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A Marxist-Leninist View on "arms limitations"

Despite claims made by the United States and the Soviet Union, the bourgeois and revisionist press alike, SALT II represents one more step toward world war, and not the promised land of no wars that all imperialists talk about. If approved as it is (as we think will happen) or if it is amended in whatever form, or even if it is rejected, the fact of the matter is that the arms race between the two superpowers will continue as usual.

SALT II is as phony as every other pact signed in the past by these two monsters who are in a frenzy making preparations for the inevitable war between them. We should not forget that since the signing of SALT I in 1972, both superpowers

have tremendously increased their nuclear arsenal.

And, obviously, the same will happen with SALT II.

If such is the case, why all the noise about SALT II? One should ask: Why all the discussion in the U.S. ruling circles about ratification? If no matter what happens to SALT II the results will be the same, why then should communists bother at all with it? Should our position be one of "neutrality", of not giving a damn about ratification or rejection? Why bother figuring out who rejects and who backs

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Anti-imperialist character of Nicaraguan revolution reflected in demonstrators sign "NO MORE YANKEE BOMBS AGAINST THE PEOPLE"
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Thousands demand a stop to building of nuclear weapons

By CORES (M-L-M)

The anti nuclear movement has a strong presence in Colorado. Thousands have demonstrated here on many occasions against nuclear power. On April 25th for example, 15,000 people assembled near the Rocky Flats Plant outside Denver, demanding it be closed as a nuclear weapons facility. One day later, a group of 300 protestors were arrested as they carried out an act of civil disobedience by walking onto the Rocky Flats facility grounds. On May 26th, 1,000 demonstrated to shut down Fort St

Vrain, a nuclear power station.

The Rocky Flats Demonstration in particular indicates the significance of the anti nuclear movement. The Rocky Flats facility operated by Rockwell International has repeatedly been a target of anti war, anti nuclear forces — primarily for its production of nuclear "triggers" used on all US nuclear bombs — and more recently, because of its research and production of the neutron bomb. It also represents a great hazard to the workers of the plant and the surrounding population (2 million live

in metro Denver just 16 miles downward). Like other nuclear facilities in the US, it has a history of accidents which contaminated the environment (over 200 fires, including a plutonium one which was the second most expensive industrial fire ever), and a high incidence of cancer and other serious health problems among its workers.

The struggle to shut down or convert the plant escalated particularly during the last year. A symbolic occupation last year of train tracks leading into the facility lasted for months and was followed by ar-

rests and trials. Another episode was federal government officials' attempts to stop the April 25th demonstration by refusing permission to demonstrators to enter land at the weapons facility, declaring such a demonstration would be "illegal". Organizers for the demonstration went to court to try to fight this, and ultimately won a site to legally hold the demonstration on. This concession was the result of the current national upsurge of this movement, following hot on the heels of the Three Mile Island incident, and a realization by the state they they would be unable to stop this popular demonstration without creating more contradictions with the people.

The speakers at the April 25th demonstration reflected the variety of forces that make up the anti nuclear movement — trade union representatives, progressive scientists and doctors (Nobel prize winner George Wald and Dr. Helen Caldicott), former anti Vietnam War forces (Daniel Ellsberg of the Pentagon Papers fame,

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Support Nicaraguan Revolution!

After the great celebration of their victory over US imperialism and the criminal dictatorship of Somoza, the Nicaraguan people's revolution is moving forward. The nationalization of the banks, the expropriation of all property from the Somoza family and their closest collaborators, and the distribution among the peasants of some of the confiscated land are welcomed measures. Welcome also is the pledge of the provisional government to formulate its foreign policy along the road of non alignment and third world unity.

Furthermore the high level of unity among the different forces within the Sandinista Liberation Front as well as within the members of the provisional government and the development of a new people's army based on the military forces of the Sandinistas speaks eloquently about the disposition of the Nicaraguan people to defend their independence from all internal and external enemies.

The Nicaraguan revolution is, first and foremost, an anti imperialist revolution which has weakened US imperialism. As

such, and independently of its limitations, it has to be wholeheartedly supported. And in our case, this support is especially needed. "Our" bourgeoisie, which has oppressed and exploited the Nicaraguan nation for many years, still represents today the greater external threat to the freedom and independence of Nicaragua. This makes our responsibility towards the Nicaraguan revolution very special indeed.

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Some notes on the Nicaraguan Revolution



Talk about Proletarian Internationalism means nothing unless accompanied by deeds LPR (ML) mobilizes to Washington DC in support of Nicaraguan revolution

A lot has been said by different organizations about the character of the Nicaraguan revolution

For some people, the struggle is over for the revisionists, Nicaragua is on the road to socialism. There are the Trotskyites who condemn the revolution because it was not led by the proletariat and its party. Others, in order to avoid being called Trotskyites, speak with a forked tongue about how in general they support it but, and after the but then repeat the same counterrevolutionary garbage of the Trotskyite scum. Some tend to idealize the unity among the Sandinistas to the extent of forgetting that as a United Front the Sandinistas have in their midst different classes and sectors of classes which although coincided in the opposition to Somoza, US imperialism and other concrete tasks of the revolution still have a lot of differences on which road to follow. There are still others who try to capitalize on those differences, making struggle absolute and unity a mere frugality, in order to undermine the support work for that revolution. Let's briefly lay down our views on this matter.

In this era of imperialism and proletarian revolution only the proletariat led by its Marxist Leninist Communist Party can lead a revolution successfully towards socialism. No other class can even maintain the country independent from imperialism in the long run. In colonial or semi colonial countries the revolution goes through a two stage process. The first stage is the new democratic revolution, led by the proletariat and its Marxist Leninist Party, and has as its political aim the establishment of a dictatorship of all the revolutionary classes that joined in the defeat of imperialism that is the alliance of the proletariat and the peasantry as the backbone of the revolution with the participation of the petty bourgeoisie and the patriotic sector of the national bourgeoisie.

Obviously the Nicaraguan revolution is not a new democratic one. The alliance of the national bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie is the leading force in that revolution. Nicaragua is not on any road to socialism. But that does not diminish in any way the responsibility to support that revolution. Remember what Stalin says:

Lenin was right in saying that the national movement of the oppressed countries should be appraised not from the point of view of formal democracy but from the point of view of the actual results as shown by the general balance sheet of the struggle against imperialism that is to say not in isolation but on a world scale (Foundations of Leninism, pg. 76)

Can anybody prove that in the case of Nicaragua US imperialism has not been

badly hurt? Obviously, nobody can. Therefore, so-called "Communists" and "revolutionaries" that are not actively supporting this struggle are showing with their actions that they are objectively counterrevolutionary.

Linked to this question is that of 'what is going to happen in Nicaragua now?' For sure we know that US imperialism is not going to fold its arms and let it go. Due to its overall weakness, the US was not able to choose the road of direct military intervention. But they still have many cards left to play. Support for the counterrevolution, such as helping to arm a mercenary army of former national guardsmen is one big possibility. Trying to disrupt the unity on the coalition government and creating the conditions for the seizing of power by a US lackey is another. Create the conditions for another Chile a third one. And you can go on for hours talking about possibilities. And they are real.

Also, for sure the Soviet social imperialists would love to get Nicaragua into the

trap. To achieve this they depend mainly on the undeniable influence of the Cuban revisionists on the Sandinistas. They also work to try to split the United Front and create the conditions for another Soviet neo colony in Latin America.

Thus, there's no doubt about it that the aim of both superpowers is to gain control of Nicaragua and in order to do this they have to break the United Front. The US plays on the red danger the communist take over the other Cuba while the revisionists on the other hand, pose as superrevolutionaries, trying to push the 'left' to break with the 'pro Americans', with the CIA agents etc., in an attempt to break the United Front and gain a foothold in that country.

We understand, that the national bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie tend to conciliate with imperialism history gives us many examples of this. Sooner or later this is bound to happen in Nicaragua. Some sectors will give up to this or the other imperialism, while others will fight to keep Nicaragua independent. Who will win will depend more than anything else on the Nicaraguan proletariat and its most advanced sectors, the Nicaraguan Marxist Leninists.

Everyday in which the present government stays in power and Nicaragua remains independent is a day we are sure that the Nicaraguan comrades will use in order to create the basis for building of the party of the Nicaraguan proletariat — an indispensable weapon for the road ahead. We are confident that in the near future we will see the Nicaraguan proletariat taking the leadership of the struggle and leading their country on the road of the new democratic revolution and socialism. And even if that is not the case, and either US imperialism or the Soviet social-imperialists get hold of that country, we will still have been correct for having supported this revolution, and it will have been those who by not supporting it today, have objectively allied with imperialism, and double crossed this just and genuine anti imperialist revolution.

ON THE THREE WORLDS THESIS

Practice is the criterion of Truth

The great victories of the Iranian and Nicaraguan people over US imperialism prove in practice some of the basic tenets of the correct Marxism Leninist theory of the three worlds.

THE THIRD WORLD IS THE MAIN FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND SUPERPOWER HEGEMONSIM

It has been in Nicaragua and Iran two third world countries where the most powerful blows to US imperialism have been given. And it's in Kampuchea in Eritrea in Angola also third world countries in which the main struggles against Soviet Social imperialism are being carried out. No amount of general platitudes about the so called 'revolutionary situation that exists in all advanced capitalist countries nor the revisionist trash that the Soviet Union is leading the struggle against imperialism, can deny the fact that the focus of revolution in the world today is the third world and not the advanced capitalist countries.

THE US ON THE DEFENSIVE AND THE USSR ON THE OFFENSIVE

When you compare the role played by the US lately in Nicaragua and Iran with the one the Soviet Union is playing in Eritrea Kampuchea Angola etc. one has to be either blind or a defender of Soviet social imperialism to deny that while the USSR is on the offensive the US is on the defensive.

At a time in which 50,000 Cuban mercenaries are in Angola over 25,000 in Ethiopia carrying out a war against the Eritrean patriots and the Vietnamese puppets occupy Kampuchea the US has to be looking for "political solutions" to the situations in Iran and Nicaragua and even holding talks with the PLO. In less than a year the US has lost Iran and Nicaragua while the Soviet Union has taken over Kampuchea, maintained its occupation of Angola and Ethiopia, controls Laos and is very busy all over Africa and the Middle East.

And after all this, there are still people who answer 'Imperialism is imperialism!'

N.L.S.S.C. campaign in support of Nicaragua

DEEDS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

The National Liberation Struggles Support Committee has launched a campaign to develop political and material support for the Nicaraguan revolution. If you want to be involved or want more information please contact the NLSSC:

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SUPPORT
NICARAGUA

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We have to prove to the Nicaraguan people that the US multinational proletariat and other oppressed people not only condemn the meddlings of US imperialism in their internal affairs but also give concrete support to their revolution. Any talk of proletarian internationalism means little if it is not accompanied by deeds. Passing resolutions in support of the revolution and helping to raise the anti imperialist sentiments among the masses in the US are good things. But that by itself is far from what our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in struggle need. Thus we have to develop or continue developing (as has already been done up to a certain

degree) concrete support for the Nicaraguan revolution in the US. This task in our view is twofold: political and material support.

By **political support** we mean principally raising the consciousness among the people of the US in relation to the Nicaraguan revolution and the need to support it. In doing so our aim has to be the mobilization of the masses in support of that revolution. Under the slogans **US Hands off Nicaragua!** and **Support the Government of National Reconstruction!** we can gather a broad base of support for that revolution. This is especially necessary at a moment in which a tendency has developed among the people who were active in the support of the Nicaraguan struggle before the fall of Somoza to demobilize under the incorrect assumption that the struggle in that country is over.

By **material support** we mean con-

cretely the gathering of money, food, clothing, medicines, etc. to help alleviate the pain and suffering of the Nicaraguan masses and contribute to the tasks of national reconstruction (see box on NLSSC campaign).

These two tasks are closely connected and that connection should be continuously raised. We don't want to foster phony anti imperialists who always have a lot to say about all revolutions but do nothing to support them. Neither do we want to make the gathering of material support a mere humanitarian question belittling the political significance of our support. Let's make people conscious of their responsibility towards Nicaragua and let them show that consciousness by politically and materially supporting that just cause.



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American Indian Movement, religious groups and individuals (Malcolm Boyd), and politicians

One notable speech by an AIM representative described the struggle of Native Americans against the multinational corporations, their oppression and its historical roots, and the bourgeoisie's attempts to wipe out Native American peoples. The presence of a large contingent of Native Americans and the speeches showed the common struggle between the Native American and the anti nuclear movements

CORES (MLM) saw it was important to show our support of the anti nuclear movement by attending demonstrations, such as this and distributing leaflets presenting our views, etc. We see the anti nuclear movement as a genuine mass movement, objectively aimed against the US government and bourgeoisie's attempts to push for more sources of energy and greater weaponry in preparation for war

OPPOSE WAR PREPARATIONS!

As the Rocky Flats demonstrations showed, the anti nuclear movement confronts the question of imperialist war — the production of nuclear weapons make that obvious. Thus this movement has the potential for becoming a great weapon on the side of the world's people — by weakening one of the main enemies of the world's people in its war preparation and its continued exploitation and oppression of second and third world peoples and countries

The US and USSR give the appearance of striving for nuclear disarmament through their history of proposed treaties, from non-proliferation, to nuclear test bans, to the recent SALT II. However, it is precisely these two greatest enemies of the world's peoples who are covering over their intentions to retain their positions of weaponry superiority and preparations for a redivision of the world's markets and resources. In order to maintain their monopoly over nuclear energy, and to continue preparing for war, they both spread the fallacy that it is the existence of nuclear weapons that make for the danger of world war and that by preventing the spread of nuclear weapons world war can be prevented

Rather, it is the existence of imperialism that creates war. The US and USSR which have by far the largest arsenals of nuclear weapons in the world are in fact the only two countries capable of waging nuclear war today. Other countries need to develop these weapons for their own self defense as long as the two superpowers have such arsenals. The US imperialists have established nuclear plants not only within the US but outside as well. They store nuclear weapons and have set up nuclear bases in countries under their control, and they have nuclear submarines cruising the waters all around the world. This has to be opposed. In doing so we will be linking the struggle against imperialism and national oppression with the struggle against nuclear power

At the same time, while acknowledging the risks, we have to recognize the right of second and third world countries to develop their own nuclear technology. Otherwise, we would be acting as social chauvinists, denying the right to modern technology to those countries, and we would be objectively siding with the superpowers' monopoly over nuclear technology, resources and material, and enhancing their capability to wage war

We must also oppose superpower conventional arms buildup and not let our abhorrence of nuclear weapons blind us to the fact that their arsenal of conventional weapons can just as well cause much devastation to the peoples of the world

Some anti nuclear forces call for conversion of war industries into spending to serve human needs. Of course, the people of the US can agree with that. But it



Demonstration against nuclear weapons facility in Rocky Flats Colorado — an excellent opportunity to raise anti imperialist consciousness

is not simply a matter of convincing the capitalists that production for human needs can be as profitable as production for war. Such a view is not based on reality, nor an understanding of the nature of US imperialism. Serving human needs is just not profitable for capitalists, and besides imperialism needs its weapons to maintain control over second and third world countries where it has markets and takes resources. The slogan calling for conversion is reformist. It criticizes capitalism for its "incorrect priorities" when in fact it is inherent in the nature of capitalism in its highest stage (imperialism) to make war and weaponry production a priority

CLOSE THEM DOWN!

We unite with the call to close down nuclear power plants. We demand that workers who lose jobs as a result of these closings get full wages until they get other jobs. We demand that no matter what sources of energy the US bourgeoisie develops or exploits, they should be safe to workers and the population, as well as low cost. Of course, we cannot rely on the bourgeoisie or the US government to grant us these demands. Only the struggle of the masses can force these concessions

Our struggle is not against nuclear energy and technology itself, but against the imperialists that are in a rush to utilize nuclear power without adequate safe guards and for war purposes. Under capitalism there is no guarantee nuclear energy plants can be built or operated safely. This is true primarily because capitalism is based on profit and not on the interests of people, so cost cutting and shortcuts at workers' expense, speedups, lack of health and safety provisions, etc., are inherent to any capitalist enterprise. Nuclear energy and weapons plants are no exception. The Karen Silkwood case is proof of that

Even more so, the current so called energy crisis, the economic crisis and US war preparations have put further pressures on the bourgeoisie to develop nuclear power as quickly as possible. The rush means that technical problems of waste disposal and reactor safety increase. So in addition to the dangerous and deteriorating working conditions the US working class already suffers, nuclear energy workers and those who live and work near these plants face ever greater dangers daily. The US government serves its bourgeois masters well in this — with its history of little inspection, cover ups, belittling of infractions and accidents, etc. The government in fact looks the other way in order to protect the interests of the nuclear industry, which shows exactly on what side they are on

THE DANGER OF REFORMISM

Right now, the revolutionary potential of the anti nuclear movement is being directed into reformist paths, as pacifists, politicians, etc. are in leadership. The line being put forward by them is that the way to resolve the nuclear problem is by selecting politicians responsive to the anti nuclear movement. They claim that the problem is the "incorrect priorities" of some politi-

cians, rather than capitalism itself. And they oppose all wars regardless of whether they are just wars of national liberation and revolution, or imperialist wars. It is our task then to make the revolutionary potential of the anti nuclear struggle a reality by pointing to the connection between the nuclear danger and the capitalist system

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More on the anti-nuke movement

This year marked the 34th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by US imperialism. LPR (M L) participated in demonstrations commemorating this tragic testimony of the barbaric and criminal nature of the imperialist system

In a flyer distributed at various events we pointed out how the anti nuke struggle has to be a preamble of a powerful mass movement against imperialist war and imperialist domination. This movement, we pointed out, must be a firm supporter of the struggles of the people of the whole world against imperialism, as our struggles support each other

Further, we proposed a concrete way in which truly anti imperialist forces within the anti nuke movement can begin to transform this movement. We said

"It is up to us within the anti nuke movement who understand the inseparable link between war preparations and the establishment of nuclear plants, to take the lead in attempting to transform this objectively anti-imperialist movement into a consciously anti imperialist one. A movement that assure the world's peoples that the workers and other working and oppressed people in the US will not cross our arms and let the banks and corporations lead us into another world war and more criminal actions like Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Vietnam, Kampuchea (Cambodia), and so many others in the history of US imperialism

"We consider the formation of anti-imperialist caucuses within the major anti nuke coalitions is a must if we are to seriously attempt to influence the scope and direction of this struggle. Opposition to not just nuclear power in general, but also to nuclear weapons specifically, support to the national liberation struggles of the oppressed nations of the third world, opposition to war preparations, opposition to national and women's oppression, are some of the basis of unity along which those caucuses can be developed. We are ready and willing to sit down with those of you that would consider to get involved in such an effort

"Neither SALT II, nor Detente, neither president Carter nor any of the candidates for president, nor the presently elected politicians or the future ones, are the solution to the great danger that nuclear power and war preparations pose to us. It is only the strength of the people united, like in Nicaragua and Iran, that can challenge the madness of those that, be it in Washington or the Kremlin, are playing with the future of all humankind"

OPPOSE SUPERPOWERS' WAR PREPARATIONS! SHUT ALL NUKES DOWN!

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Under the initiative of the United Nations, 1979 has been named the international Year of the Child (IYC). All around the world activities are being held highlighting the special problems and needs of children. It is ironic that in many countries the people who champion IYC are the same ones responsible for the suffering to which the great majority of the children of the world are submitted.

Imperialism is responsible for all the misery suffering hunger illiteracy malnutrition, sickness and other problems facing the children of the world. That's why it's repulsive and causes great indignation to see president Carter talking about the needs of the children. The representative of the bourgeoisie which killed thousands of children in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Vietnam and Kampuchea has no right to talk about the needs of the children of the working and oppressed peoples of the world. What's the use that the representatives of the bourgeoisie that exploits us all, that condemns the children of the third world to hunger and misery that condemns our children in the U.S. to drug addiction and future unemployment make proclamations about the rights of the children?

Yes, we are to unite in the celebration of the International Year of the Child. But in doing so, we proclaim first and foremost that to struggle against imperialism is the best and most correct way to struggle for the rights of all the children of the world. We cannot fall into pure sentimentalism and make IYC a festivity without a clear class content. We know very well what imperialism has reserved for the children of today and it is up to us to create the conditions in which the rights of the children advocated by the United Nations in its proclamation, becomes a reality for the children of the world. In that spirit we unite our voices to those who in 1979 are celebrating the International Year of the Child. What follows is a critique of the rights proclaimed by the United Nations.

1 TO AFFECTION, LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING It is not enough to say that children should be loved and understood. Conditions must be provided in society so that this can be accomplished. Under capitalism conditions are such that the oppression and exploitation of the majority of the people make love and understanding difficult. Instead, the exploitation and oppression of the majority of the people create the conditions for misunderstanding and divisions. Such things like child abuse are common under capitalism, and although we don't condone them, we view them as by products of capitalist oppression.

Parents, overburdened by the pressures of their job, the abuse by their bosses and landlords, end up taking things out on themselves and their children. True love and understanding for children, as well as ending child abuse, cannot come about by decree, but by building a new society based on the principles of love and understanding for the majority of the people. And this society cannot be based on profits, like capitalism.

2 TO ADEQUATE NUTRITION AND MEDICAL CARE Yes, all children have these rights, but do they enjoy them equally? Not under capitalism. Where there are class divisions, a small handful of capitalist families own everything, and get a adequate nutrition, etc., but the children of the majority of workers and oppressed people suffer from malnutrition and lack of medical care. With the prices of food going up every day, very few children can eat the proper amounts of foods containing protein, iron, vitamins, etc., needed for their health and full development. That is why the rate of death and disease among the poor is so much higher than for the rich.

The children of the poor are doomed to the worse hospitals, with the inadequate equipment, low staffing and so on. High prices of medicines force many children to die or suffer from disease. Poor nutrition in turn makes the need for health care of the poor even more acute. And yet, at times of crisis, when hospitals are closed down, staff cut, etc., as is currently happening, it is the hospitals in the poorest communities that are being closed down. A slow death of disease and hunger this is what poor children are condemned to under capitalism.

And this is what imperialism means to the children of the world who are under its domination. It has been pointed out that "In the next seven seconds 12 children will be born in the developing countries alone...two will die as infants five will be illiterate...all will be victims of disease...all will know hunger."

3 TO FREE EDUCATION Compare the schools of the rich with the schools for the poor. Compare the reading levels of the rich with those of the children of the poor. For the poor it is the run-down schools, crowded class rooms, not enough teachers, scanty supplies and learning materials, few much needed special programs and poor quality education. 'Education', in fact, is given to the children of the poor not because their right is being respected, but because children must be kept somewhere

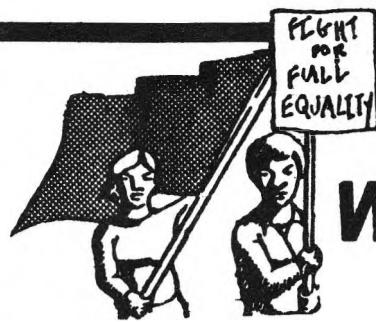


dent Movement and I have something to say." The MC turned him down and Luis Alfonso insisted "I have to speak. Brother, you have to hurry and let me speak. I can't stay out late and there are informers here who will turn me in." He was then allowed to speak. With firm and commanding voice, his message was strong and simple. We have to fight against the dictatorship, and we have to continue fighting, until victory. Luis Alfonso had also sung protest songs at the University. Shortly after that, he was murdered.

This cruel and barbaric act did not achieve its purpose for Somoza. On the contrary, Luis Alfonso's unwarranted death caused more rage among the masses, and more determination to struggle against the dictatorship. Although he was not able to see the day in which his homeland was freed, his spirit lives on as a true son of Sandino, an example of the heroic Nicaraguan people.

On the International Year of the Child, the case of Luis Alfonso Velasquez takes on a special significance. Murders such as this one show how despicable the imperialist system is. The fact that the US backed Somoza dictatorship is capable of such horrors, the fact that the US supported this dictatorship (still backs it, and would try to put it back in power if it could) shows the hypocrisy of those who proclaim the International Year of the Child on the one hand, and on the other coldbloodedly order the murder of children, because they are fighting for freedom.

Children such as this one, who are determined to fight and lay down their lives for the cause of freedom, represent our future. They are in fact the "true" "successors of the revolution". To Luis Alfonso Velasquez, and to the many like him, we dedicate this International Year of the Child!



WOMEN HOLD UP

so that their parents can work and produce profits for the capitalists and so they can be trained to become semi educated slaves, just like their parents. Capitalists need that workers acquire a certain degree of education so they can operate complicated machines and be more effective in their work and thus make more profits.

During economic crisis the schools for the poor are the very first ones to close down. Murderous capitalist constructors (and the government inspectors who look the other way) have no scruples as to how cheaply they build the schools for the poor. Recently there was a scandal in which it was discovered that cancer causing asbestos material was used in school buildings throughout the city of New York, placing the children attending these schools in great danger.

In countries of the third world, the problem of education is even more acute. Imperialism steals the wealth and exploits the labor of these countries creating conditions of extreme poverty and deprivation where at least half of the children will not be able to read or write. Certainly the right

"The world is yours, the last analysis, it people, full of vigour bloom of life, like th in the morning. Our

to a free education in a third world country is nothing but a pipe dream to the children there.

4 TO FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAY AND RECREATION In the third world where millions of children must slave away with their families to serve the imperialists the right to play and recreation has little meaning. In many of those countries close to 85-90% of the children are illiterate, they receive little or no medical care and suffer extreme poverty, hunger and privations. Even if the government is concerned with the wellbeing of the children, recreation cannot be a priority in such countries ravaged by war and imperialist domination.

And even in developed capitalist countries such as the US who have the technical and economic capability to provide its children with their rights, this is not the case. Spending on recreation centers and parks for the children is not profitable for the capitalists.

Further, most TV programs for children are geared towards teaching them competition, selfishness and reactionary violence. The toy industry is a profit making enterprise, not concerned with the children's education or enjoyment. Capitalism thus denies children the right to healthy and constructive play.

5 TO A NAME AND NATIONALITY Concretely, to have a name means that parents should not only recognize their children and give them their name, but also care for them, protect them, raise them, etc. However, abandonment is yet another common by product of capitalism. Economic pressures, bourgeois relations between the sexes, male chauvinism and the oppression of women are all factors contributing to it. And these are all characteristic features of capitalism, which has to be done away with in order to create the conditions necessary for the implementation of this right.

Nationality is a right that is given for granted yet denied to many. For children in the third world it must also mean the right to a free nation, as they live in countries controlled and oppressed by imperialism. Many are forced to flee from their homeland because that oppression drives their family to other lands in search of a livelihood. Refugees are one good example. There are many cases in which children of refugees have no legal right to any nationality.

In the US, to be a child of an oppressed nationality means discrimination at school, and in housing, medical care, etc. So, in raising the right to a nation

INTERNATIONAL YEAR

HALF THE SKY



as well as ours, but in is yours. You young and vitality, are in the sun at eight or nine hope is placed on you."

MAO ZEDONG

ality we cannot limit ourselves to an abstract idea, but must include the right to self determination, as well as the rights to bilingual education, affirmative action and so on

6 TO SPECIAL CARE, IF HANDICAPPED The rampant use of drugs in oppressed communities (another by product of capitalism) and the widespread of malnutrition and poor medical care are in turn causes of many handicaps among poor children. Needless to say, special care for the handicapped is not free in this society, it costs money. The handicapped poor are doomed to lives of suffering for themselves and for their families here, as capitalism sees no profits in spending for the handicapped.

7 TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE RELIEF IN TIMES OF DISASTER Sure, when there is a big disaster, like a plane crash, children are the first to be considered. But these are not the only disasters that occur, and even then, the insurance policies of the rich provide for them after the disaster while the poor are left to fare for themselves. This right has to be considered in the concrete. We have to talk about all the disasters that occur in the daily lives of poor and working class families. For example, the crowded and unsafe conditions in housing cause fires, crumbling of floors, lead poisonings, and many other disasters common among the poor, that leave our children permanently impaired mentally or physically, and often kill them. There is no relief from these disasters of which children are the most vulnerable victims. And this is not to speak of the great human disasters of hunger and disease, which children all around the world suffer, thanks to the barbaric system of imperialism. But these of course are not considered disasters by the rich.

8 TO LEARN TO BE A USEFUL MEMBER OF SOCIETY AND TO DEVELOP INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES We agree that all children should become useful members of society, but 'useful' to us means something very different than to the capitalists. To us it means that children should be able to contribute positively to society, to engage in all sorts of activities that benefit the majority of the people, including the right to bury the old society and build a new one. For the capitalists, useful means capable of producing profits, that is, useful for the capitalists.

There is an incredible waste of potential talent and ability because children are denied the opportunity to enjoy adequate education, nutrition, health care, etc. Education under capitalism is designed to

develop only those abilities that serve the capitalists' needs, no more no less. But we advocate the right of children to become useful members of society in the proletarian sense of the word: to learn about their class, to struggle for their rights and the rights of all oppressed people, to struggle against capitalist oppression, to put their abilities in the service of the majority in a word, to become revolutionaries and to build a new socialist society in the interests of the workers and oppressed people of the world.

9 TO BE BROUGHT UP IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AND UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD Children under capitalism are brought up in the spirit of competition. They must go out in society to be better than the others in order to get a job, a promotion, a special opportunity, etc. This capitalist society is based on divisions created along the lines of nationality, sex, race, age, etc. We are taught by the capitalists to look out for ourselves, at the expense of others.

This is only to be expected in class society in which play, study and work are not based on cooperation, and human needs, but on the profits of the capitalists. The history of this country, and of capitalist countries in general, is full, not of peace and brotherhood, but of war and oppression. Whether it be imperialist world wars, or wars of national oppression, children in this country are brought up in an atmosphere of war. They are taught that it is patriotic to support such wars and to be on the side of the U.S. in them. This right again is a sham in this society, and cannot be implemented unless society itself is changed.

10 TO ENJOY THESE RIGHTS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL OR SOCIAL ORIGIN First of all, as we have shown, these rights are constantly being violated in capitalist society. Secondly, we know that the legal institutions responsible for looking after the implementation of the rights of people are not neutral ones. The law, and the courts that administer it, in capitalism are instruments of the capitalists to keep oppressed under their control. The law, no matter what the capitalists claim is **class biased**. It is written, administered and enforced by capitalist agents, and it serves nothing but the capitalists' interests. Actually, the children of the poor, like their parents, have no rights in this society.

To talk about IYC and rights of the children under capitalism is idle talk unless we do so in the context of raising their special oppression. The hypocrisy of capitalists is obvious. We have shown point by point how each of these rights is violated by capitalism. We have done this in order to guide comrades and friends on how to treat these rights and what things should be raised right along with them while participating in IYC celebrations. Although we recognize president Carter and co.'s sham promotion of IYC, we do support such celebrations in the U.S. in so far as they raise the special needs and rights of children, as well as allow us the opportunity to raise the special oppression they are victims of in this society.

Let's celebrate IYC, and let's celebrate it in a revolutionary spirit. Clearly establish the class content of children's

rights! Expose the capitalists' sham promotion of IYC! Show how capitalism is at the root of children's special oppression! Demand and fight to abolish this oppression!

Comrades and friends

RESISTANCE would like to hear about celebrations of the International Year of the Child in the different parts of this country. For correspondence on this or any other questions, please write to

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For Mattie Schultz, life is becoming increasingly difficult. Not because she is 91 years old, or gravely ill, or anything like that. But simply because the weight of capitalist oppression is falling heavily on her. This is in fact her gravest disease: to live in a capitalist society. Where in other societies the old are considered the pillars of society, the builders of the present material and cultural wealth in this capitalist society the old, especially the women, are seen as simply old furniture, to be dumped because they are no longer usable.

Mrs. Shultz was surviving on a \$238/month social security check, hardly enough to keep up with her bare minimum necessities, especially in the face of rapidly increasing prices of health care and food. Recently in a supermarket in San Antonio, Texas, she was arrested, accused of shoplifting some ham, sausage and butter. 'I was desperate', she said. But the system had no consideration for her old age and extreme need. The authorities threw her in jail and kept her there for 24 hours because she couldn't raise the \$400 cash bond that was posted on her.

That's the irony of this system. After it exploits and oppresses women in the factories, mills and offices, and at home as well, paying them subsistence wages and forcing them to work under the most oppressive conditions, then when no longer needed they are left to wither away with a measly social security or pension check.

IMPERIALISM and AGING WOMEN



Aging women, as well as men, are driven to all kinds of humiliation and sufferings. It is a well documented fact that many old people in this country are forced to live on dog and cat food in substitution for meats and other needed nutrients because of the extreme poverty in which they find themselves. The capitalist system does not care for its old because it is a system based on profit. After workers cease to provide profits for the capitalists they are cast aside and substituted with younger slaves.

The economic crisis makes things even worse. Medicaid is now being cut and old people are faced with having to pay for part of their medical bills (which naturally are frequent and high) and are left with very little to feed themselves. This vicious circle created by the system drives old people to desperation — many commit suicide, others choose a slow death of hunger and privation, others try to survive on cat and dog food, or left-overs found in the garbage, and yet others, like Mrs. Shultz, decide to fight for their lives. The only way they know how to. And after driving its former slaves into desperation, to "crime" as they call it, they dump them in jail.

The case of Mrs. Shultz exemplifies the oppression of women under capitalism in all its magnitude. Under capitalism, women are paid very low wages as workers (much lower than men) and thus they receive much lower social security checks, lower pensions and lower benefits in general, due to the special oppression they are subjected to.

The case of Mattie Shultz in fact, is what capitalism is all about. All its cruelty and hypocrisy are reflected there by showing the balance between capitalists' profits and human needs under capitalism. It is clear that we cannot stop fighting until we achieve a system that is diametrically different. A system that puts the true value of the elderly, in its proper place, a system that respects and cares for the old as the pillars of society, the foundations of our present progress and well being, as well as the source of much of our knowledge and experience. That system is socialism, the only hope for the Mattie Schultz's of the future.

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the treaty, what are their arguments, etc., if we are not going to take either side on the issue? Or, is it possible that we establish a tactical alliance with the supporters of the treaty?, with its opponents? Which of these two groups is more dangerous?

These questions have in fact been raised and answered in different ways by almost every left organization (used here in a very broad sense) in this country. And of course we have found all kinds of opportunist answers. From those who, like the CPUSA, praise SALT II as the panacea for all evils, to those who, like the CPML, praise the right wingers, like the Committee for Peace Through Strength and the Committee on the Present Danger, because

"Unlike these liberals who underestimate the Soviet arms buildup, the other anti-SALT forces (the right wing, Ed LPR ML) make a more realistic assessment of Soviet military strength. They have also targeted the appeasement policies which have marked the SALT negotiations, pointing out that these have, in fact, heightened the Soviet threat" (The Call, July 23, 1979, page 5)

We want to deal with the questions posed above as a way to analyze the real meaning of SALT II. It is necessary that we understand exactly what SALT II is all about, in order to be able to develop a correct position on it.

HISTORY SHOWS SUPERPOWERS ARE PREPARING FOR WAR

Deeds always speak louder than words, and in their deeds both superpowers have shown that, despite their claims, they are both preparing for war. Since 1963, when the superpowers signed the "partial nuclear test-ban treaty", there have been at least a dozen other "pacts", treaties, "agreements", "protocols", and what have you, signed by them. But the arms race has consistently continued at higher levels. This is true regarding both nuclear and conventional arms.

Consistently, the method used by both superpowers has been one of improvement of the quality of whatever arms have been restricted to a quota under the agreements, as well as of increasing the quantity (also the quality) of any arms left out of the treaties. And to leave no doubt about the fact that this time it will be no different, we have the case of the US' new MX ICBM, and the USSR's Backfire. The latter is a bomber produced by the Soviet Union which was left out of the treaty although Brezhnev promised that they would not produce more than 30⁰⁰⁰ a year, and that they would not upgrade the capabilities of that aircraft. The MX ICBM is a mobile missile carrying six to eight MIRVs that the US will be allowed to develop and deploy under SALT II. If to this you add the projects for all kinds of missiles, nuclear submarines, satellite bases, etc., etc., in the plans of both superpowers that are not included in the treaty, plus the "cheating" of both superpowers (or do you believe in their word?), you can get a clear picture showing that SALT II is no arms limitations treaty or anything of the sort, but a mere attempt by the superpowers to deceive the world's peoples, while they each try to outmaneuver the other by putting some rules and regulations on paper on the arms race.

But there are many who have cut across all the euphemism and double talk of both superpowers and see SALT II for what it is: another step forward in the road towards military confrontation between the two superpowers. This understanding has to be spread among the masses, explaining the truth about SALT II, combatting the propaganda machine of

the superpowers and their lackeys who are making a big hullabaloo about their new imperialist trick.

SALT II AT A GLANCE

Ceilings on Missiles and Bombers Each side is to reduce the total of missiles and bombers to 2,250 by the end of 1981. That ceiling is to be kept until the expiration of the treaty in 1985. (Today, the US has 2,059 and the SU 2,516 excluding the Backfire.)

Sub-Limit on MIRVs Out of those 2,250, no more than 1,200 missiles can be armed with MIRVs (multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles), and of those no more than 820 can be placed land based missiles. Further, no bomber can carry more than 28 cruise missiles (as of today no bomber has capacity for more than 20, which concretely means that both superpowers are planning to build larger bombers, unless we attribute this in congruence to a slip of the pen).

Limit on Warheads Each side is to limit the number of warheads on missiles to their numbers already tested. That is a maximum of 10 on-land based missiles and 14 on submarine based ones.

New Missile Systems Each side is limited to the development of one "new" ballistic missile system. Both can modernize present systems "within prescribed limits". Also as a bonus no limit is established on the development of submarine based missile systems (like the new Trident nuclear submarine of the US).

Verification Each side is to depend on its own technical means, and neither side "may interfere with such efforts". This means surveillance satellites, communication interference, etc. (and of course the "Technical" spies and the other ways long used by both superpowers to find out what the other one is up to).

Not mentioned at all, remember, this is just for "strategic arms", are the armies of both superpowers (US 2,026,345, USSR 4,400,000), the tactical aircraft (US 5,546, USSR 8,000), tanks (US 12,100, USSR 50,000), attack submarines (US 81, USSR 195), destroyers (US 161, USSR 195), aircraft carriers (US 13, USSR 2) and many other aspects of what constitute the real military strength of both superpowers. And don't forget that every year both superpowers have increased their war budgets (they call it defense budget) tremendously and undoubtedly plan to continue in the same trend during SALT II.

HOW THE U.S. BOURGEOISIE SEES SALT II

Within the US bourgeoisie there are pro SALT and anti-SALT sectors, and within each sector there are shades of differences in terms of the reasoning behind the support or the opposition. Let's say from the beginning that those differences are in the realm of tactics, that is, each sector is proposing what they consider to be the best way to insure the interests of US imperialism and to prepare this superpower for the inevitable war with the USSR. On this aim, the bourgeoisie has iron unity.

It's important to understand this at a time in which open revisionism as well as neo trotskyism and neo revisionism are on the rise in our country, and as some have already implied the possibility of allying with one sector of the bourgeoisie in this rift between them. What should be our attitude? To oppose *both* the supporters *and* opponents of SALT II. We are to oppose those who are out to appease the Soviet Union as well as those who see the solution as escalating the arms race.

THE DEBATE WITHIN THE BOURGEOISIE

The debate has centered around the issues of verification (how US imperialism can guarantee that the USSR will not cheat more than they will, linkage (attempts to get the USSR to agree to a "better behavior in Africa, Southeast Asia, etc.), and how to seek US supremacy in the arms

race (this we consider to be the most important question, as opposed to many in the movement, especially the CPML and the LRS (ML) who focus on the question of verification).

THE SUPPORTERS

The supporters of the treaty claim that the US can verify with enough certainty whether or not the USSR is complying with the treaty. They also argue that without SALT II the USSR would not gain greater superiority over the US and they adduce that the arms race will cost less with SALT II than without SALT II. Defense Secretary Brown estimated that with SALT II the US will spend \$30 billion less in "defense" (by the way, some senator proposed the building of a "mobile land based missile" at a cost of over \$30 billion, to be funded by the imperialists' savings from SALT II).

The position of the Carter administration was summed up by a top advisor who said to the press "SALT II does not signal an end to the arms race. It does not mean an end to competition between the Soviet Union and the US. It is not a substitute for a strong defense. But it is definitely better than having no treaty at all." (U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, May 21, p. 21). And secretary of "defense" Brown put it bluntly "You have to compare this treaty not with some ideal treaty, but with what would happen if there was no treaty. SALT II will help our national security by limiting the Soviets to limits below those they could achieve if there were no treaty." (TIME, May 21, p. 39).

Implied in Brown's position is the appeasement policy toward the USSR. It is the understanding of some bourgeois sectors that making concessions to the USSR and SALT II does have important concessions like allowing the Soviets to keep the "Backfire" out of the treaty will in some way curb the USSR's drive for imperialist war and world hegemony. (More on appeasement later.)

Although supporters of SALT II agree that the USSR has an advantage in terms of a first strike that can destroy most of the US land based missiles, they point out that the US would keep enough missiles intact to promptly retaliate. In plain English each superpower, striking first or striking second, can destroy the other for sure.

THE OPPOSITION TO SALT II

The main opposition to the terms

of SALT II comes from two right wing coalitions formed to fight SALT II. These are the Coalition for Peace Through Strength (its name is very self descriptive) and the Committee on the Present Danger. The opposition claims that compliance with the treaty can't be verified, especially after the closing down by the US of two important radar bases in Iran. They also argue that the treaty creates the basis for USSR nuclear supremacy.

Paul Nitze, former US SALT negotiator and now member of the Coalition on the Present Danger, says "It isn't an equal treaty. Soviet programs are much more elaborated than ours at this stage and during the period of the accord. The Soviets thus are going to end up either equal or ahead of us in every measure of strategic strength." (TIME, May 21, p. 42). Opponents also point to the increased activity of the USSR in many areas of the world, and argue that the US is to meet that challenge by increasing its military strength in order to maintain strategic superiority. They also emphasize on the first strike superiority of the Soviet Union.

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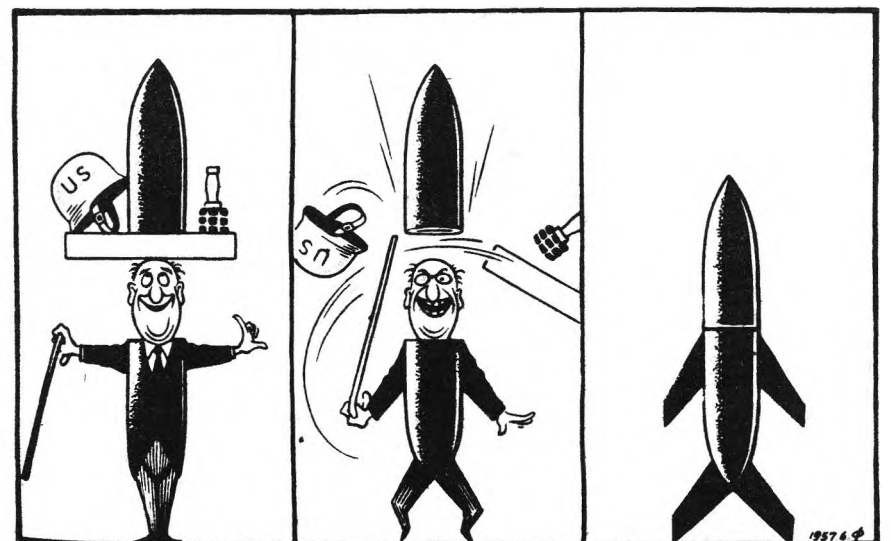
Where SALT II supporters and critics definitely agree is on the need for the US to strengthen its military capabilities by all means necessary. At the same time that president Carter asked for approval of this arms limitation treaty, he announced plans for the development of the MX missile. In his address to the joint session of Congress in June 18, Carter said "But SALT II will make this task easier (the task of modernizing and strengthening US strategic forces, Ed LPR ML), surer, and less expensive. The agreement constrains none of the reasonable programs we've planned to increase our defenses." And he adds "The MX missile, which has been so highly publicized, is permitted under SALT II given its verifiable mobile development system, will enhance stability, as it deprives an attacker of the confidence that a successful first strike could be launched against the US ICBMs, or intercontinental ballistic missiles." (NEW YORK TIMES, June 19, p. A-13).

This statement of president Carter who is the main defender of SALT II was welcomed by many opponents of

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the treaty, who are definitely ready to change their position if they get the assurance from the Carter administration that the U.S. will place emphasis on the development of more and better military systems. And it is clear to us that the Carter administration will move in this direction. This comes out clearly, not only in the Carter statement quoted above, but in every other statement by the president and his top advisors as well, and even more clearly in the budget allocations for "defense."

In light of this, we feel that those who have predicted great debates and even the defeat of SALT II by the Senate are off the target. Although we will continue to be bombarded with high sounding rhetoric, with accusations of 'giving up to the Soviets' or with 'what you want is a nuclear war', we maintain that in the last analysis the main issue for the U.S. bourgeoisie will still be **how to meet the challenge of an ever more aggressive and stronger Soviet Union**, and to that question the bourgeoisie will answer with **increasing all its military capabilities**.

NEITHER WITH THE WARMONGERS, NOR WITH THE APPEASERS!

We definitely oppose the two views put forward by the bourgeoisie. With or without SALT II, the arms race will take a big stride forward. And both trends within the bourgeoisie, the one that wants to limit the competition and the one that wants to escalate it, the one that appeases and the one that warmongers the most, are just **two faces of the same imperialist coin**.

We consider as incorrect the CPML view that sees the warmongers in a better light than the appeasers (whom they see as anybody supporting the treaty without making any distinctions), supposedly because the warmongers understand better the real nature of the Soviet Union.

The question cannot be posed as the CPML does, in terms of which of the two evils is more or less dangerous, but rather, in terms of how the working and oppressed people in this country have to oppose both policies of the bourgeoisie, because each one of them will lead, and is leading, to world war. In fact, by making the exposure of the appeasers their main concern, the CPML is objectively covering for the warmongers, and at the same time making the struggle against the appeasers more difficult.

This is so because the CPML incorrectly counterposes appeasement with warmongering, and thus end up objectively allying themselves with the most aggressive and imperialist sectors of the bourgeoisie. That is what their criticism of President Carter's decision to stop the construction of the B1 bomber amounts to. And the same holds true for their support of the U.S. increasing their involvement in NATO. And, as quoted earlier in this article, the same approach was present in their evaluation of the different positions of the U.S. bourgeoisie in relation to SALT II (See THE CALL, July 23).

If a sector of the bourgeoisie says that this or that concession has to be made to the Soviet Union supposedly because that would make them more reasonable, less aggressive, etc., we are to expose this as the very dangerous position that it is. But we don't expose it by asking the other sector of the bourgeoisie to go ahead and build this or that weapon, to invade this or that country, etc.

We oppose and expose such a position by explaining how wars are inevitable under imperialism, how in the present world conditions the U.S. and the USSR are inevitably moving towards a world war, etc. We combat the false illusions created by the appeasers, without taking the positions of the warmongers.

Conversely, when a warmonger like Senator Drummond or Senator Jackson calls for the speed up of military preparations to face the Soviet threat, we also are to expose that line explaining how this is part of the U.S. war preparations which

we oppose. This is so because of our commitment to struggle and defeat first and foremost our own bourgeoisie.

This is crucial. Due to the fact that the U.S. is in the defensive and the USSR on the offensive in the world arena, we are confronted every day with situations that, unless we clearly understand the relationship between the international struggle against the two superpowers and our struggle against the U.S. bourgeoisie, class

against U.S. imperialism's war preparations and its bourgeois rule in particular. Concretely this means:

1. Expose SALT II among the masses. Undoubtedly the masses in this country are daily exposed to the issue of SALT II. All the newspapers, radio and television, raise the issue continuously, every politician and would be politician make declarations for or against it (or express their doubts about it, etc.) This should help us

CPUSA ON SALT II

LINK THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM WITH THE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST OPPORTUNISM

When we look at the line and practice of the revisionist "Communist Party" USA it is easy to understand why "the struggle against imperialism is a sham and a humbug unless it is linked to the struggle against opportunism." This is what the revisionist had to say about SALT II in a leaflet entitled "SALT II VITAL FOR LIFE" and signed by its front organization N.Y. Association for American-Soviet Friendship.

'Why is SALT So Important?'

Without SALT we will be faced with stepped-up development of new terror weapons and the ever-increasing danger that one day these will be used, resulting in incredible world wide death and destruction.

How Can We Tell That the Soviets Won't Cheat?

Or, for that matter, how can they tell we won't cheat? Each country has satellites and other monitoring stations that provide a wide variety of very detailed information. Most fundamentally, SALT serves the self-interest of each country in lessening that danger of nuclear holocaust, and both government will be publicly pledged to uphold it. The history of the several U.S.-Soviet agreements now in effect, including SALT I, demonstrates the countries' willingness to abide by them.

Are The Soviets Really Driving for Military Superiority?

The answer is no. The arms race is no more in their self-interest than in our own. In a socialist country there is no military-industrial complex to profit from arms manufacture, and rubles spent on missiles take away from Soviet housing, health and education, too.

Ever since the explosion of the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima, the US had led, usually by five years or more, in introducing major new weapons systems and improvements. The US continues its overwhelming lead in numbers of strategic warheads, as well as in the technological ability to achieve pinpoint accuracy.

The Soviets are wholeheartedly in favor of SALT - President Brezhnev says activating the agreements is one of the most important tasks in strengthening peace, and is advantageous to both countries.

What Can WE Do Now about Ratification?

As your first step, send the attached tear-off to your senators today!

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I urge you to support SALT II, as is without amendment. It is an essential first step to end the arms race and start on the road to real security through mutually agreed disarmament."

(emphasis ours)

No doubt, the "CP" USA makes a better defense of the Soviet social imperialists than the Brezhnev clique itself.

collaborationist errors are bound to be committed.

We saw for example that because of its relative weakness the U.S. was not able to engage in direct military intervention in Iran or Nicaragua. On the other hand we saw how the Soviet Union puts its military advisors and its puppet troops in Kampuchea, Angola, Ethiopia and many other countries. The incorrect view that appeasement is the main danger leads to calling for the U.S. to intervene militarily in those countries where the Soviet Union is intervening.

We feel that there is definitely a need for a better understanding of what appeasement is all about. But we also definitely know that you can combat appeasement without becoming a "warmonger", and that you can combat appeasement without appealing anybody.

In the last analysis, how are we to differentiate between the interests, strategy and tactics of the proletariat, and those of the bourgeoisie, if an independent communist line, responding to the concrete conditions of the struggle and the interests of the workers and oppressed peoples and nations of the world, is not developed and put forward?

SALT II AND THE TASKS OF U.S. COMMUNISTS

The question of SALT II should not be posed as one of supporting or opposing the treaty, but rather, as one of how we are to use the discussion around SALT II to step up the struggle against the superpowers' war preparations in general, and ag-

by broadening the receptivity among the masses when we provide them with agitation and propaganda around this issue. It is crucial that in criticising the supporters of the treaty we demarcate ourselves from its bourgeois opponents, and that in criticising the opponents of the treaty we demarcate ourselves from its supporters.

2. Link our criticism of SALT II to our criticism of "detente"

3. Stress the differences between imperialist wars and just wars, and express our militant support for just wars and our opposition to imperialist ones.

4. Focus our exposure on the role of U.S. imperialism. This is a must! We in the U.S. are to defeat the U.S. bourgeoisie, and not that of the Soviet Union. Making the Soviet Social imperialists the main target of our propaganda can only stir national chauvinism among the masses. Let's show concretely how it is that the U.S. imperialists talk peace and mean war.

5. Link the exposure of SALT II with the struggle against all forms of opportunism. Focus especially on the revisionist CPUSA as the fifth column of the Soviet social imperialists that they are, and on the right deviations in the line of organizations like the CPML who in fighting appeasement are making class collaborationist errors.

6. Popularize among the masses the correct position of the People's Republic of China on the question of nuclear disarmament.



Nuclear

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Proletarian leadership is needed to turn the anti nuclear movement into a revolutionary force. Revolutionaries have the duty to link up the working class movement with the anti nuclear movement. The potential for doing so is obvious. Who suffers more from the day to day effects of radiation exposure and contaminations risks than the workers who produce, help carry out research, transport or clean up radioactive materials? (see RESISTANCE APR 1979 issue for more on this.) It is in fact ultimately the workers who have the power to close down unsafe nuclear plants. The nuclear issue is to be taken to the working class and oppressed nationalities. The anti nuclear movement must unite with workers, supporting demands for health and safety, supporting strikes, uniting with those trade unions which have taken up the struggle for safer working conditions particularly in regards to radiation.

The greatest obstacle to building unity between the working class movement and the anti nuclear movement, are trade union bureaucrats and political opportunists who oppose the movement, characterizing it as a bunch of crazy environmentalists that are against workers' interests. These misleaders push slogans such as "Nuclear energy for American Defense!", "Support nuclear energy, it means jobs", and "Nuclear plants are as risky as any other workplace". These are the same arguments the bourgeoisie uses to try to win support for its war preparations, to cover up the real danger nuclear plants pose, and to defuse the struggle for health and safety of the workers and the population in general.

It is US imperialism and its contention with the USSR, that fosters national chauvinism as a way to ideologically prepare the masses to accept and aid a world war, to support the US bourgeoisie in that war. "Defend America" today means stripping the people of rights and livelihood for the sake of US imperialist designs.

It is capitalism, not the closing down of a nuclear plant, that is responsible for unemployment in the U.S. It is capitalism that makes all workplaces unsafe for workers. The implication that such unsafe conditions should be tolerated in any workplace means advocating workers cease to struggle against their oppression. These ideas are pushed by the bourgeoisie in order to keep workers passive and on their side. By refusing to point at capitalism as the problem, the reformist trend within the anti nuclear movement conciliates with such ideas. That is precisely why it must be defeated.

It is the task of the advanced and communists to bring this issue to the proletariat, expose the misleaders, and bring revolutionary, working class leadership and consciousness to the anti nuclear movement. Only in this way will it be possible to consolidate the gains of the anti war movement of the '60s and carry the struggle further. In addition to winning the advanced elements in the anti nuclear movement all of this will serve to develop our forces for a new communist party, to develop fusion with the working class to channel all the different movements into one common front to overthrow the U.S. bourgeoisie and, more immediately to undercut their preparations for war.

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