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According to the "teachings" of N. Khrushchev, the recent events in Brazil could never happen. The leader of the revisionists has said that the path of progress in countries like Brazil is peaceful transition. During his '59 visit to the U.S. Khrushchev said, "Your and our economic successes will be hailed by the whole world, which expects our two great powers to help the peoples who are centuries behind in their economic development to get on their feet more quickly." There is no doubt that Brazil is centuries behind in its economic development. There is also no doubt, after hearing Rusk hail the neo-fascist coup in Brazil, that U.S. imperialism has done everything possible to keep the Brazilian people from getting "on their feet."

Thousands of Brazilians suspected of being patriots, i.e. of opposing U.S. colonialism, are being jailed and tortured. A Chinese trade delegation is being subjected to the same treatment in violation of all international agreements.

L. B. Johnson is enforcing the rule of lynch law in Brazil. He is doing there what he learned in Texas where terror against Negroes and Mexican Americans is fierce.

The Chinese Party's Central Committee's letter of June 11, 1963 in reply to the CPSU letter of March, 1963 stated, "The attitude towards the revolutionary struggles of the people in the Asian, African and Latin American countries is an important criterion for differentiating between those who want revolution and those who do not and those who are truly defending world peace from those abetting the forces of aggression and war."

Instead of warning the Brazilian people of the real nature of U.S. imperialism, Gus Hall has been hailing Johnson as "peace-loving." James Jackson, editor of the Worker, stated that the Alliance for Progress is "a step

in the right direction." Having lost all sense of shame, Hall and Jackson are busy preparing the Party for electoral support to Johnson in 1964.

The events in Brazil prove:

- (1) That U.S. capitalism in its imperialist stage is extremely violent and bloodthirsty--in order to maintain its flow of super profits from Latin America.
- (2) That no country, no oppressed people, can defend themselves from Wall Street if they are unarmed and unprepared--militarily and politically.
- (3) That Marxist-Leninists cannot be satisfied with merely observing events which expose Khrushchev. His advice to Sen. Benton on how to photograph Socialist Cuba, as well as developments in Brazil, dramatize the degree of his political degeneracy. His influence is declining rapidly. It is the duty of every revolutionary to hasten the day of Khrushchev's exposure and just punishment.
- (4) That U.S. Marxist-Leninists can fulfill obligations to our working class by building solidarity with the peoples of Brazil, Viet Nam, Cuba and the Congo in their struggle against our common enemy--U.S. imperialism. This means the ideological destruction of the revisionist line of the CPUSA leadership. This means a vanguard Party which will hold high the banner of Marxism-Leninism.

The recent events in Brazil will most certainly be reversed. Imperialism is capitalism in its dying stage. The overthrow of the Goulart government demonstrates that Wall Street is still dangerous tactically, but it has no future strategically. Its tactics are weaving a noose around its neck. The future belongs to the democratic and popular forces of Brazil.

Many individuals as well as trade and cultural organizations are protesting the treatment of the Chinese delegation. Protests should be sent to the Brazilian Embassy and the U.S. State Department.

The fascist danger--the gloves off, brutal rule of the capitalist class--is not restricted to Brazil.

The Johnson administration is increasing its demagogy on civil rights. At the same time it works closely with Russell, Wallace, the FBI, state and city police trying to defeat the struggles of the Negro people for freedom. This dual policy of promises and terror toward the Negro endangers what little freedom there is left for all the people in the U.S.

Khrushchev's followers in the U.S., serving U.S. imperialism, urge that the Negro people rely only on open, peaceful, legalistic and electoral methods. This is the path of suicide and genocide. The Negro people are turning to armed defense. They are protecting their cadre and organizations from state and federal agents of the enemy.

An example of what is ahead, unless the people are warned and organized to resist, is the plight of the railroad workers. The leaders of the railroad workers submitted to Johnson's orders to arbitrate. The arbitration was carried on under the shadow of the White House with Johnson, head of the armed forces, directing proceedings. The unions took severe losses, the kind the German workers took under Hitler.

The only large union to make any substantial wage and organizational gains in recent years is the Teamsters. That is why Hoffa is subjected to the crude frameups in Chicago and Tennessee. And that is why his defense is an important task for those fighting fascism.

The leaders of the CPUSA would have us believe that the Democratic Party is an anti-monopoly instrument. This is a complete distortion. Precisely because the Democratic Party can create such illusions among the working class, the Negro people and sections of the middle class it is the favorite tool of Wall St. for advancing fascism and war. It's prestige and influence weakened by the depression the ruling section of the capitalist class had to concede certain reforms to the working class in the late '30's and early '40's. For the past two decades, however, Wall Street has attempted to create the American Century. The ruling class has bribed a small top section of the workers in the past 20 years, but exploitation has increased for the vast majority. Today U.S. imperialism, beset by unemployment at home, competition from other capitalist nations and the hammer blows of the national liberation movements will resist even small concessions to our people.

Finance capital completely controls both Republican and Democratic Parties. Partial electoral victories can be won only in small isolated instances and then only when they are a secondary aspect of other forms of struggle. Our task is to expose the hoax of the coming elections and the dual line--democratic promises and fascist actions--of both parties, especially the Democratic Party.

U.S. Marxist-Leninists should expose the concept that U.S. imperialism, which overthrew the Goulart government, will quietly give up power via the ballot at home.

This is one of the main lessons to be learned from Brazil.

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