"THE CLASS STRUGGLE" (NORWAY)

Social-Imperialism's Sanguinary Arms Deals

THE Class Struggle, organ of the Workers' Communist Party of Norway (Marxist-Leninist), in an article in its ninth issue of 1974 exposed the fact that Soviet revisionist social-imperialism not only had sold arms at exorbitant prices, but also used spare parts as a means of pressure. The spare parts were priced several times higher than the arms.

Entitled "Every Ruble Stained With Blood From Profitable War Contracts," the article said that Soviet leaders had made much about Soviet arms' "aid" to the Arab countries since the October Middle East war. However, the arms were provided entirely to maintain Soviet military control over these countries. The weapons were sold at high prices and for foreign exchange.

The Soviet Union has been selling arms for quite a number of years, with transactions becoming ever more substantial and terms more exacting.

The article pointed out that while bragging about their "love for peace," the Soviet revisionists were in fact experts in fishing in troubled waters, taking advantage of every tense situation and war in the world. They sold large quantities of munitions to India during the Indo-Pakistan war of 1965. In autumn 1971, they pushed India to the fore in the war of aggression to partition Pakistan. At the same time, they made fabulous profits by selling 5,000 million krone worth of aircraft, armoured cars and missiles to India.

Describing as brazen lies the Soviet leaders' allegations that their arms deals are "selfless assistance," "aid given to national-liberation struggles by a socialist country" and "a living example of the firmly principled policy of internationalism," the article stressed that the difference between social-imperialism and old-line imperialism is that the former adds the cover of "socialism."