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## U.S. Imperialism, Hands Off Iran!

## "GRANDSON OF S-1"

### The Kennedy "alternative" is nothing but the fascist program of Carter and Reagan

The U.S. imperialists are carrying out new aggression against the Iranian people. Carter and his henchmen have unleashed a new round of threats and preparations for military adventures against Iran. The U.S. imperialists were badly shaken by the Iranian people's democratic revolution. Under the fascist shah, the infamous hangman and butcher of the Iranian people, Iran was a source of great profits for the imperialist exploiters, and the shah's regime was a policeman on behalf of U.S. imperialism in Oman and elsewhere. The U.S. imperialists are not reconciled to their expulsion from this "lost paradise." They are taking shameless and savage measures, including preparations for military aggression in their drive to strangle the Iranian people and reverse their revolutionary victories.

On April 7, President Carter announced a new series of measures to be added to U.S. imperialism's brutal blackmail against Iran. Carter ordered

the severing of diplomatic relations with Iran and the immediate expulsion of the remaining 35 Iranian diplomats in the U.S. on 36 hours notice. The trade embargo against exports to Iran was made official and complete. Carter also ordered an inventory taken of the approximately \$8 billion of assets of the Iranian government deposited in U.S. banks. This measure was taken in preparation for the seizure of these assets in order to divide them up among those "holding grievances" against Iran, that is among the imperialist banks and others who "suffered damages" by the onslaught of the Iranian revolution. As well, Carter ordered a halt to the issuing and renewing of visas to Iranian nationals and added new measures to accelerate the mass deportations and persecution of Iranian students and others already in this country.

These steps were taken to let the world know that the U.S. government is freeing its hands in preparation for

"the use of military options." As top White House officials put it, "the use of force" is possibly but not "necessarily the next step." These measures were also taken to place added pressure on U.S. imperialism's allied monopoly capitalist states of Western Europe and Japan to bring them into line with Carter's blockade against Iran. These states are heavily dependent on Iranian oil supplies, and the State Department is issuing open threats of either a naval blockade of Iran or the mining of Iranian ports if these states do not join the U.S. embargo.

These brutal and saber-rattling measures taken against the freedom-loving people of Iran are a practical application of the warmongering "Carter doctrine." Last January, President Carter, in spelling out his policy on the Middle East and the Persian Gulf region, declared that: "an assault on the vital interests of the United States of America" in this region "will be re-

pelled by any means necessary, including military force." And it is no secret that oil — the plunder of the rich Iranian and Middle East oil fields — is the number one "vital interest" Carter has in mind.

The earthshaking Iranian revolution which toppled the fascist monarchy of the shah was a powerful blow to world capitalism and to U.S. imperialism in particular. The bloodsoaked regime of the shah was rigged up as a rabid guard dog over U.S. imperialism's oil and strategic positions in Iran and the Persian Gulf. And U.S. imperialism has not and never will be reconciled to this "assault" on these "vital interests" by the revolutionary struggle of the Iranian working class and people. David Rockefeller and the other U.S. oil billionaires and bankers are dreaming of their lost paradise which they had built in the Iran of the murderous shah. These bloodsuckers are feverishly striving to regain their lost neo-colonial positions. The U.S. imperialists are doing everything in their power to strangle the Iranian revolution. They are supporting the overthrown shah and propping up the remnants of SAVAK and the shah's regime who are engaging in assassinations of Iranian officials and plots against the Iranian people. It is also seeking to make a deal with the "moderates" and the government against the revolution. And it is utilizing external pressure and military threats against the Iranian people. As Carter has declared, to protect its "vital interests" and to bring the Iranian people to their knees, U.S. imperialism will resort to "any means necessary, including military force."

For the purpose of military blackmail and pressure, a massive U.S. naval force has been assembled off the Iranian coast in the Arabian Sea. This huge flotilla goes far beyond U.S. imperialism's ordinary "gunboat diplomacy" in that it includes 25 warships with three aircraft carriers, amphibious landing craft, and 1,800 combat ready marines armed with assault helicopters, tanks, etc. The outfitting of the 110,000 man "rapid deployment" force is continuing with such preparations as painting tanks sand-colored for a possible invasion in the Middle East. According to a top Pentagon official, "at Mr. Carter's request the military services are continuing to draw up contingency plans for various operations against Iran" — the mining or blockading of harbors, the seizure of oil fields, "punitive" carpet bombing, etc., etc.

S1722, the so-called "grandson of S-1," is fascist legislation to suppress the mass movements and extend and develop the federal police force. The bill is being pushed through the Senate by Senator Ted Kennedy. It is a key part of the "Kennedy alternative." And it shows that this "alternative" is nothing but the same reactionary program as that of Carter and Reagan.

S1722 is entitled "the Criminal Code Reform Act of 1979." Its pretext is that it systematizes and standardizes and combines it into one code federal laws that are presently scattered over many different bills. But under the cover of "reform," it is a bill to push forward the fascistization of society. It radically revises and toughens the existing laws. It dramatically extends federal jurisdiction and would require a big expansion of the federal police forces. At the same time, it is openly put forward as the model for the revision of the state criminal codes now proceeding almost everywhere. Among its provisions are the following: It extends the length of jail sentences, although U.S. jail sentences are already among the longest and most barbaric in the world. It develops sweeping new conspiracy laws and laws for the suppression of organizations, thus reviving one of the pet projects of Nixon's administration of using "conspiracy" as a catch-all charge. It contains provisions to repress militant strikes by bringing them under severe federal extortion laws. It strengthens present laws dealing with the suppression of the anti-draft, anti-nuclear and GI movements. It legalizes preventive detention of those who might "possibly" commit a crime in the future. It contains major new laws for the suppression of militant or revolutionary speeches or publications. In general, it is a bill that shows how hollow the so-called "American democracy" is.

This bill was trumpeted as "reform," but all its "reform" features are absolute rubbish. It developed broad conspiracy laws allegedly to ease the prosecution of corporations defrauding the consumer or producing dangerous products. But the bill has been amended to exclude corporate crime, while the broad conspiracy section is otherwise maintained. It is supposed to standardize federal law, but it does this by making the laws so general that the police have legal power to do as they please. Cosmetic changes have been made in the face of the exposure of this bill. Thus "preventive detention" provisions of the bill have temporarily been allegedly dropped — but replaced by provisions allowing the police to hold suspects prior to trial without bail, that is, preventive detention in deed. The death penalty has been removed from the bill only to appear in a companion bill as part of a Senate deal. A number of minor amendments have been tacked on to the bill. But they neither change anything substantial, nor is there any guarantee that further amendments will not be made on the Senate floor. Indeed, the history of such bills as the "Labor Reform Act of 1977" shows that the most reactionary provisions of this bill were added precisely as amendments during the debate on the floor. Besides changes in the debate in the House and Senate, the bill can also receive more reactionary features in the House-Senate conference commit-

tee. This bill is being pushed by Senator Ted Kennedy in conjunction with notorious Dixiecrats. Today Ted Kennedy is running against Carter in the presidential primaries. In his campaign he is presenting himself as the "liberal" alternative to Carter. He is being supported by the "left-wing" of the Democratic Party, by various social-democratic labor hacks such as Doug Fraser, President of the United Auto Workers and William Winpisinger, President of the International Association of Machinists and by other leading lights of social-democracy, such as Michael Harrington of the "Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee." The "left-wing" of the Democratic Party is trying to infiltrate the mass movements against the draft, and against the nuclear energy program and to put itself forward as the alleged voice of "labor" due to its influence with the top labor hacks. They fight against the issues of opposition to imperialism and war preparations being raised in these movements and they seek to subvert and liquidate them. The support of this "left-wing" of the Democratic Party and of the social-democrats for Kennedy and their quiet support for S-1722 show that these worthies are nothing but concealed fascists out to suppress the mass movement. They are for strengthening the police repression of the movement, even as they smile and bow to the masses.

The social-democrats in particular love to prate on about their "democratic socialism." They are opposed to the rule of the working class because they allege that it is "undemocratic." On this basis they rant and rave against Marxism-Leninism and the dictatorship of the proletariat, which provide genuine democracy for the working masses and an iron rule over the tiny minority of exploiters. They are horrified of the development of revolutionary sentiment among the masses. They paint pictures of a pure democracy, equally fair for workers and capitalists alike, a state that allegedly is neutral between the exploited and the exploiters. But all these fancy fantasies are nothing but an embellishment of the present growing fascism. The reality of their so-called democracy can be seen in their support for the fascist bill S-1722. The reality of their so-called socialism can be seen in their support for mandatory wage-price controls, which are nothing but open government strikebreaking to cut the workers' wages. Since this is done directly by the state instead of by the individual capitalists these social-democrats call it "socialism" and a "planned economy." True socialism and genuine democracy for the working masses can only be achieved by rule of the working class and the overthrow and suppression of the exploiters. It can only be achieved by developing the mass initiative of the workers and by pushing forward the revolutionary movement, not by developing a giant bureaucracy and police force to bureaucracy the workers. The workers' movement and the other revolutionary mass movements will develop despite these new fascist laws, but they will develop in bitter struggle against both the capitalist reaction and the social-democratic lackeys of reaction who prettify state capitalism and fascism as "democratic socialism." □



Part of the MLP contingent in a demonstration of 7,000 against the draft in San Francisco.

## GO ALL OUT TO FIGHT U.S. IMPERIALISM!

The American people are going into action to fight U.S. imperialism. Anti-draft fighters are marching head-on against the imperialist war preparations. Anti-nuclear activists are in battle against the imperialist nuclear energy program. The demonstrations and rallies, the mass marches and protests have spread all across the country. They herald the revolt that is growing deep among the American working class and people.

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### CARTER'S NEW "ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES":

## Squeezing the poor for the profits of the war merchants, the oil monopolies and the banks

The cost of living is going through the roof. The Consumer Price Index is soaring upward at a record pace with 18% annual increases in January and February and marking more than a 15% increase over the last 12 months. The prices of necessities are skyrocketing even faster with the 70% increase in the price of gasoline over the last year and the astronomical increases in interest rates on mortgages and loans leading the way. In February, real take-home pay was 7.3% below that of February '79. Thus, for the working class and the broad masses of the people, with each passing day it becomes more impossible to make ends meet. The working people are being pressed to the wall. And on March 14, President Carter unveiled his "new anti-inflation program" to squeeze the masses even further. Carter's latest "anti-inflation" measures cover three fronts:

(1) Revision of the 1981 budget to include a \$14 billion addition to the tax burden. This increase will come mainly from a \$11 billion gasoline tax which will add 10¢ to the price of gasoline. Tax increases will be combined with \$16 billion of cutbacks in federal funding of unemployment compensation, education, health care and other social services. At the same time the budget will maintain major real increases in military expenditures.

(2) Establishing credit controls aimed particularly at consumer credit, to raise interest rates and fees, and ensure the astronomical interest rates

being raked in by the big banks and other billionaire loan sharks.

(3) The strengthening of the enforcement capacity of Carter's system of "wage-price" guidelines in order to strengthen the hand of the government in suppressing strikes and cutting the workers' wages.

These measures, like all the previous "anti-inflation" measures taken by the Carter administration, have nothing whatsoever to do with "fighting inflation." Rather they are measures of the capitalist government to saddle the masses with the entire burden of inflation. These measures are not for the purpose of relieving the condition of the working masses but to worsen it; to protect the profits and positions of the most powerful monopolies — the big banks and financiers, the oil billionaires and war industry monopolies, etc. — which are voraciously plundering the people. They are straightforward anti-working class measures to make the people pay for the oil-sided crisis of the monopoly capitalist system.

### "Balancing the Budget" to Rob the Masses and to Platten the Profits of the War Merchants and Banks

The capitalist media wails are making a big to-do about the fact that Carter has revised his original 1981 budget proposal which he presented last January and is now proposing an allegedly balanced budget. This, the media claims, is proof that "President Carter

is very serious about fighting inflation." But what do Carter's measures to supposedly balance the budget actually mean?

For the masses they mean \$14 billion in additional taxes to be levied in the main from an additional 10¢ a gallon tax on gasoline which is going to come into effect in May. This tax is over and above the \$1.50 a gallon price of gasoline expected by the end of the year. What a blow to inflation! Carter's revised budget also means some \$16 billion in cutbacks in social services. The majority of these cutbacks are planned for federal funds for state and local expenditures for unemployment compensation and job programs, education grants, health care and food programs, and public transportation.

Nevertheless, despite these cutbacks, the budget is still planned to be about \$61.2 billion, that is, \$44 billion larger than the 1980 budget. Revenues collected for the 1981 budget will be over 22% of the gross national product, a record high. This is because the budget will contain even more enormous handouts to the millionaires and billionaires. Most significantly, the budget will authorize another 5% increase in real terms for military expenditures. That is over \$16 billion as compared to \$139 billion in 1980 for the Pentagon generals and the war industry monopolies. Besides military spending, another outlay that will not be cut back under Carter's "budget restraint" is the payments to the Wall Street banks to cover the interest on

the national debt. The \$70-85 billion in interest payments to the banks is the second largest single federal expenditure behind defense. (This does not include outlays for social security which do not come out of general revenues but out of a separate insurance retirement fund.) But, of course, in the world of capital to balance the budget at the expense of the interest payments to the big banks is inconceivable because it would violate the holiest of holies, the sacred profits of finance capital.

As a result of these tremendous payments to the war industries and to the

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# No to the Draft! No to U.S. Imperialist War Preparations!

Thousands upon thousands of youth and students have plunged into mass struggle against Carter's call to reintroduce draft registration. This is a correct and important struggle which deserves the full support of the working class and all progressive people. Draft registration is one in a whole series of warmongering measures being taken by the Carter government. It is part of the preparations to launch new wars of imperialist conquest, to fight the Soviet social-imperialists for markets and spheres of influence, to drown in blood the anti-imperialist struggles of the working masses all over the globe. Carter's plans for aggression and war are the inevitable product of the imperialist system of exploitation, enslavement and plunder of the people by a handful of monopoly capitalist billionaires. The anti-draft movement is fighting against the U.S. war preparations. In this struggle, opposition to imperialism must be put in the forefront and the people organized for mass revolutionary struggle.

## The Carter Government Is Preparing for Imperialist War

With draft registration for 18, 19 and 20 year olds, Carter is preparing to reintroduce the hated military conscription for millions of the sons and daughters of the working masses. He is revitalizing the Selective Service System, setting up the local draft boards, and getting ready all of the mechanisms to quickly force millions of young people into the aggressive U.S. army. Draft registration, as with other proposed plans like compulsory national service for all youth, aims at militarizing the young people. As well, women are to be drafted too, thus stepping up the militarization of women. Draft registration is a further attempt to generate a war hysteria and to prepare the youth to become cannon fodder in the aggressive adventures of U.S. imperialism against the working class and people of other countries.

Carter has declared that draft registration and his other war preparations are to "defend" America's "vital interests." But it is clear that these are only the vital interests of the oil tycoons and other monopoly capitalist moneybags and not the interests of the American working masses. Carter has proclaimed the sacred right of U.S. imperialism to dominate and enslave the people of the entire Persian Gulf oil region. He is directly admitting that the war he is preparing is a war for oil, a war to safeguard the enormous superprofits of Exxon, Texaco and the other U.S. oil billionaires plundered from the people of the countries of the Middle East. Even when Carter sheds crocodile tears over the brutal Soviet social-imperialist invasion of Afghanistan, it is not the freedom and independence of the people that he is concerned about. He is using this savage act of aggression by the Soviet New Tsars to intensify U.S. imperialism's own aggressive activities. He is getting ready to launch aggression to drown in blood the anti-imperialist revolution of the Iranian masses and to suppress the other people of the Middle East. He is preparing to fight the Soviet social-imperialists over which imperialist superpower gets how much of the loot robbed from the people. Carter's war preparations are directed precisely at defending the vital interests of the U.S. billionaires, the vital interests of their system of enslavement, robbery and plunder of the people. The interests of the American people do not lie with Carter's war preparations, but with the revolutionary struggle to overthrow the imperialist exploiters.

## In the Fight Against the Draft, Opposition to Imperialism Must Be Put in the Center

While Carter is reintroducing the draft and openly calling for imperialist war preparations, a flabby "left-wing" section of his Democratic Party is entering the anti-draft movement. These flunkies of the Democratic Party claim that they too oppose draft registration, at least for now. But their opposition is not against imperialism and war. Instead they are trying to subvert the anti-imperialist struggle and bring the movement under the wing of the Democratic Party and its warmongering policies. They wish to convert the whole issue of draft registration into whether a volunteer army or drafted army is best, whether the present army is "adequate" to "defend" U.S. imperialism, and so forth. But whether volunteer or conscription, the army remains the aggressive war machine of U.S. imperialism. While feigning opposition to draft registration, these flunkies even paint the drafting of women in liberation colors and make lying claims that the brutal militarization of women is the only way for women to win equal rights. These impotent

whiners are promoting Ted Kennedy, Jerry Brown and other diehard imperialist politicians of the Democratic Party. These politicians are only opposed to the draft for the time being in order to sabotage the revolutionary movement. Kennedy is against registration because it is only a "paper curtain against Soviet troops," while he is in support of increased military spending and for more conventional forces. He is promoted as being against the MX missile, but he is against "hasty" development at this time only because he regards it as "goldplating" which "drains the resources of other needed weapons."

The basic issue with regard to the draft is: *the draft for what?* The issue is that the U.S. army is an aggressor army, an army of imperialist war and enslavement. Today the U.S. imperialists have over two million troops which are stationed in bases all over the globe and are fully mobilized to carry out aggression anywhere at a moment's notice. The reintroduction of the draft is for the sole purpose of further strengthening these aggressive forces. In the fight against draft registration, the issue of opposition to imperialism must be put in the center. The flunkies of the Democratic Party who "oppose" draft registration but support imperialism are simply lying politicians seeking to infiltrate and liquidate the mass movement. They want to turn back from Carter's present position of open warmongering, to Carter's former position of concealing war preparations under fraudulent appeals for "human rights" and "peace." They are assisting the U.S. imperialist war drive by trying to trick and stop the mass struggle against it.

## Organize Mass Revolutionary Struggle Against Imperialist War Preparations

The reintroduction of the draft is another warmongering measure of the Carter government against the American people. In the 1960's and early 1970's a huge revolutionary mass movement developed against U.S. aggression in Southeast Asia. With great determination and militancy, millions of American people rose up in one mass action after another against this most savage war. ROTC buildings were burned to the ground. Militant actions were organized against the draft boards, as hundreds of thousands of youth resisted serving in the aggressive U.S. war machine. Large numbers of GI's organized resistance inside the military as well. They put out anti-war leaflets and papers right on the U.S. military bases; they staged demonstrations, organized rebellions in the stockades, and carried out mass refusals to go into combat. With the defeat of the U.S. imperialist aggression by the revolutionary struggle of the Indochinese peoples, and shaken by the massive revolutionary movement at home, the bloodstained monopoly capitalist government temporarily ended the draft in an effort to pacify the American people and trick them into believing that American imperialism genuinely wanted peace. And now it is "peacenik" Carter who is trying to once again impose the draft. This exposes that the years of talk about "peace" and "human rights" were just lies. When the Democratic Party sings psalms of peace it is only trying to conceal its rapid preparations for war.

Now again the American people are rising up to oppose the crimes of the U.S. imperialists. Hundreds of demonstrations and other mass actions have been organized against the production of imperialist weapons of death and destruction, against the U.S.-China warmongering alliance, against Carter's threats and brutal blackmail against the heroic Iranian people, against the U.S. imperialist nuclear energy program, and against the draft. All of these struggles are entirely necessary and correct. The imperialists must not be allowed a moment of peace in which to carry out their aggressive war plans. Every step that the Carter government takes towards war must be opposed by the struggle of the masses.

The source of war is world imperialism, headed by the U.S. and Soviet superpowers and including revisionist China and the other imperialist states. The U.S. is an imperialist monster, a world exploiter, blackmailer and bully, and a center of international aggression. So long as U.S. imperialism exists, the world will be subjected to its schemes of world domination and the threat of war. The anti-draft movement is fighting against the aggressive plans of U.S. imperialism. Through this movement thousands and thousands of people are being drawn into open conflict with the Carter government. They are being tempered and trained in struggle, and through their own experience they are becoming convinced of the necessity of revolu-



In March and April, mass demonstrations and rallies were held in many cities across the U.S. denouncing both Carter's call for the reintroduction of the draft and the wild and frantic war preparations of the U.S. imperialists. On March 22, braving fierce wind and rain, more than 30,000 people demonstrated in Wash-



ington, D.C. (left). In Olympia, Washington more than 200 activists held a militant march and rally, shouting the slogans: "Down with the warmongers!" "No to the draft!" and "Down with all imperialist war preparations!" (right)

## Hold high the revolutionary traditions of the struggle of the American people against U.S. aggression in Indochina!

The movement against the aggressive war plans of U.S. imperialism is making great strides forward. Every new step the Carter government takes to prepare for war has become a new cause for mass protests against the U.S. imperialists. No sooner had Carter announced his plans to reintroduce draft registration, then thousands upon thousands of people went into action in militant demonstrations and rallies against the draft in the cities all across the country. And these militant mass actions continue to grow. One of the reasons that this movement has so quickly taken on a mass character and raised the militant slogans against the rich and their war plans, is that it is based in the revolutionary traditions of the mass struggles of the 1960's. Through the massive upheaval against U.S. aggression in Viet Nam, the American people were schooled in a firm and fighting opposition to U.S. war plans. Large numbers of people, through their experience in the mass movement, came to see that behind U.S. aggression and war lay the blood-

stained imperialist system, the interests of the monopoly capitalist billionaires. And many drew the correct conclusion that to fight imperialist war requires a revolutionary struggle to overthrow the imperialist system. To inform our readers of the revolutionary experience of the 1960's, *The Workers' Advocate* is carrying articles about two organizations and the struggles they waged against U.S. aggression in Viet Nam.

The first article is on the Cleveland Draft Resistance Union (CDRU). This organization supported resistance to the draft and supported the resistance inside the U.S. armed forces. CDRU organized mass struggles against the draft and U.S. aggression, it worked to draw working class youth into conscious political activity and educated them in opposition to U.S. imperialism. Draft refusal did not and could not bring a stop to the U.S. aggressive war. Even when the draft resistance movement was at its peak, when at some draft boards as many as 50% of the youth drafted refused to

serve in the imperialist army, the government was still able to obtain enough troops to carry on its aggression. Nevertheless draft resistance did create serious problems for the imperialists' war recruiting. And most importantly, draft resistance drew hundreds of thousands of young people into active mass struggle against U.S. imperialism. It schooled an entire generation in militant struggle against U.S. aggression and brought many young people into the ranks of the revolutionary movement.

CDRU not only organized draft resistance, but it also supported the resistance of the GI's inside the aggressive U.S. military. One result of this work was the establishment at the Fort Knox army base of the GI anti-war newspaper and organization, FTA. This was the first of the anti-war GI newspapers that were established on U.S. military bases all over the country and abroad. FTA inspired a spirit of rebellion among the GI's, and organized them for mass struggle. It educated the GI's to oppose U.S. imperial-

ism, supported the national liberation struggle of the Vietnamese people, and worked to link the GI's to the struggles of the American masses and to bring the GI's over to the side of revolutionary struggle against the U.S. imperialist billionaires. The development of FTA and the GI movement generally, shows how the struggle against U.S. aggression spread deeply among the American masses into every sphere of life. This experience demonstrates that, despite the severe repressive conditions in the military, the GI's can and must be organized to fight imperialism. The majority of GI's are the sons and daughters of the working class. Their interests lie not with the rich billionaires, but with the struggles of the workers and the liberation struggles of the people all over the world. The GI movement, like the draft resistance movement, proved to be an important front of the anti-imperialist struggle and showed its potential as a powerful force for the development of the socialist revolution.

## ON THE CLEVELAND DRAFT RESISTANCE UNION:

# Draft resistance drew hundreds of thousands of youth into militant struggle against U.S. aggression

The Cleveland Draft Resistance Union (CDRU) was formed in April 1967. It was composed of revolutionary youth who had experience in the Afro-American people's struggle against racial discrimination and violent repression in the South and North, in the struggle of students against the decadent bourgeois education system, and other struggles. CDRU followed the policy of vigorous struggle and soon assumed the leadership of the militant youth and students in Cleveland in the fight against the draft and the U.S. imperialist war of aggression in Viet Nam. It was part of the especially powerful wave of youth and student struggle which swept the U.S. in 1967, when the youth broke out of the confines of pacifism and bourgeois legality imposed on them by the opportunists and waged active mass resistance to the government and the war. In the big anti-war demonstration in Washington, D.C. in October 1967,

hundreds of young people were arrested when they stormed the Pentagon and fought pitched battles with the police. CDRU was an active contingent in this struggle. Big and very militant demonstrations were organized in cities throughout the country during this period, like the "Stop the Draft Week" marches in Oakland, where 10,000 youth marched and fought the police to close the Oakland induction center. As part of these national actions, the CDRU organized a "Stop the Draft Week" in Cleveland. On December 8 it organized a demonstration of 300 at the Cleveland induction center, confronted the police and forced the closing of the induction center for a day. These and other powerful mass actions of the draft resistance movement mobilized hundreds of thousands of young people and brought them into open conflict with U.S. imperialism. Through the rich experience gained in these struggles, many of the

youth became convinced of the necessity of revolution and began to work actively to overthrow the imperialist system once and for all.

## CDRU Organized Militant Demonstrations Against U.S. Imperialist Aggression in Southeast Asia

One of the main activities of the CDRU was the organizing of militant demonstrations at the Cleveland induction center in support of the young people who were resisting the draft and also in support of those who entered the army and organized resistance there. In these mass actions, CDRU practiced active resistance to the fascist attacks of the government-organized reactionary gangs and to the attacks of the police itself. The very first action of CDRU was such a demonstration in April 1967. And throughout the year these demonstrations grew in size and militance, dis-

rupting the functioning of the induction center and even temporarily closing it down. For example, on November 28, 1967 the CDRU organized 150 youth to demonstrate in support of three draft resisters who were going to the induction center for their physical. CDRU supporters infiltrated the induction center, posing as draftees. Inside they leafleted all of the inductees and stood up and denounced the U.S. aggression in Viet Nam. Some inductees walked out of the center on the spot and others joined the demonstration as they arrived at the center. The demonstrators blocked buses full of draftees that were being brought in from other cities. CDRU supporters infiltrated one of the buses, which was coming from Akron, Ohio, and leafleted all of the youth there. The CDRU supporters and the entire bus load of draftees came to the agreement that if the bus

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## ON THE GI NEWSPAPER "FTA":

# The GI movement proved to be an important front of the struggle and showed potential as a powerful force of the revolution

The GI movement grew up as part of the massive upheaval of the American people against U.S. imperialist aggression in Viet Nam. The heroic national liberation movement of the Vietnamese people and the flames of the raging mass struggle of America's youth could not help but inspire rebellion among the U.S. soldiers as well. GI's began deserting the military and going AWOL in unprecedented numbers. Some openly declared their refusal to obey orders to go to Southeast Asia. And many began to participate in the big anti-war demonstrations and rallies. By the late 1960's the GI movement began to take on a more organized form. Anti-war meetings of GI's were held in cities near to the military

tion. To put an end to imperialist aggression and war, the masses must wage revolutionary struggle to overthrow and put an end to the imperialist system itself. □

bases. The GI's, despite severe repression, began to organize mass protests, like anti-war petitions and meetings, on the military bases themselves. And GI anti-war newspapers began to appear. By the summer of 1970, GI's had organized anti-war papers on at least 45 military bases inside the United States and at least two in Germany and one in Japan.

The first of these papers, called FTA, was organized by soldiers at the Fort Knox, Kentucky army base. The first issue appeared in June 1968. Immediately it caught the imagination of the broad masses of GI's at Fort Knox and won their wide support. The letters "FTA," short for the army recruiting slogan of "Fun, Travel and Adventure," meant to the masses of GI's "fuck the army," which was a popular slogan of the soldiers against the U.S. imperialist war machine. In this paper the GI's recognized their own voice of protest, their own instru-

ment of struggle. FTA was distributed through a secret network of GI's on the Fort Knox base, and by civilian supporters in Louisville, Kentucky where many soldiers congregated on the weekends. While organizing at Fort Knox, FTA supported the GI movement everywhere. It spread to other military bases and was distributed by GI's in Germany, Japan and Viet Nam. The army carried out harsh repression of the FTA organizers and supporters. There were innumerable disciplinary measures, arrests and court-martials.

The army even kidnapped one of the principal FTA organizers and eventually threw him in prison for three years. Nevertheless, FTA continued to come out about every six weeks for nearly three years. During this period, it was always in the center of the Fort Knox soldiers' fight against U.S. aggression, constantly encouraging the organization of mass struggle and educating the soldiers in opposition to imperialism. FTA also fought against

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# THE 110th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GREAT LENIN



April 22, 1980 marks the 110th anniversary of the birth of Comrade Vladimir I. Lenin. Comrade Lenin was the beloved teacher and leader of the world proletariat. Comrade Lenin defended and developed the theory of Marxism with rare mastery and absolute loyalty. He fought with relentless determination against all the revisionists and opportunists and against the conciliators and centrists. His work and struggle marked an epoch-making development of the theory of Marxism under the conditions of imperialism. The Great October Socialist Revolution, led and organized by the great Bolshevik Party of Comrade Lenin, opened a new era in the life of man, the era of socialism. This revolution was primarily an international revolution, a revolution that signified a radical turn in world history, a turn from the old, capitalist world to the new socialist world. This revolution established the revolutionary authority of Leninism. Today the genuine communist parties of the whole world are guided by Marxism-Leninism. As Comrade Stalin, the loyal and brilliant continuer of Comrade Lenin's work, teaches in his classic work *The Foundations of Leninism* teaches:

*"Leninism is Marxism of the era of imperialism and the proletarian revolution. To be more exact, Leninism is the theory and tactics of the proletarian revolution in general, the theory and tactics of the dictatorship of the proletariat in particular."*

The immortal teachings of Comrade Lenin inspire the struggle of communists everywhere. Without a revolutionary theory, a revolutionary party gropes in the dark. In the present situation, the exercises of the proletarian revolution have stepped up their efforts to attack, distort, defame and negate the revolutionary theory and ideology of Marxism-Leninism. Most recently, the Chinese revisionist trend has come out into the open and the ugly features of Mao Zedong Thought have been seen for what they are. All this gives special urgency to a task which is always of paramount importance, namely to the study and defense of Leninism. For this purpose, on this year of the 110th anniversary of the birth of Comrade Lenin, *The Workers' Advocate* will carry a series of articles on and collection of quotations from the immortal works of Comrade Lenin and of his loyal disciple and the continuer of his work, Comrade Stalin. □

## Message of Greetings on the Founding of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA from "People's Voice" of India

IN DEFENCE OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM  
**PEOPLE'S VOICE**

People's Voice  
New Delhi  
February 8, 1980

The Central Committee  
The Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA  
Dear comrades,

*People's Voice* heartily hails the founding of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA. *People's Voice* considers the founding of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA as a victory for the international proletariat because the Marxist-Leninists in the USA have succeeded in reconstituting the party of the proletariat in the USA which is the decisive condition for smashing the fascist, warmongering and bloodthirsty U.S. imperialist bourgeoisie which is a mortal enemy of the entire mankind.

The Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA is the fruit of years of arduous struggles by the Marxist-Leninists in the USA whose immediate roots are in the revolutionary mass movements of the 1960's and 1970's. With unshakable faith in the victory of the cause of the international proletariat and loyalty to Marxism-Leninism, you comrades unflinchingly defended the revolution and socialism through the years of intense ideological confusion-mongering and splittist activities of the Chinese revisionists and succeeded in reconstituting the party of the proletariat in the USA on the granite foundations of Marxism-Leninism. The great tenacity with which you comrades have fought against Browderite, Khrushchovite, Maoist and other brands of revisionism and succeeded in reconstituting the Party is a great source of inspiration for the Marxist-Leninists in India who are engaged in reconstituting the

### Caribbean Progressive Study Group and the "West Indian Voice" Declare:

## "SUPPORT THE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY!"

The Caribbean Progressive Study Group and *The West Indian Voice* warmly salute the *Founding Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA* held on January 1, 1980. We salute the courageous Marxist-Leninists who have successfully reestablished the political party of the American proletariat. We wholeheartedly rejoice with the proletariat in the tremendous victory of the Founding Congress of its party, the MLP, USA.

We salute the manner of seriousness, forthrightness, the indomitable spirit of bravery and of unyielding faith in the triumphant principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism with which the Founding Congress set upon its historic work. The "Communique of the Founding Congress of the MLP, USA" is a document which we will always remember with great pride in times to come, and we call on all the progressive forces in our community to seriously study this historic document whose forthright, clear and principled revolutionary stand shows the type of mettle of which the MLP, USA is made. *A Rousing Red Salute to the MLP, USA!*

The very event of the Founding Congress is profound and an historic success. The road to the reconstitution of the political party of the American proletariat has been marred by decades of obstacles and roadblocks thrown up in its path by the imperialist rulers and the revisionist and opportunist traitors in their service. These difficulties were braved and overcome by the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists (COUSML), the militant nucleus of the Party, whose work prepared the conditions for the Founding Congress of the MLP, USA. The founding of the MLP, USA is the fruit and the legacy of struggle and determination in the cause of the proletariat, the revolution and the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin upon which the Party is based.

The Marxist-Leninist Party is born. Today! There is such a party! A party

of the revolution and socialism, a party opposed to the parties of the rich, opposed to both the Republican and Democratic Parties of the billionaires, and opposed as well to the revisionist, opportunist and cultural nationalist groupings and sects which all serve the rich and carry the politics of the rich regardless of their fashionable disguises with which they all hide their true nature.

From the Democratic Party, which poses as the party of labor and the minorities, to all of its revisionist and opportunist sons and daughters — they all paint themselves in order to fool the people. They all declare that they are parties of the working class and broad masses in order to convince the laboring masses to line up behind these parties of the rich, and in this way block the proletariat from becoming organized and conscious of its mission, from carrying through its independent march and from responding to all the questions facing the society from its own standpoint, and in this way fulfilling its role as the liberator of the entire society from capitalist slavery and injustice and offer the broad masses a bright and happy future in the revolution and socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Today, with the founding of the MLP, USA, a new chapter is unfolding in the life and struggle of the proletariat and revolutionary masses. Now, entering the 1980's, which holds great prospects for the struggle of the American people, the working class has its own party, a revolutionary party capable of leading the proletariat and people in an independent, political movement for complete emancipation from the rule of capital.

The founding of the party is the first historic step for the constitution of the working class as a class for itself, distinct from and opposed to the rich and all the exploiting classes. The founding of the MLP, USA is of decisive importance to all the genuinely revolutionary currents in the United States. In the factories, mines and fields, in

the communities, among the youth and in the schools, the broadest masses are fighting courageously and searching for a way out of the intolerable hardships, starvation, criminal exploitation, violent repression and racist attacks which life means under the citadels of this "American democracy" of the rich moneybags.

Without the leadership of a party with firm revolutionary convictions and scientific foresight, and one which is capable of leading the masses in struggle — there can be no lasting success scored and the interest of the proletariat and people cannot triumph. Now there is such a party. Such a party is the MLP, USA.

This truth stands in our community as well. The West Indian community has definite lessons and experiences to go by. Today in our community a revolutionary current is vigorously organizing the people against the racist attacks of the government and its storm troopers, participating in all aspects of the working class movement in solid unity with our fellow workers, the ordinary Americans, as well as in genuine solidarity and support for the struggle of the people in the West Indies for total emancipation from imperialist domination and from the rule of the reactionary bourgeoisie. The Caribbean Progressive Study Group is organized, comprised of workers and militant youth who work without letup on these fronts. And it is this work which is scoring successes and winning the support and respect of all that is alive and honest and loyal to the proletariat in the community.

The growth and successes of the progressive forces in the West Indian community was possible because the banner of the proletariat, the politics of the MLP, USA, was carried into the community.

Even the lowest and most unashamed traitors to our community often re-buke us for this fine situation, for this is what they had feared most since they had decided to pledge their entire lives to worship the politics of the rich

and sell out the interest of the people.

These traitors have been running around for long years bringing disaster, confusion and demoralization to everything they manage to put their hands on. No sooner do the police gangsters shoot down someone, than do these traitors plead with the community to leave matters in the hands of the politicians and courts of the rich. No sooner is there an upsurge in the West Indies than do these traitors scream their enthusiasm and zeal, not for the working people, but for those who administer the affairs of imperialism in the West Indies.

Our experience shows that it is only when the banner and politics of the proletariat and its party is upheld and followed that the interest of the people can be served and real successes won in their interests. The leadership of the Marxist-Leninist Party is the guarantee that genuine solidarity will be built with the struggles for national liberation, not the "solidarity" of the traitors with the puppets and stooges who govern for imperialism in the West Indies.

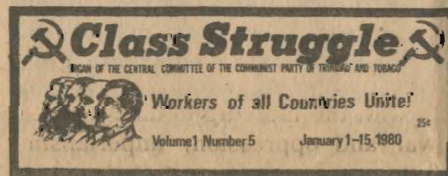
The West Indians in the United States are, by large, proletarians, members of the working class, who participate in every struggle of the working class and people against the monopoly capitalist dictators and their state power.

The founding of the MLP, USA, the victory of the Founding Congress of the party of the proletariat, is a victory for the proletariat as a whole. The rich and their vagabonds have their parties. Now there is a genuine party of the American proletariat. Down with the parties of the rich!

*Red salute to the Founding Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA!*

(Reprinted from *The West Indian Voice*, newspaper of the Caribbean Progressive Study Group, February-March 1980.) □

## Grenada: What Kind of Revolution Is This?



(The following are excerpts taken from *Class Struggle*, Organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Trinidad and Tobago, Vol. 1, No. 6, March 1-15, 1980.)

March 13, 1980 marks the first year since the overthrow of the fascist regime of Gairy in Grenada by the forces of the New Jewel Movement (NJM) led by Maurice Bishop.

At this time it is of utmost impor-

tance that a proper assessment be made of the achievements of this so-called "revolution" in Grenada led by the revisionists.

The Communist Party of Trinidad and Tobago sees it as its responsibility carrying out this task of exposing and fighting against the treachery of this revisionist regime in Grenada just as we also see our responsibility to oppose and combat the regimes which give their loyalties to the U.S. and other imperialists.

Today, in Grenada, a fierce battle is taking place between two reactionary trends. One trend, the leftist, is headed by the government in power, the New Jewel Movement, which calls itself the "Peoples' Revolutionary" Government." (One can expect that in due time the word "revolutionary" will be changed to "socialist" in an attempt to further deceive the people about the undemocratic sellout nature of this government which subordinates the interest of the people of Grenada to that of its social-imperialist masters.) This government has the fullest backing of leftist traitors of every kind throughout the Caribbean.

The other trend is led by those inside Grenada and throughout the region whose mothers' milk has come from the breasts of Washington and London and who to this day eat out of the crumbs dropping from the mouth

of the imperialist exploiters as they gorge themselves with the riches of the region, and who live off the few dollars falling out of the over full pockets of their masters. These forces include the staunch supporters of Gairy, the anti-communists of every description and the bourgeois nationalists who have sold their navel string to U.S. imperialism, such as Eric Williams, etc.

Between these two forces are squeezed the working class and people of Grenada and the genuinely patriotic and democratic forces who are fighting for genuine independence and social progress, without the imperialists and social-imperialists.

The large amount of money being given to Grenada by the imperialists is a good measure of the struggle of the two imperialist superpowers for this prize. U.S. imperialism wants to keep this landmark away from Soviet social-imperialist penetration and domination for very strategic reasons. While the Soviet Union is fighting for the setting up of another base of "leftist" reaction in its service in the Caribbean.

When one considers that Grenada has a population of just over 110,000 people and a workforce of about half of this total, one can see the extent of the plans of imperialism and social-imperialism to super-exploit the work-

ing class and people with this \$300 million. Every bone will be sucked dry by the imperialists to reap maximum profits for their dollars. The repayment will be through money (interest on loans plus capital repayment, etc.), through political loyalty or through both ways.

The question comes up: what kind of revolution is this that makes the imperialists and social-imperialists and reactionaries so happy that they have invested more than \$300 million in the space of less than twelve months? The answer is that the events in Grenada do not constitute a revolution, they constitute a change of government, a change of managers aimed at strengthening the interests of imperialism and social-imperialism and aimed at continuing the enslavement of the people of Grenada under the disguise of "revolution" and other nice sounding phrases.

The imperialists are not scared because this so-called revolution has not touched their vital interest, as any genuine revolution would do.

Where are the moves of the Grenadian government to hit at imperialism, social-imperialism and reaction or to safeguard the victories achieved with the removal of Gairy? There are none of significance. The regime has not

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though of Mao Zedong.

It is the proletariat and the proletariat alone which is capable of leading the toiling and oppressed masses of India to emancipation, and it is only the Marxist-Leninist vanguard party of the proletariat which can guide the class in fulfilling this historic mission. Today, in the inspired and resolute defense of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, in the Marxist-Leninist clarification of the decisive questions facing the Indian revolutionaries or a domestic and international scale, *People's Voice* is laying the granite foundations for that party. This inspires us and gives us confidence in the certain birth of the party and historic advance of the Indian revolution.

Shoulder to shoulder with the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists in India, the Marxist-Leninists in the United States fight in the common cause, the cause of the international proletariat, of socialism and communism.

Long live the militant unity between the Marxist-Leninists of India and the United States!

With warmest revolutionary greetings,

Founding Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA

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## Message of Greetings to "People's Voice" of India from the Founding Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the USA

Dear fraternal comrades,  
Today, at the birth of the Marxist-Leninist Party, USA, the delegates to the Founding Congress in the name of the Party send to you our warmest revolutionary greetings.

This Founding Congress is the fruit of lengthy and arduous struggle against monopoly capital and growing

fascism, against revisionism and opportunism. The determined struggle which was launched against Browderism and Khrushchovite revisionism broadened and directed its salvos against Chinese revisionism and social-chauvinism as well, which had revealed themselves as enemies of the revolution and wreckers of the historic

struggle against modern revisionism.

For decades since the betrayal of modern revisionism, the burning question before the working class was the reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist party, the party of the proletariat. The legacy of revisionism is such that there is no direct continuity with the party of the proletariat of the



