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DUNLOP WORKERS UNITE AGAINST SPEKE PLANT CLOSURE

Dunlop workers in Britain, France, Italy and Germany stopped work for a day on March 7th, in protest against the impending closure of the Speke plant in Liverpool.

Dunlop's cut-backs threaten 2,400 jobs at Speke, 500 jobs at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, and 250 jobs at Inchinnan, Glasgow. Speke will be hardest hit with an unemployment level of 21%. The average for Merseyside as a whole is 11% (over 1 in 10 of the working population). Not only Britain is affected by Dunlop's rationalisation plans, Dunlop workers in Germany are faced with a 20% (1 in 5) cut back.

EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED UNITE IN SPEKE

The unity of Dunlop workers at Speke to stop the closure and not accept redundancy pay is high. Speeches opposing the selling of jobs for "thirty pieces of silver" as selling not only their jobs and the jobs of their children, invokes immediate applause from Speke workers. So far only 83 out of 2,500 have accepted redundancy and left. The rest are staying on to fight. In their struggle they are getting selfless assistance from unemployed workers who once worked at the Leyland TR7 plant and who still keep up a branch of the T&GWU. They have formed a community picket at the Dunlop plant in order to stop movement in and out of lorries collecting finished goods from the warehouse. Lorry drivers refuse to cross the picket line - so nothing moves. This is a new form of struggle developed by the Speke workers which will certainly strengthen the chances of victory in this struggle against closures.



Dunlop workers march against closures.

REVISIONISTS TIE THEMSELVES IN KNOTS

Dunlop is a huge monopoly corporation whose investments and operations straddle Europe and the East. It is an economic tentacle of British and European imperialism. As such, Dunlop and their Italian partner Pirelli organize and share in the superprofits of imperialism, extracted from the people and countries of the third world, like Malaysia and India. This is capitalist imperialism in the modern world which spreads its tentacles everywhere to find new markets and sources of plunder. It is why it is in the interests of the

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GOVERNMENT LIES PROTECT RUC TORTURE

Another storm has blown up and blasted the lid off the squalid and brutal practices of the Northern Ireland "security forces" to extract confessions and get information through torture. This time the exposures centre on the beating of "suspects" detained at Castlereagh by the Royal Ulster Constabulary. An enquiry called the Bennett Committee was set up to investigate RUC interrogation procedures. This enquiry was apparently sparked off in response to public outcry at the death of Brian McGuire, a TASS member, found hanged by a sheet from a ventilation grill in his cell in Castlereagh. McGuire had obviously been murdered by torture and a suicide faked to cover it up.

But although the enquiry had been launched, it was clear from the beginning its purpose was to do a whitewash of the whole matter. The hearings of the enquiry were all in private. Not wanting to be part of such a farce the National Council of Civil Liberties and the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association boycotted the enquiry.

DOCTOR IRWIN FORCES HAND OF BENNETT COMMITTEE

Doctor Irwin, a police doctor at Castlereagh, gave evidence at the enquiry in which he exposed the fact that 150-160 IRA "suspects" examined by him after "interrogation" by the RUC at Castlereagh had

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BOSSSES' STATISTICS MASK POVERTY AND OPPRESSION!

How Government statistics reported faithfully by the bourgeois (capitalist) press arrive at a figure of £90 for the national average wage is a mystery unless we grasp how such statistics are concocted. The method which is used to give such a distorted figure as £90 is the one which takes the average or mean of a random sample of 1% of the population (approximately 450,000 for Britain). This random sample is taken from firms using tax records. It automatically excludes all those whose income is from the dole and Social Security. Also because those whose income is above the average are generally well above, this method of taking an average gives extra weight to higher incomes. This greatly pushes up the "average" figure. The truth is distorted and a high "average" wage recorded.

Another method which is far more useful as a method of getting a real picture of the sort of income most people have is the method of taking a median figure. This is worked out by identifying the level of income so that half the population has an income of more than the median and half less than the median. Using this method the Survey of Personal Incomes for 1976-77 has stated the gross (before deductions) median income for the U.K. as a whole to be £61.17.

But even this does not give a true reflection of low wages and the poverty which is hidden behind

capitalist statistics. The random sample used is taken from tax records. The figures include overtime. The long term unemployed would not figure in such a sample. Nor does this figure of £61 median wage reflect the poverty suffered by the old in capitalist Britain.

NATIONAL OPPRESSION

Taking the U.K. as a whole also distorts the real situation. The median wage for England, Scotland, and Wales are very different. For England it is £62.12. While for Wales it is £57.69 and for Scotland it is £56.73. It is even lower for Northern Ireland which is under the rule of Westminster at approximately £51.92. These are features of national oppression in the UK state. Again they do not reflect the real poverty resulting from higher unemployment in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Callaghan's attempt to paper over the cracks and cover up the results of national oppression with regard to Scotland and Wales with devolution was rejected by the Scottish and Welsh people. It was aimed at splitting any united struggle of workers throughout Britain, and at the same time it was only a sop to the peoples just struggle against national oppression. For the working people of Britain the future lies in united struggle for a socialist federal republic.

DUNLOP WORKERS UNITE

working class of Britain and other imperialist powers to unite with the oppressed peoples and nations of the third world against a common enemy.

But this is not how the revisionist "C"PGB poses the question. They present the foreign investments of Dunlops in the Far East and other monopoly capitalist combines as a threat or the reason for closures in Britain. The "C"PGB does not call for unity with Dunlop workers and oppressed peoples of the Far East. Rather, they sow mistrust. They promote illusions among the working class that their jobs would be safe if Dunlops invested in Britain, or tyre imports from the EEC were stopped. This is nonsense! Capitalism follows its own economic laws. That is, to invest wherever they can and get the maximum return. No amount of lecturing from the "C"PGB is going to persuade the monopoly bosses to act in any other way.

But when it comes to Dunlop investments in Eastern Europe, the revisionists have another story. The views of John Miller, who is the co-ordinating Secretary of the Dunlop Unions were faithfully reported in the *Morning Star*:

"Dunlop has built plants in Eastern Europe and imports tyres from them under compensation trading agreements.

Mr Miller said yesterday that he thought this Eastern Europe aspect was being exaggerated in some quarters and was confusing the main thrust of the campaign..."

The *Morning Star* has good reason to quote Miller approvingly. A revisionist sister party of the "C"PGB, the Italian Communist Party does a lot of the deals with Eastern Europe for Dunlop's partner Pirelli through a trading company set up by the Italian Communist Party. Through its operations in

the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe, Dunlop-Pirelli is heavily involved in dumping on the British and other European markets. But the "C"PGB stays quiet about this for fear of offending their masters in the Soviet Union. On the question of the export of technology by Dunlops to Russia and Eastern Europe, the attitude of the Speke workers is more one of anger, that the know-how of Dunlop workers is used for the benefit of the Dunlop bosses.

INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS UNITY

It is useless to lecture to the monopoly capitalist class. The struggle against cut-backs and closures demands the maximum unity of employed and unemployed workers and combining the struggle of the workers of transnational corporations like Dunlop-Pirelli internationally. Like the international unity displayed in the Ford strike, such international unity forces the bosses into a corner. The struggle against lay-offs and redundancies is a very difficult one, because the only solution to the crisis-ridden system of capitalism is socialist revolution and building a socialist planned economy. But the strength of international working class unity promises a greater chance of success in the struggle to make the bosses pay for their crisis.

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MORE INVESTMENT WILL NOT SOLVE JOBS CRISIS

In 1978, investment in manufacturing totalled £3,833 million, a rise of 7% above the 1977 figure. This represents the highest level of investment since 1971. Compared with 1977 investment in new building rose by 12% and investment in new plant and machinery rose by 8%. Since 1974, unemployment has risen from around 600,000 to 1½ million. These facts of increased unemployment alongside higher levels of capitalist investment, expose what a lying deceit of the working class it is to present the solution to unemployment as more investment. Such "alternatives" are continually paraded before the working class by the revisionist "C" PGB as the panacea which will end unemployment and usher in socialism. At the same time that these charlatans ignore the reality of capitalist investment, they claim to be Marxists.

REVISIONISTS DENY LAWS OF CAPITALISM

The reality of capitalist investment in new plant and machinery is that it is carried out according to the economic laws of capitalist production. In order to stay in the race to cheapen the cost of production and increase profits, capitalism is forced to invest in new plant and equipment which requires a smaller labour force and therefore lower labour costs. Under the capitalist relations of production, investment does not release workers for new areas of production and therefore expansion of the economy. This can only be achieved by socialist relations of production in which the working class is the ruling class and able to plan the economy according to social needs. Expansion of the capitalist economy is anarchic in boom years and in times of deep crisis almost non-existent. Rocketing unemployment and destruction of means of production are the rule. The revisionists "C" PGB betray Marxism and deny the need for the working class to overthrow capitalism before socialism can be built.

FORD - LESSONS OF THE 1978 STRIKE

The Ford workers swept aside Callaghan's decree of a 5% limit on wage increases and swelled the confidence of workers throughout Britain to strike for a living wage. *Class Struggle* covered the strike throughout the struggle, taking the opportunity to educate the working class politically on many questions, such as, the importance of international working class unity and explaining the source of Ford's profits in the exploitation of surplus value from the workers.

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A WORKER'S NOTEBOOK

■ THE HOME OFFICE IS INTENDING TO DEPORT A 17 YEAR old Bangladeshi, Mr. Abdul Azard, an apprentice spinner from Oldham, Lancashire, on the strength of "forensic evidence" which they refuse to produce in court.

Mr. Azard was first subject to racist persecution when he was arrested, released, and arrested again, after the murder of his mother. He was held for three months in Risley remand centre, although there was no evidence that his involvement with the murder was anything other than as a grief stricken relative. While in custody, blood samples were taken.

On the ninth of March, he was arrested for a third time, as an illegal immigrant. The Home Office claims that the blood samples taken in connection with his mother's murder show that Mr. Azard could be the child of his mother, or his father, but not of both. Whether or not this is the case, we don't know, because the state refuses to produce its evidence, but anyway it is quite irrelevant. What business is it of the British state, if one of Mr. Azard's parents is adoptive? Are such "tests" performed on white immigrants to Britain? This is nothing but an example of the vindictive racism of Britain's immigration laws in its most despicable form.

■ A HIGH COURT JUDGE RULED THIS WEEK THAT TELEPHONE tapping was not illegal. Police and the Security Service regularly obtain Home Office Authorisation for the Post Office to tap telephones for them. In fact any private line may be tapped on any suspicion the police please. The law doesn't even pretend to defend individual freedom or privacy in this matter. As conditions under capitalism worsen and the state becomes more repressive, Security Forces will increasingly use this weapon against working class organisations. The state can never be neutral - it will tap the telephones of those who fight it.

■ CATCH THEM YOUNG. The *Daily Mail* runs an "informative" cartoon strip, *Focus on Fact*. On February 26th, it turned its "unbiased" eye on Trade Unions. "Unions", it says, "have legal freedom to close factories, hospitals, schools, deprive workers of jobs, hurt the sick and the weak". (Makes us sound nearly as bad as the bosses and their state, doesn't it?)

It goes on to repeat the lie that wage rises cause inflation, and to ask, are unions too powerful? Pretty average rubbish really - except that cartoons are particularly attractive to children, who often read these parts of a paper and nothing else. So if your nine-year old looks up from his fish and chips and tells you unions hurt the sick and the weak, you know where he got it from.

■ A STUDY TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SUMMER SHOWS THAT workers in the rubber and cable-making industries, already known to be at risk from bladder cancer, are also 20-30% more likely to die of cancer of the lung or stomach.

At one tyre factory in Liverpool, 20 stomach cancer deaths were recorded where only 11 would have been "normal". At another in Manchester there were 30 lung cancer deaths where only 21 were expected.

The Health and Safety Executive refuses to name the companies concerned, on the grounds that the working conditions in these factories are probably no worse than elsewhere!

■ KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA BOROUGH COUNCIL KNOW HOW to deal with people who live in houses they think are too good for them - they kick them out, tart the place up and sell it!

In May 1976, they moved a family of 7 out of one of their properties while modernization was being carried out. They gave the tenant a written undertaking that he and his family would be able to return to their home when the work had been completed. But in May 1977, the council went back on its word and sold the house for £38,000. Now we know that the word of the housing official is worth - Nothing, when money's talking too.

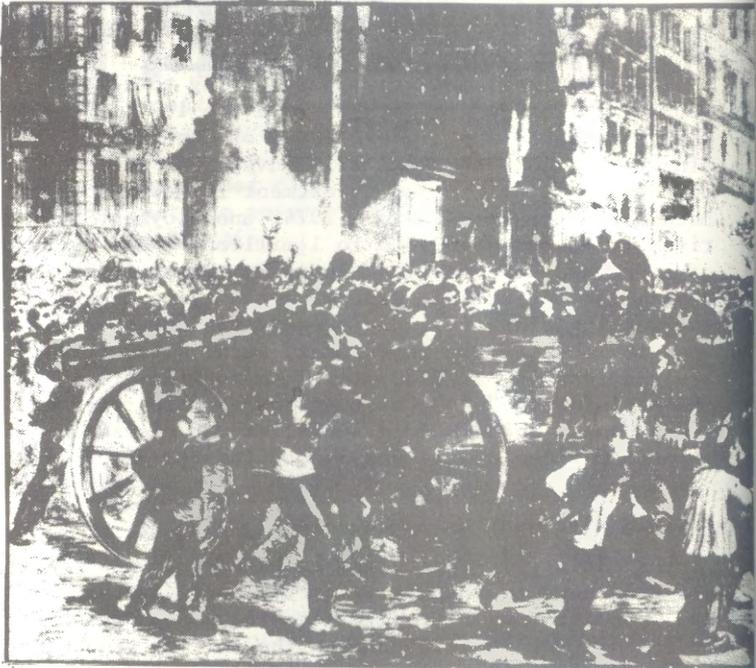
108TH ANNIVERSARY OF

March 28th marks 108 years since the proclamation of the Paris Commune in 1871. The Commune was the first attempt by the proletariat to overthrow the bourgeoisie and establish its own political power. It was born amid the flames of a war between France and Prussia (Germany); when Prussian troops stood at the Gates of Paris. The war unleashed by the 2nd Empire of Louis Napoleon to annex the mineral rich Alsace-Lorraine, led to the working men of Paris rising against Louis Napoleon and proclaiming anew the republic. Prussian soldiers continued what Bismark declared as "defensive war" against France against which the Paris proletariat, who formerly opposed Louis Napoleon's war against Prussia, were compelled to support the bourgeois Government of National Defence set up in Versailles. This so-called Government of National Defence turned out to be really a Government of national betrayal bent more on crushing the Paris proletariat than on defending France.

THE PARIS PROLETARIAT SEIZE POWER

"On the dawn of the 18th of March, Paris arose to the thunderburst of "Vive la Commune!" "What is the Commune, that sphinx so tantalizing to the bourgeois mind?"

"The proletarians of Paris' said the Central Committee in its manifesto of the 18th March, 'amidst the failures and treasons of the ruling classes, have understood that the hour has struck for them to save the situation by taking into their own hands the direction of public affairs... They have understood that is their imperious duty and their absolute right to render themselves masters of their own destinies, by seizing upon the governmental power'. But the working class cannot simply



lay hold of the ready-made state machinery and wield it for its own purposes". (Marx)

This sums up the determination and heroism of the Paris proletariat. At the same time, the statement that it is not enough to "simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery" shows the biggest mistakes of the Commune summed up by Marx. The Commune recognized from the beginning that it could not go on using the old state machine once the work-

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been ill-treated. But within the four walls of the Bennett Committee, Doctor Irwin's evidence could be ignored and would most definitely have been ignored or diluted. Complaints against the police authorities achieve nothing. It was Doctor Irwin's public exposure on London Weekend Television which forced the hand of the Government and the Bennett Committee, who hurried out a report, within five days, acknowledging "some mistreating of prisoners".

GOVERNMENT LIES EXPOSED

The hostility by the Government and state authorities towards Doctor Irwin's bold stand in exposing torture has shown how closely linked, the Government, police and the Bennett Committee are. While the Bennett enquiry was sitting, and whenever the reality of police and army oppression in Northern Ireland becomes more clearly exposed, the Northern Ireland Minister, at the present time Mason, makes public statements exonerating the RUC or the Army. Mason really loudly proclaimed the innocence of the RUC. In fact the RUC Chief Constable, Sir Kenneth Newman was knighted on Mason's recommendation only this year. Newman worked overtime to present Doctor Irwin as forgetful and as not being able to recall 95 of the 150 odd cases. He contented himself and tried to reduce the impact of Doctor Irwin's exposure by saying that he only had 65 reports of beating from Doctor Irwin over the last three years. As if this wasn't enough, even these were largely ignored by the RUC. But Doctor Irwin's reply to Newman exposed another aspect of state moves to cover up torture.

GOVERNMENT LIES TO

Doctor Irwin was instructed by a "learned judge" in 1972 not to make original notes or complaints on prisoners' files, but to retain them himself. Although this was done by Doctor Irwin, and he has records of the 160 cases he is exposing, the practice of personal records helps the state question their validity.



Dr. Irwin

GOVERNMENT MOVES TO "SMEAR" DOCTOR IRWIN LUDICROUS

So angry were Government officials in Whitehall after Doctor Irwin's exposures on London Weekend Television they seized hold of anything to discredit him. They leaked information that Doctor Irwin's wife had been raped and claimed that this had made Doctor Irwin bitter and angry. This was designed to bring Doctor Irwin's motives into doubt as being based on malice. But in trying to "smear" him in

THE PARIS COMMUNE

ing class had come to power. But this recognition was not enough and the subsequent failure of the Commune testified to the necessity of completely smashing the bourgeois state apparatus. Concretely, this meant seizing the national bank and depriving the bourgeoisie of its economic power and marching on Versailles to disburse the Government of national traitors before they had the time; to prepare the counter-revolution.

But the achievements of the Commune during its short life gave the world proletariat the lessons of its first attempt at overthrowing the bourgeoisie. This is how Engels summed up some of the first decrees of the Commune:

"On March 30th the Commune abolished conscription and the standing army, and declared the sole armed force to be the National Guard, in which all citizens capable of bearing arms were to be enrolled.



It remitted all payments of rent for dwelling houses from October 1870 until April, the amounts already paid to be booked as future rent payments... On the same day the foreigners elected to the Commune were confirmed in office, because "the flag of the Commune is the flag of the World Republic."...the Commune decreed the separation of the church from the state, and the abolition of all state payments for religious purposes as well as the transformation of

all church property into national property;... On the 6th, the guillotine was brought out by the 137th battalion of the National Guard, and publicly burnt, amid great popular rejoicing. On the 12th, the Commune decided that the Victory Column on the Place Vendome, which had been cast from captured guns by Napoleon after the war of 1809, should be demolished as a symbol of chauvinism and incitement to national hatred. ...On April 16 it ordered a statistical tabulation of factories which had been closed down by the manufacturers, and the working out of plans for the operation of these factories by the workers formerly employed in them, who were to be organized in cooperative societies, and also plans for the organization of these cooperatives in one great union."

The Commune was both legislative and executive at the same time, cutting out the need for a bureaucratic civil service. It gave the people right of recall at any time of any delegate elected to the Commune. This was the first example of proletarian democracy not bourgeois parliamentary democracy in action. No wonder the bourgeoisie hated the Paris Commune so much and resolved to crush it in a blood bath. But the memory of the Paris Commune could not and cannot be extinguished. It was the first step in the proletariat's long struggle for victory over the bourgeoisie. First in one or a few countries, like today. But in the future on a world scale. Lenin grasped the lessons of the Paris Commune and went on to lead the October revolution and the first successful proletarian revolution in 1917. The anniversary of the Paris Commune will indeed give the world proletariat and oppressed peoples inspiration in current struggles for proletarian revolution and national liberation.

PROTECT RUC TORTURE

this way, they have lifted a rock only to drop it on their own feet. His wife was raped in November 1976. This was the act of an army SAS (Special Air Services) man who although known, has never been brought to trial, never mind punished. Doctor Irwin didn't want this fact known and the state has arrogantly trampled on his and his wife's feelings on the matter. But they have every right to be angry that a soldier can rape and be protected by the state. This is the common practice of the most degraded elements of the British Army's crack troops like the SAS, to violate Irish women. Such crude methods to keep the lid of exposure on the British Army and RUC's brutal regime in Northern Ireland. shows that the British Government's desperate efforts to maintain its occupation of Northern Ireland are backed up by lies and cover-ups.

BRITISH RULE IN NORTHERN IRELAND UNJUST

Press and TV propaganda, ever since the Labour Government moved the troops into Northern Ireland almost ten years ago, have kept up the myth that the troops are there to protect the majority. To back up this Army role of "peacemakers", the Irish people have been cast in the role of mindless, ungovernable and bloody-minded terrorists. The RCLB does not support the elitist terrorism of the Provisional IRA. But it has been clear from the beginning that the British Government's war in Northern Ireland is directed against the people of Northern Ireland in the interest of propping up British rule. The Catholic and Republican minority take the brunt of this

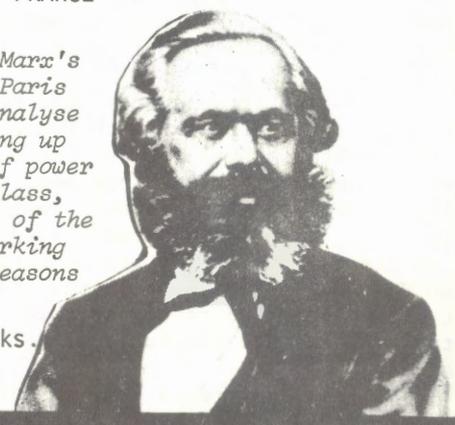
oppression because the police and army aim to keep Northern Ireland divided by protecting Unionist privilege. But the Protestant majority too, face only increased misery at the point of a rifle from British occupation troops.

That the war is an unjust war against the people is shown by the increasing demoralisation of the troops who are increasingly growing to hate their presence in Northern Ireland. Class conscious workers of Britain should support these growing feelings of the troops and side with the people of Northern Ireland, especially the more oppressed Catholic minority, who greater than ever hate the oppression the army represents.

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CHINA WITHDRAWS AFTER SUC

"The Chinese frontier troops have attained the goals set for them since they were compelled to launch a counter-attack in self-defence on February 17th against ceaseless armed provocations and incursions of the Vietnamese aggressors against China. The Chinese Government announces that starting from March 5th, 1979, all Chinese frontier troops are withdrawing to Chinese territory.

"The Chinese government reiterates that we do not want a single inch of Vietnamese territory, but neither will we tolerate incursions into Chinese territory. All we want is a peaceful and stable border...

"We have always held that disputes between nations should be settled peacefully through negotiations. The Chinese Government proposes once again that the Chinese and Vietnamese sides speedily hold negotiations to discuss ways of ensuring peace and tranquility along the border between the two countries and then proceed to settle the boundary and territorial disputes..."

The above remarks are extracts from the Chinese Government's official statement of March 5th, on withdrawing troops from Vietnam. All along China has stated that it had no interest in annexing or overthrowing the Government of Vietnam, and that

its action represented a counter-attack to punish Vietnam for its border incursions. This is in marked contrast to Vietnam's occupation and installation of a puppet regime in the major cities of Kampuchea. China has proved true to its word. The slander campaign of the Soviet social imperialists and the Vietnamese, and in Britain of the revisionist "Communist" Party of Great Britain, the Trotskyites, the Labour "left" and bourgeois newspapers have been proven to be a pack of lies. China has withdrawn from Vietnam. Vietnam, under Soviet backing, still occupies most of the main Kampuchean cities, and has 50,000 more troops in Laos. Who, then are the real expansionists?

VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ATTACK PEASANTS

Of course, the Soviet imperialists and their Vietnamese agents have to find some way of continuing their propaganda. So, despite China's declaration of intent to withdraw from Vietnam in advance now we hear claims that Vietnam has "recaptured" its northern-most towns!

At the same time Vietnam is competing for the right to inherit the mantle of Goebbels with the publication of wild "atrocious" stories. It is easy for the Vietnamese authorities to show pictures of

VIETNAM PRIME MINISTER'S

Below *Class Struggle* reprints a transcript of a broadcast from the *Voice of the Malayan Revolution* radio station. The Broadcast was put out at the end of last October and reprinted in *Vanguard* the Australian newspaper which expresses the viewpoint of the Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist). The broadcast comments of the betrayal by Vietnamese leaders of the Malayan revolution. Pham Van Dong, Vietnamese Prime Minister, visited ASEAN countries (Malaya, Singapore etc) in mid October. His trip was primarily for the purpose of preparing ASEAN countries for Vietnam's Soviet-inspired invasion of Democratic Kampuchea. In an attempt to counter ASEAN countries opposition to Vietnamese expansion, Vietnam has stopped supporting the national liberation struggles led by the Communist Parties of these countries, betrayed them and turned round completely to pay homage to British colonialism. Compare this with China's principled stand of seeking to establish relations with countries throughout the world on the basis of peaceful co-existence, whilst at the same time, the Chinese Communist Party continues to support the Communist Parties of those countries.

Between October 12th and 17th, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, Pham Van Dong, with a number of people in tow, came to our country to carry out certain activities.

According to arrangements made beforehand, he held two rounds of talks with Hussein Onn on the 13th and 15th in Kuala Lumpur and talks with Lee Kuan Yew on the 16th in Singapore. In addition, he suddenly went to Hussein Onn's residence on the 14th for an hour long unscheduled discussion.

In his talks with the reactionary chieftains, Pham Van Dong assured the latter that Vietnam would not directly or indirectly support revolutionary activities against the Kuala Lumpur and Singapore reactionaries.

At a press conference held on the 16th in Kuala Lumpur, Pham Van Dong again openly make a firm pledge to the Hussein Onn clique that Vietnam would

not support the anti-Government armed forces in "Malaysia". He declared "this is Vietnam's strong and definite declaration".

On the 17th, when he held a press conference in Singapore, Pham Van Dong once again brayed out that both the Vietnamese Government and Vietnamese Communist Party would not support the people's revolutionary armed struggle of the ASEAN countries.

The reactionaries expressed their welcome and satisfaction with the repeated pledges made by Pham Van Dong. Full of praise for Pham Van Dong, Lee Kuan Yew said, "Your statements were not solicited by leaders of the countries you visited. This makes the statements all the more significant".

On top of this, Pham Van Dong turned informant to Hussein Onn who told reporters Pham Van Dong had confessed to him that "Vietnam had undertaken training for the 'Malaysian' Communist guerrillas and 'subversive elements' in Hanoi in the past and has stopped such training". He pledged that this would not be continued by Vietnam in future.

In view of such repeated statements and assurances as well as shameless squealings, the revolutionary people of our country are bound to ask "In what way is his behaviour different from the behaviour of a traitor?"

Pham Van Dong is not only hostile to the struggles for national liberation launched by the peoples of our country and North Kalimantan in words but has also openly insulted the revolutionary people of our country in deed.

On the 13th before holding talks with Hussein Onn, he went to lay a wreath at the so-called "national monument" of the reactionaries in remembrance of the British colonialist troops and mercenary troops killed in the Anti-British National Liberation War of our people.

One may ask "Does Pham Van Dong who has taken such a despicable action bear any resemblance to a Communist any more?"

It is well known that the independence of the Malayan Federation in 1957 was an important achieve-

CESSFUL COUNTER-ATTACK

dead civilians etc, but the real stories behind these atrocities are quite different to the lying propaganda of the Vietnamese.

When China launched its counter-attack the Vietnamese authorities ordered the inhabitants of northern villages to leave and go to the mountains. When the Chinese troops entered the villages, the Vietnamese artillery fired on them damaging the peasants' property. As the advance continued and the villages were made safe from these attacks, the Chinese soldiers came across villagers in the mountains and took them back to their homes. The Chinese troops over-ran many Vietnamese military installations and captured large quantities of food and guns. Not surprisingly the bulk of this material was material which had been sent to Vietnam as aid from China! The aid had been distributed to the Vietnamese military machine, but the peasants were on low rations. The Chinese promptly redistributed this aid to the Vietnamese peasants. Alongside this they helped them repair their houses and medical units, helped the sick and wounded civilians. The Chinese Army is called the People's Liberation Army. It is indeed a people's army and lives up to its name.

Many Vietnamese civilians told Chinese reporters of the bad life they had in Vietnam, and condemned the aggression by the Vietnamese Authorities against

other countries. As the Chinese have withdrawn the Vietnamese Authorities have sent "public security" men into the villages to punish the peasants for their opposition to the Authorities.

Trinh, a worker at a brick kiln in Trach An, a Vietnamese border town, explains what happened to his family:

"From the mountain slope we saw the Chinese frontier troops enter Trach An. We found them well disciplined. They helped the villagers feed cattle and chickens.

So my family decided to return home. Shortly after we returned home, Chinese soldiers called on us and brought us rice. My wife and daughters carried on with housework happily, and I went to the mountain to tell fellow villagers what had happened.

Three days after we returned home, two Vietnamese security men in plainclothes forced their way into my home and started shooting. They killed my wife and all my five daughters, the smallest was only three. A clerk from the Trach An agriculture office who had just returned from the mountain was also killed."

This was just one case of how the Vietnamese Authorities exercise a dictatorship over the people.

SHAMELESS BETRAYAL

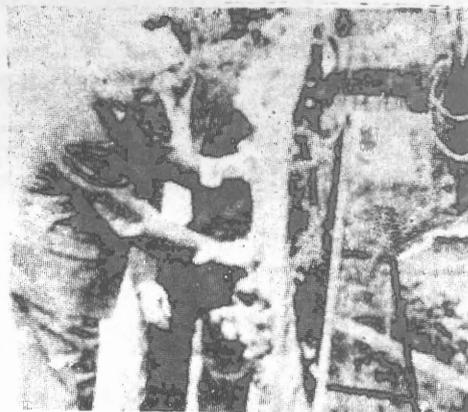
ment gained by our people in the Anti-British National Liberation War. In order to safeguard their colonial interests, the British imperialists groomed the Rahman-Razak clique to take over and usurp the fruits of victory of our people. At the same time, they slandered the revolutionary people of all nationalities and their own army, the Malayan National Liberation Army who had fought tenaciously for independence.

As the beginning of the sixties, the Rahman-Razak clique commissioned certain Americans to design for them this so-called "national monument" and ordered seven bronze statues from Italy to be put on the monument to pay homage to their British masters. Of the seven figures, five are in the likeness of arrogant British colonialist soldiers and mercenaries. The two trampled underfoot are supposed to represent fighters of the Malayan National Liberation Army. This "monument" brazenly falsifies history and turns black into white to sing the praises of British imperialism, and tarnish the image of the revolutionary people. Hence, it is a symbol of the bloody rule of British imperialism and its running dogs and a testimony to the national betrayal of the reactionaries. The people of our country burst with anger at the sight of it.

On August 26th, 1975, a flying squad of our army destroyed this "monument" by explosion at the request of the masses, thus dealing a telling blow to the reactionaries. In order to maintain their reactionary rule the Razak clique invited certain foreigners to have the "monument" repaired at the expense of the people.

Pham Van Dong brazenly went to this newly repaired "monument" to eulogize the dead colonialist troops and mercenaries of British imperialism and by laying a wreath there, frantically declared his betrayal of the revolutionary struggle of our people against imperialism and colonialism.

Pham Van Dong's vile performance is by no means accidental. It is an inevitable outcome of the expansionist policy pursued by the Vietnamese author-



ities abroad. The Vietnamese authorities harbour the wild ambitions to achieve hegemony in South East Asia. In order to realise this ambition they have willingly thrown themselves into the lap of Soviet social imperialism, wantonly launched an armed aggression against Kampuchea and unleashed a campaign against socialist China and against Chinese residents in Vietnam.

However, as a result of the heroic resistance of the Kampuchean people, the aggressive war sparked off by the Vietnamese authorities has met with failure. Their expansionist policy is being opposed by the peoples of many countries, particularly by those of the South East Asian countries. They are very isolated internationally especially among the South East Asian peoples. But the more isolated they are and the more serious their failure, the more desperate will be their struggle and the more indiscriminate will be the methods they resort to. With the support of Soviet social imperialism, they are stepping up their aggression and expansion.

Pham Van Dong's recent visit to the South East Asian countries is aimed precisely at extricating themselves from their isolation and preparing public

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PHILIPPINES— 10 YEARS OF ARMED STRUGGLE BY NPA

Ten years ago, on March 29th, 1969, the New People's Army led by the Communist Party of the Philippines was formed. This event marked a new stage in the long struggle of the Filipino people to liberate their country from foreign domination.

The Philippines fell under foreign domination when Spanish *conquistadores* invaded the islands in the 16th century. The Spanish remained until they were eventually driven out by an armed rebellion of the Filipino people. However, they were only to be replaced by the US imperialists who in a systematic bloody campaign of violence, brutal torture, massacres and murder of resisters, the uprooting of and destruction of entire villages established the rule of the giant American monopolies over the Filipino People, and who to this day plunder the natural wealth of the Philippine islands and exploit the Filipino people.

At no time in their history have the Filipino people ever accepted the rule of foreign powers, and have always fought bravely for their national independence.

The formation of the Communist Party of the Philippines in 1968 marked the re-establishment of the political vanguard organisation of the Filipino people, to lead the national democratic revolution against US imperialism. Three months after the formation of the Party, the New People's Army was born. Guided by Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, the NPA committed itself to a protracted self-reliant armed struggle to liberate their country.

Despite massive military retaliations from the US-dependent Marcos-regime, the NPA has gone from strength to strength. Originally with only 60 members the NPA has expanded to a guerrilla army operating in all areas of the islands, with thousands of cadres. Workers, peasants, students, teachers and women have flocked to its ranks. It is an army which relies on the people, works with the people, for the benefit of the people.

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opinion for their armed invasion of Kampuchea on a bigger scale.

From what Pham Van Dong has done in the few days of his visit to our country, our people can see clearly that in order to attain the above unmentionable objective, this Prime Minister of a so-called "socialist republic" has gone all out to curry favour with the reactionaries of our country and has even gone to the extremes of sacrificing principles for the sake of making a deal, thereby betraying the national liberation cause.

Pham Van Dong's conduct has put the South East Asian peoples on their guard and will undoubtedly be severely condemned and vehemently opposed by all the justice loving people including the Vietnamese people.

The expansionist policy carried out by the Vietnamese authorities and the intrigues played by them to get themselves out of their predicament will surely meet with even more ignominious failure.

At 8am on the morning of Saturday March 3rd 100 Vietnamese troops burst across the Thailand-Kampuchean border at Klong Luek Creek into the village of Aranyaprathet.

In their brutal and unprovoked attack on yet another sovereign country, the Vietnamese expansionists killed one Thai soldier, wounded several more and remained in Thailand for three hours before finally retreating.

With Hanoi's propaganda machine surpassing that of Goebbels' in its cries which label everyone except itself as aggressors, South East Asian countries are looking anxiously towards Vietnam and wondering who Vietnam will want to "defend" itself against next.

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All over the Philippines, the NPA has explained that the poverty of the peasants is due to feudal exploitation by landlords and corrupt officials. It has mobilised the people to fight for lower rents and helps organise co-operatives. In its liberated areas, it promotes health work, sanitation and literacy campaigns. It teaches the people their true history, and encourages the people's culture, not the American culture peddled by the Marcos-regime.

All over the Philippines, the NPA is fighting against the US-dependent regime. It engages the enemy when it is sure of victory. It melts into the people when the odds are against it. Despite the massive reprisals of the Marcos-regime, it cannot be defeated because it relies on the people for intelligence about the enemy, and is sheltered by the people.

The NPA is a weapon of the people. Led by the Communist Party of the Philippines and applying the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought to the concrete conditions of the Philippine revolution, it has mobilised the people and continues to do so. It will lead the Filipino people to a brilliant future, freedom and independence.

JOURNALIST POINTS TO MASS SUPPORT FOR ZANU

In a little publicised meeting at the House of Commons on March 13th, Mr Justyn Nyoka, a former BBC correspondent in Salisbury, Rhodesia, revealed how he had fled to live with the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU). He had been tipped off that Bishop Muzorewa and Sithole, Smith's black allies, were out to kill him for being a "ZANU man". Mr. Nyoka told the meeting that he "...reported events. ZANU were doing most of the fighting. They were putting most into the war effort. I am impressed by the fact that they want to take people inside their territory, so they can see for themselves. I was allowed to choose where I wanted to go."

Mr. Nyoka, who at the time was reported to have been abducted and killed, said that he had lived with ZANLA soldiers in the field and that they had "won the heart and minds of the people", and provided food, education and medicines to the villagers. Clinics were run by military doctors and food was redistributed from better off to poorer areas.

Mr. Nyoka went on to refute the lies that ZANLA had carried out the massacre at the Elim missionary last year. He noted that the missionaries had a good relationship with the liberators and provided them with food. He said, "They couldn't have done it (the massacre) and this is the view shared by white farmers in the area."

Reminding his audience that ZANU considered the present elections to be illegal, he said that what mattered to ZANU was whether the fighting was intensified and stated that eventual victory is beyond doubt. "There is no question as to whether the people will support them. Ninety per cent of them say they are prepared to die for the cause, started in 1896, when the first rebellion began. Smith would have to shoot at every tree, every hillock and mountain!"