists promise stability. Where there is high unemployment, the fascists promise employment. Where there is moral decay, the fascists promise high moral standards. But the facts stand in stark contrast to the promises of the fascists. Wherever there is the rule of the fascists there is repression—the denial of all rights of working and oppressed peoples. Strikes and unions are often out-



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lawed. National minorities and oppressed nations are persecuted. And the reign of capital is reinforced.

The working class and all progressive people oppose all moves toward fascism. On October 8th, in Germany a joint demonstration was held to oppose the proposed legislation to outlaw all communist organizations. The demonstration was sponsored by the Communist Party of Germany, the Communist Party of Germany (M-L), and the Communist Bund of Germany. **This marks a determined effort by all Marxist-Leninist and progressive forces to resolutely fight this trend towards fascism. This struggle is supported by the international proletariat.**

Here in the U.S. there is also growing opposition to the KKK and the Nazis. In Mobile, Alabama, last month the KKK demonstration was routed by a demonstration of community people.

While the menace of fascism is growing, so also is the opposition to it. Fascism is a ferocious enemy of the working and oppressed people of the world but it is a monster with clay feet. The stronger that the power of the fascists grows, the indignation of the working class grows even stronger. It is the task of the working class and all progressive people to immediately take up the battle against all fascists and moves by the bourgeoisie towards fascism. In this battle, the international working class stands firmly united under the demand:

**Death to the fascists!**



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