

LBJ ATTACKS—WITH A RIGHT AND 'LEFT'

PLP STATEMENT ON PEACE MOVEMENT

The Johnson gang is running scared. Millions of our citizens oppose the war of genocide in Vietnam. Hundreds of thousands are acting to stop it. This is only the beginning!

U.S. citizens in ever-increasing numbers are coming to see that this war of extermination is similar to Hitler's wars of extermination. Millions also recognize that the consequences of the war will not only result in the death of thousands of Vietnamese, but thousands of young Americans, as well.

Many are rapidly concluding that the war is not in their interests, but benefits only a small number of industrialists, their generals, and their state apparatus. Because of this the Johnson gang has stepped up the attack against militant peace forces. The attack is developing outside and within the peace movement.

PEACE MOVEMENT GROWS

Lately the peace fighters have been recast by the Washington image-makers from "kooks" to "traitors." The growing anti-imperialist trend in the peace movement (as opposed to the desired "loyal opposition," has sent a shiver down the spines of those who have a stake in the war. Additionally, those who support the rights of others to determine their own destiny—such as the Vietnamese people—begin to be "infected" by similar ideas. Thus, the growing radical-pro-socialist trend within the peace movement has given the administration still more fits.

Another serious worry is that the base of the peace movement is expanding among students and intellectuals, despite the attacks, and conditions are being created for uniting this movement with the black people fighting for freedom at home. Recently, increasing numbers of organized workers are rejecting the "national interest" pap of the Administration, and are resorting to militant strikes. Consequently, another front is opening up and other possibilities will mature for unity between all three sections of the population.

Heroic young people are taking the bull by the horns. They are organizing against the draft. Some few have resorted to individual acts of defiance, like burning or tearing up draft cards, or by simply not turning up for induction. Others are organizing a broadly based anti-draft movement based on the concept of "Get Out of Vietnam Now!"

Some plan to organize "anti-draft unions on college and high school campuses, including demonstrations in front of draft boards, actions in support of those who refuse to be inducted, and opposition to college administrations who cooperate with the selective service system." (May Second Movement—M-2-M—statement, Oct., 26.)

The Attorney General's office has launched an "investigation" of this anti-draft activity. They have already singled out the militant Students For Democratic Society (SDS), the M-2-M, and others. However, they are really aiming at all anti-war activity and are trying to stop its expansion and then crush it.

Recent articles in the Sunday News, Journal-American, and other mouthpieces of the ruling class have singled out the PLP for "honorable mention." Let us just say that these attacks will inspire still greater efforts on our part to help defeat the Johnson gang.

'SUPER' WEAPON

We have no illusions. We know the state apparatus (the government) will resort to additional attacks against us and other radicals. One of the principal ideas behind the wave of anti-communist hysteria launched against the PLP is to drag the old red-herring into the peace movement. The ruling class recognizes that key sections of the new radical peace forces have rejected anti-communism as the "opiate of the people." This is a serious set-back for those in power. Anti-communism has always been one of their most effective weapons for isolating, dividing, and defeating radicals in this country. They are not about to give up on this method.

To buttress their attacks from outside the peace movement, the government is turning to ever greater efforts through their agents within. The danger is twofold—from the "left" and the right.

On the one hand the traditional reformist leaders (whose stock-in-trade was, and is, red-baiting) are seeking to im-

pose anti-communism and false slogans onto the backs of the peace forces. The leaders of these forces are Norman Thomas, Michael Harrington, Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Norman Cousins, David McReynolds and numerous others of this type. They would like to convert the movement into the "loyal opposition." They use several approaches to do their dirty work.

In the first place they try to exclude communists from the movement, thus dividing and diverting the movement from the only danger—U.S. imperialism.

Secondly, they raise the baloney of a "plague on both your houses," that the U.S. and the South Vietnam National Liberation Front (NLF) and other revolutionary forces "share equal blame" for the war. Consequently, they imply that the President isn't so bad and would like a negotiated settlement. This raises a bogus cry for "negotiation" when "get out" is the sole issue. In other words, behind the cloak of "objectivity" and "impartiality" they apologize for the system.

Finally, with these tactics they try to take over the leadership of the movement by raising the false notion that following their line will broaden out the peace movement. Thus, quantity is posed against quality.

OUTSIDE 'PEACE' AGENTS

Two blatant examples of this have developed. The Sane Nuclear Policy Committee (SANE) has proposed a march in Washington on Nov. 27. It has already done two things to turn this effort into a parade of the "loyal opposition." It is red-baiting, and it is raising the phony line of "negotiations." This flies in the face of real experiences of the recent past. Demonstrations have continued to grow where there has been an absence of red-baiting, and where the issues have been clearly drawn, thus enabling people to determine what was what.

Secondly, Norman Thomas and Co. have set up a new campus peace organization. This transparent maneuver is called "Americans For Reappraisal of Far Eastern Policy." These advocates of "democracy," who glibly hurl around slick terms like "Stalinist" and "Stalinoid" expose themselves as the real bureaucrats and outside agents of the ruling class. They seek to impose their rule over the peace movement by hook or crook.

Paradoxically, Communist Party leaders play right into their hands with their own phony apologies for Johnson as "the lesser evil fighting the ultra-right," and endorse the same incorrect "coalition" tactics within the Democratic Party as the previously mentioned Charlatans.

A newer but lesser attempt to confuse and disarm the peace movement comes from a noisier, but franker wing of the Trotskyite movement. A recent piece, widely distributed by the Spartacists, raises a series of propositions which are essentially the same as the right-wing's. The piece is called "Imperialists and Stalinists in Vietnam."

The very title immediately raises the notion that there is an equal danger to the people of Vietnam from the U.S., and the NLF and the Ho Chi Minh-led government in the north. At a time when the Vietnamese people have united as never before in the face of U.S. terror these "revolutionaries" say "Ho Chi Minh, 'liberator' of his country, and the Vietnamese leadership are part of the Stalinist world. Their record is far from admirable... Twice Ho Chi Minh turned over power in Vietnam to the imperialists..."

TROTSKYITE 'MILITANTS'

Referring to the 1954 Geneva Agreements as "sell-outs," they say the Chinese "Maoists who pretend to very revolutionary Leninism" signed this "sell-out." (The Chinese Communist Party "pretended" so cleverly that after thirty years of fierce fighting the workers and peasants hold political power in China. Compare this effort to those of the "really revolutionary" Trotskyites.)

Earlier in the piece these "militants" throw cold water on the efforts of the NLF by attacking the idea that the revolution is "invincible." Without taking into account historical lessons and political questions, they conclude that the



BERKELEY ANTI-WAR MARCHERS SIT DOWN IN STREET

HARYOU'S 5% INFORMER

By Bill McAdoo

Livingston Wingate, Haryou's \$500-a-week director, has helped set the stage for a police campaign of terror against the black youth of Harlem. Even Dr. Kenneth Clark, founder and former director of Haryou, has accused Wingate of "black McCarthyism."

Haryou's director has sat down with New York's racist press and cops, who are licking their chops over the new "black scare" hoax which they have created. Every racist newspaper in N.Y. has echoed Wingate's stories about secret black "hate groups." And for disbelievers, Wingate says, "Perhaps I'll be called an alarmist, so if you want confirmation, you can call some key police officials."

During an appearance on Ed Joyce's "Talk of New York" show on WCBS, Wingate said it was his "civic duty" to sound the alarm. He further stated he would not "inform" on any rebellious Harlem youth and "unleash the police state on them." If he did, he explained, he would deserve to be "the object of their reprisals."



Broderick: Real Boss

But, at the recent National Urban League conference, this hypocrite stated, "I come to you with deep touch of fright in me." He continued by stating that he had just been meeting with high-level police about an "ominous movement" of youths prepared to die. Did Wingate meet with the police to drink tea and pass the time of day? No indeed! What Wingate knows, the racist cops also know.

And what about Wingate's daily "black scare" statements to the newspapers? He has indeed unleashed the

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revolution is hopeless. They say "The cold fact is that the U.S. has the military power to smash the revolution in Vietnam, and to do this would not mean, in reality, the liquidation of the Vietnamese people... The dangers of the Vietnam revolution are overwhelming. Externally there is U.S. aggression and internally there is the treacherous Stalinist leadership."

The Vietnamese people cannot and will not distinguish themselves from the NLF. They clearly see the attempts of U.S. killers to destroy the entire population. And they will fight to the end despite these arrogant Trotskyite advisors who try to create the illusion that the U.S. will distinguish between the people and the people's army. The entire population is at war with imperialism.

REVISIONISTS NOT FAR BEHIND

And how reminiscent of the Khrushchev baloney that weapons determine everything, instead of the valid Marxist-Leninist concept that people determine the course of revolution. If we followed the Spartacists' "logic" the Cubans would still be living under Batista, the Chinese under Chiang, the Algerians under French landlords, and of course all other revolutionaries would stop efforts in the face of "overwhelming" U.S. force. While the Trotskyites denounce the Vietnamese leaders, the NLF grows stronger and ever-growing sections of the population enter the battle.

One last bit of sophistry: these Trotskyites, in a final display of supreme arrogance only outdone by their stupidity, tell oppressed people to wait... "if there were successful revolutions in imperialist countries, the Stalinist bureaucracies would soon be replaced. Thus a socialist revolution in the U.S. would liberate not only the U.S. but also end the role of both imperialists and Stalinists in Vietnam."

This "frankness" has a virtue in being an accurate reflection of what all wings of the Trotskyite movement believe. In its "openness" it reflects only a difference

in tactics. And even some of these tactics are similar.

The various Trotskyite groups in the U.S. have long wept over the so-called "Stalinist betrayals" which have "split" the workers' movements, such as the one they claim allowed Hitler to seize power in Germany. Yet in their current activities in New York City, for example, we have seen how one of their splinters (the Spartacists) denounced, and withdrew from, the committee that organized the massive parade down Fifth Avenue of more than 20,000 New Yorkers. (It might be added that this committee didn't practice a policy of exclusion and was sponsored by many individuals representing scores of organizations.)

The same splinter group also wrecked the Garment Center Committee to End the War in Vietnam, and another one (The Young Socialist Alliance) did a similar job on the Washington Heights Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Under the guise of revolutionary slogans, they succeeded in driving every single person not a member of their own organizations out of these peace groups—and many of them out of any activity altogether.

This is the logical consequence of pursuing a policy hostile to revolutionary movements.

Both the right and "left" dangers in the peace movement tend to accomplish the same goal. Confuse the issues. Get U.S. imperialism off the hook. Undermine the morale of peace fighters. Slander the heroic revolutionary efforts of workers and peasants in oppressed countries. And raise yet another form of U.S. arrogance—the patronizing belief that "After all is said and done only we Americans know what's good for you dunces."

U.S. peace fighters are, in practice, rejecting both these false trends, much to the discomfort of U.S. rulers. The liberation army that "swims in the sea of the people" as one mighty wave is what makes revolutions invincible.