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The proletariat is the greatest class in the history of mankind. It is the most powerful revolutionary class ideologically, politically and in strength. It can and must unite the overwhelming majority of people around itself so as to isolate the handful of enemies to the maximum and attack them.

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## REVOLUTIONARY MASSES DENOUNCE FASCIST AGNEW!

The American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) and its supporters took another concrete step toward implementing Chairman Mao's brilliant revolutionary political call "PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, UNITE AND DEFEAT THE U.S. AGGRESSORS AND ALL THEIR RUNNING DOGS!", by militantly denouncing fascist-mouthpiece Spiro Agnew when he came to Cleveland, Ohio, June 20. Relying on the genuine anti-fascist sentiment among the masses of people, and placing Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line firmly in command, the revolutionary people have once again demonstrated the truth of Chairman Mao's brilliant analysis that "U.S. IMPERIALISM, WHICH LOOKS LIKE A HUGE MONSTER, IS IN ESSENCE A PAPER TIGER, NOW IN THE THROES OF ITS DEATH-BED STRUGGLE."

In the weeks before June 20, the U.S. imperialists and their fascist agents tried numerous tricks in a wild attempt to frighten the revolutionary forces and prevent the demonstration. When fascists attempted to prevent the selling of revolutionary literature on one street corner, a member of the Revolutionary Students Mao Tse Tung Thought Propaganda Team militantly denounced them and gained the support of the masses to send them scurrying away in fear. While selling on another street corner, three revolutionary cadre held off twenty fascist goons who attempted to beat them up and prevent them from exercising their democratic right to organize politically. "The people of the world are soon going to hang you!" our comrade shouted, and large numbers of people who witnessed our comrades' staunch attitude came forward to offer support and promised to come to the demonstration.

Attacks such as these only heightened the militancy of the revolutionary movement, and propaganda for the demonstration was continually intensified. Finally, the bourgeois press howled that "The communists are putting up their propaganda all over the city," and warned that "elaborate security measures are being taken for Agnew's visit" including "police with rifles on every rooftop." Secur-



FEARING NEITHER HARDSHIP NOR DEATH, REVOLUTIONARY FIGHTERS DENOUNCE LACKEY POLICE RIGHT TO THEIR FACES!

ity was so tight, in fact, that Agnew arrived in Cleveland at an unannounced time and was whisked to the hotel where he would speak with no public appearance. At an after-dinner reception, even some big-wigs of the fascist Republican party like Senator Saxbe and the Cuyahoga County Republican party chairman were kept out by frightened federal agents. This shows that the people of the world, including the American people, are not afraid of U.S. imperialism, but that the U.S. imperialists are deathly afraid of the world's people. In fact, the fascist scare tactics before the demonstration had exactly the opposite of their intended effect as large numbers of ordinary people came forward to make red flags and signs, contribute money and take leaflets, posters and newspapers to distribute and sell in preparation for the demonstration.

The demonstration itself was a complete success, as this counter-revolutionary intimidation was met with revolutionary militancy in the spirit of "FEARING NEITHER HARDSHIP NOR DEATH." Numerous red flags waved proudly in the breeze; large numbers of portraits of Chairman Mao Tse Tung were carried along with slogans like "Down with Fascists Nixon-Agnew!", "Denounce Agnew, Mouthpiece of Fascism!", "No Peace with Fascism!", "Death to Revisionism and Trotskyism!", and "Long Live Chairman Mao!"; and the demonstration was led by the proud banner of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist).

While chanting revolutionary slogans and singing songs, the demonstration moved from one side of the square to the other, engaged in mass democracies against the "peace" hacks who were there, and in a surprise move marched across the street to confront the lackey police on horseback who were stationed there. After shouting "Death to Fascism!" and waving Red Books right in the faces of the lackey police, the demonstration stopped and held a revolutionary mass meeting. A leading spokesman for the ACM (M-L) denounced Agnew as the chief spokesman for U.S. fascism, and announced the intention of the Communist Movement and the working and oppressed people of America to overthrow U.S. imperialism and its lackey fascist Nixon-Agnew government. He said, "The fascists are laughing outside but trembling inside, because we have this LITTLE RED BOOK of the teachings of Chairman Mao, and they know they will be hanged in the near future." Returning across the street the communists held mass democratic discussion exposing the hoax of Trotskyist pacifism and calling for militant struggle.

In spite of the ravings in recent weeks from Agnew and certain close friends of his among the labor hacks, no fascists, civilian or in uniform, could be found who would dare to come to Public Square and attack the genuine anti-fascist and communist forces. This was due in the main to the fact that the revolutionary cadre have always dared to confront these scum and wage tit-for-tat struggle. Besides the incidents mentioned above and many others which have occurred in the course of doing mass work, the fascists were delivered



COMMUNISTS AND ANTI-FASCIST FIGHTERS VIGOROUSLY DENOUNCE ARCH-FASCISTS NIXON AND AGNEW!

a severe blow when the communists and their supporters resolutely beat off an attempt to attack the American Student Movement conference held in Cleveland in March of 1970. This demonstrates that the incidents that the Nixon-Agnew government has tried to cook up, like the so-called "hard hat" incident in New York City, can only be defeated by meeting counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence and by organizing to overthrow the fascist government. It is the development of the genuine revolutionary movement, under the command of Mao Tse Tung Thought, which is most frightening to the fascists, since they know that it represents the true aspirations of the American working class and people to sweep away imperialist exploitation and fascist repression forever. This revolutionary anti-fascist demonstration proves conclusively that all fascists are basically cowards because they oppose the genuine aspirations of the masses of people, while thoroughgoing materialists are fearless because they always act in accordance with those aspirations.

True to their nature, the fascists didn't rely solely on intimidation to attack the revolutionary forces. The fascists always have another card up their sleeve in waging counter-revolutionary war and this took the concrete form of the Holy Alliance of Trotskyites, pacifists, revisionists and labor hacks who supplement fascist intimidation by going all out to create passivity and confusion in the ranks of the people and prevent the development of revolutionary politics. These opportunists know that they are being repudiated by the masses of people and that revolution means death for them along with their imperialist masters. Therefore, they organized a "peace" conference for Cleveland in a desperate attempt to bolster their sagging organizations. Even their conference call on a "broad basis" (the lowest common opportunist denominator) only attracted about 1,000 people from all over the U.S., many of whom were long-time pro-imperialists like Syd Simpleton, Fred Halstead, and Sidely Pecker. (continued pg. 4)

# QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO ON WAR AND PEACE

War is the highest form of struggle for resolving contradictions, when they have developed to a certain stage, between classes, nations, states, or political groups, and it has existed ever since the emergence of private property and of classes.

"Problems of Strategy in China's Revolutionary War" (December 1938), Selected Works, Vol. I, p. 180.

"War is the continuation of politics." In this sense war is politics and war itself is a political action; since ancient times there has never been a war that did not have a political character.

But war has its own particular characteristics and in this sense it cannot be equated with politics in general. "War is the continuation of politics by other means." When politics develops to a certain stage beyond which it cannot proceed by the usual means, war breaks out to sweep the obstacles from the way. When the obstacle is removed and our political aim attained, the war will stop. But if the obstacle is not completely swept away, the war will have to continue till the aim is fully accomplished. It can therefore be said that politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.

"On Protracted War" (May 1938), Selected Works, Vol. II, pp. 152-53.

History shows that wars are divided into two kinds, just and unjust. All wars that are progressive are just, and all wars that impede progress are unjust. We Communists oppose all unjust wars that impede progress, but we do not oppose progressive, just wars. Not only do we actively participate in them. As for unjust wars, World War I is an instance in which both sides fought for imperialist interests; therefore the Communists of the whole world firmly opposed that war. The way to oppose a war of this kind is to do everything possible to prevent it before it breaks out, and once it breaks out, to oppose war with war, to oppose unjust war with just war, whenever possible.

Ibid., p. 150.

Revolutions and revolutionary wars are inevitable in class society and without them, it is impossible to accomplish any leap in social development and to overthrow the reactionary ruling classes and therefore impossible for the people to win political power.

"On Contradiction" (August 1937), Selected Works, Vol. I, p. 344.

Revolutionary war is an antitoxin which not only eliminates the enemy's poison but also purges us of our own filth. Every just, revolutionary war is endowed with tremendous power and can transform many things or clear the way for their transformation. The Sino-Japanese war will transform both China and Japan; provided China perseveres in the War of Resistance and in the united front, the old Japan will surely be transformed into a new Japan and the old China into a new China, and people and everything else in both China and Japan will be transformed during and after the war.

"On Protracted War" (May 1938), Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 151.

Every Communist must grasp the truth, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

"Problems of War and Strategy" (November 6, 1938), Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 24.

The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds good universally, for China and for all other countries.

Ibid., p. 219.

Without armed struggle neither the proletariat, nor the people, nor the Communist Party would have any standing at all in China and it would be impossible for the revolution to triumph. In these years (the eighteen years since the founding of the Party) the development, consolidation and bolshevization of our Party have proceeded in the midst of revolutionary wars; without armed struggle the Communist Party would assuredly not be what it is today. Comrades throughout the Party must never forget this experience for which we have paid in blood.

"Introducing The Communist" (October 4, 1929), Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 264.

According to the Marxist theory of the state, the army is the chief component of state power. Whoever wants to seize and retain state power must have a strong army. Some people ridicule us as advocates of the "omnipotence of war". Yes, we are advocates of the omnipotence of revolutionary war; that is good, not bad, it is Marxist. The guns of the Russian Communist Party created socialism. We shall create a democratic republic. Experience in the class struggle in the era of imperialism teaches us that the working class and the labouring masses can defeat the armed bourgeoisie and landlords; in this sense we may say that only with guns can the whole world be transformed.

"Problems of War and Strategy" (November 6, 1938), Selected Works, Vol. II, p. 225.

We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.

Ibid.

War, this monster of mutual slaughter among men, will be finally eliminated by the progress of human society, and in the not too distant future too. But there is only one way to eliminate it and that is to oppose war with war, to oppose counter-revolutionary war with revolutionary war, to oppose national counter-revolutionary war with national revolutionary war, and to oppose counter-revolutionary class war with revolutionary class war. When human society advances to the point where class and state are eliminated, there will be no more wars, counter-revolutionary or revolutionary, unjust or just; that will be the era of perpetual peace for mankind. Our study of the laws of revolutionary war springs from the desire to eliminate all wars; herein lies the distinction be-

tween us Communists and all the exploiting classes.

"Problems of Strategy in China's Revolutionary War" (December 1938), Selected Works, Vol. I, pp. 182-83.

Our country and all the other socialist countries want peace; so do the peoples of all the countries of the world. The only peace we crave war and do not want peace are certain monopoly capitalist groups in a handful of imperialist countries which depend on aggression for their profits.

"Opening Address at the Eighth National Congress of the Communist Party of China" (September 15, 1956).

To achieve a lasting world peace, we must further develop our friendship and co-operation with the fraternal countries in the socialist camp and strengthen our solidarity with all peace-loving countries. We must endeavour to establish normal diplomatic relations, on the basis of mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty and of equality and mutual benefit, with all countries willing to live together with us in peace. We must give active support to the national independence and liberation movement in countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as to the peace movement and to just struggles in all the countries of the world.

Ibid.

As for the imperialist countries, we should unite with their peoples and strive to co-exist peacefully with those countries, do business with them and prevent any possible war, but under no circumstances should we harbour any unrealistic notions about them.

"On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People" (February 27, 1957), 1st pocket ed., p. 75.

We desire peace. However, if imperialism insists on fighting a war, we will have no alternative but to take the firm resolution to fight to the finish before going ahead with our construction. If you are afraid of war day in day out, what will you do if war eventually prevailing over the West Wind and war will not break out, and now I have added these explanations about the situation in case war should break out. Both possibilities have thus been taken into account.

Speech at the Moscow Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties (November 18, 1957), quoted in "Statement by the Spokesman of the Chinese Government" (September 1, 1963).

People all over the world are now discussing whether or not a third world war will break out. On this question, too, we must be mentally prepared and do some analysis. We stand firmly for peace and against war. But if the imperialists insist on unleashing another war, we should not be afraid of it. Our attitude towards any disturbance: first, we are against it; second, we are not afraid of it. The First World War was followed by the

birth of the Soviet Union with a population of 200 million. The Second World War was followed by the emergence of the socialist camp with a combined population of 900 million. If the imperialists insist on launching a third world war, it is certain that several hundred more will turn to socialism, and then there will not be much room left on earth for the imperialists; it is also likely that the whole structure of imperialism will utterly collapse.

"On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People" (February 27, 1957), 1st pocket ed., pp. 67-68.

Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again... till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause and they will never go against this logic. This is a Marxist law. When we say "imperialism is ferocious", we mean that its nature will never change, that the imperialists will never lay down their butcher knives, that they will never become Buddhas, till their doom.

Fight, fail, fight again, fail again, fight again... till their victory; that is the logic of the people, and they too will never go against this logic. This is another Marxist law. The Russian people's revolution followed this law, and so has the Chinese people's revolution.

"Cast Away Illusions, Prepare for Struggle" (August 14, 1949), Selected Works, Vol. IV, p. 428.

Just because we have won victory, we must never relax our vigilance against the frenzied plots for revenge by imperialists and their running dogs. Whoever relaxes vigilance will disarm himself politically and land himself in a passive position.

"Address to the Preparatory Committee of the New Political Consultative Conference" (June 15, 1949), Selected Works, Vol. IV, p. 407.

The imperialists and their running dogs, the Chinese reactionaries, will not resign themselves to defeat in this land of China. They will continue to gang up against the Chinese people in every possible way. For example, they will smuggle their agents into China to sow dissension and make trouble. That is certain; they will never neglect these activities. To take another example, the imperialists will incite the Chinese reactionaries, and even throw in their own forces, to blockade China's ports. They will do this as long as it is possible. Furthermore, if they still hanker after adventures, they will send some of their troops to invade and harass China's frontiers; this, too, is not impossible. All this we must take fully into account.

Ibid.

The world is progressing, the future is bright and no one can change this general trend of history. We should carry on constant propaganda among the people on the facts of world progress and the bright future ahead so that they will build their confidence in victory.

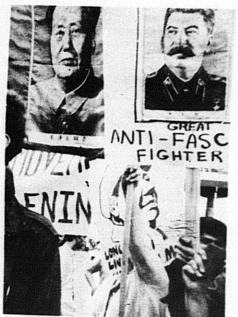
"On the Changing Negotiations" (October 17, 1951), Selected Works, Vol. IV, p. 59.

The commanders and fighters of the entire Chinese People's Liberation Army absolutely must not relax in the least their will to fight; any thinking that relaxes the will to fight and belittles the enemy is wrong.

"Report to the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Communist Party of China" (March 5, 1949), Selected Works, Vol. IV, p. 361.



REVOLUTIONARY ANTI-FASCIST MARCH DEMONSTRATES AGAINST VEILAND, JUNE 20.



DEMONSTRATORS CHANT "LENIN! STALIN! MAO TSEUNG!"



REVOLUTIONARIES DEFTLY LAZZER MOUNTED POLICE.

# TROTSKYITE - FASCIST HOLY ALLIANCE EXPOSED



REVOLUTIONARIES EXPOSE MISLEADERS IN MASS DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE!

This anti-people conference, and the "peace" parade organized out of it, served up the usual fare of "radical" rhetoric with opportunist practice. It continued the opportunist policy of a "United Front to Reform Imperialism" to prevent the development of a revolutionary "United Front to Defeat Imperialism" as called for by Chairman Mao in his solemn statement of May 20. The "peace" march was called on the basis of "no opposition to war and marshalls were organized to control any confused anti-imperialist people who might show up. Fred Halstead, notorious Trotskyite leader, announced at a marshalls' meeting that they "would not stand for" anyone who engaged in "confrontation tactics", i.e. anyone who attempted to defend himself from fascist goons or launched a militant attack on imperialism. Another Trotskyite, Syd Simpleton, announced that the leaders of the demonstration would meet with police chief Coffey to discuss their plans, and that the purpose of the marshalls was to act as a "buffer" between the police and demonstrators, thus fulfilling the Trotskyite role of protecting the lackey police from the justly angered masses. For this purpose, Student Mobilization Committee leaders announced, a large number of "professional marshalls" (labor goons) from the Meatcutters Union and the SCLC would be on hand.

Even these preparations, however, could not preserve the counter-revolutionary unity cooked up by the Trotskyites. During their demonstrations there were "two lines" on how to best mislead the people. While the Trotskyites and their friends called for "peace" in the face of arch-fascist Agnew, the neo-Trotskyite PL-SDS pulled about a hundred people out of the main march to demonstrate against imperialist lackey Mayor Stokes at city hall, thus attempting to draw attention away from the main target, Agnew. Both of these tactics, while superficially different, are in essence the same. The one calls for "peace" with fascists like Agnew; the other calls for attacking "liberals" under the guise that "fascism is not the main danger". Thus, both of these lines have the same effect of protecting the main fascists from the angry masses and of promoting reformist politics when only revolution will do.

These counter-revolutionary tactics were countered resolutely by the revolutionary movement. Several cadre went to the conference with leaflets denouncing the pro-imperialist "peace" line and engaged in mass democracy with the misleaders; many rank-and-filers in the "peace" demonstration showed their support for the communist line by cheering and joining in on the chants, such as "Down with Fascist Agnew!" and "What're We Going to Do with Nixon-Agnew? -- Overthrow Them!" The militant attitude of the revolutionary cadre frustrated attempts by the "peace" marshalls to cut off mass democracies, and later on it was learned that the "peace" marshalls had even resorted to forcibly holding back people who attempted to join the communist-led demonstration. This shows that the only "peace" these goons are interested in is with the fascists, and that when faced with the communists and genuinely revolutionary masses they are only too willing to use counter-revolutionary violence to achieve their aims. While colluding with the lackey police for their demonstration, they held interviews with the imperialist press saying that the American Communist Workers Movement (M-L) is "trying to achieve peace through violent means". This crude attempt to scare the broad masses of people and spread anti-communism is backfiring, however, as the people have learned from experience that there can be no peace with fascism and that the only correct

way of ending wars is by wiping out the imperialists who cause them. In addition, the masses of people are learning from experiences with pro-imperialist "peace" demonstrations that the Trotskyites, pacifists, revisionists and labor hacks - the whole Holy Alliance - are only the junior partners and close collaborators of U.S. imperialism and its fascist government. The intense ideological struggles waged by the revolutionary forces against these scum are absolutely necessary in the course of building the movement to overthrow U.S. imperialism.

By boldly attacking Fascist Agnew, the lackey police and their Trotskyite-revisionist-pacifist-labor hack henchmen, the American Communist Workers Movement (M-L) and its supporters have won a bright red victory in the road to building the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party and making proletarian revolution. U.S. imperialism depends upon pro-imperialist politics, fear of hardship and death, and passive attitudes in consolidating its rule. The genuine anti-fascist demonstration, therefore, was of necessity organized under the spirit of "FEARING NEITHER HARDSHIP NOR DEATH" and "HE WHO DOES NOT FEAR DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS DARES TO UNHORSE THE EMPEROR!" This basic attitude only comes from putting Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary political line in command of everything and from having faith in the deep urge of the masses of people to defeat fascism and overthrow U.S. imperialism. Demonstrations like this are solid evidence that, as Chairman Mao says, "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY WILL ULTIMATELY WIN VICTORY AND THE FASCIST RULE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL INEVITABLY BE DEFEATED.!"

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DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM!!  
DEATH TO FASCISM!!  
DEATH TO TROTSKYISM, REVISIONISM, PACIFISM AND LABOR HACKS!!  
VICTORY TO THE WORKING AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF AMERICA!!  
LONG LIVE CHAIRMAN MAO! A LONG, LONG LIFE TO HIM!!

# NEW YORK 'HARD HAT' HOAX REVEALED

Recently in New York a group of helmeted men posing as construction workers attacked and beat a peace demonstration and a few days later held a mass demonstration in support of Nixon's policies. These incidents were said by the bourgeois press to represent the feelings of the working class. They were widely publicized and press reports claimed that the demonstrators numbered over 100,000.

Shortly after the reactionary demonstration, a section of the New York unions held another demonstration--against Nixon's imperialist war abroad and fascist slaughter at home. This demonstration got no publicity at all outside of New York, where the press gave it number as 20,000.

Our comrades in New York have talked to numerous eyewitnesses of each demonstration. They found that the imperialist press had reported the sizes of the two demonstrations completely the reverse of what they actually were--the anti-war demonstration was much larger, 100,000 or more, while the pro-war demonstration was only 15,000 to 20,000. Further, it was revealed in the bourgeois press itself that intimidation by union hacks and inducements of a day's pay from the contractors were used to mobilize the pro-war demonstration. Thus the pro-war action included many people who were forced to demonstrate and some who wouldn't have come if they weren't paid.

Still further investigation revealed that the initial attack on the anti-war marchers by the "hard hats" bore a close resemblance to an attack on anti-war marchers in the same area in 1968, that time by supposed "longshoremens". These "longshoremens" turned out to be New York police in plain clothes. Evidence, including the fact that this year's "hard hats" wore tennis shoes instead of work boots, used the wedge formation made famous by the New York Tactical Police Squad to attack demonstrators, and were directed by men in business suits carrying walkie-talkies, suggests that these first "hard hats" were also police, along with businessmen and union hacks who support the imperialist war out of their own class interest. Since this first "hard hat" demonstration,

all the corrupt labor fakers leading the most sold-out capitalist unions--Patrick Brennan and other building trade and longshore union hacks from New York--have collaborated with the Nixon-Agnew clique to try to organize further reactionary demonstrations throughout the country.

The political meaning of these events is twofold. First, they reflect the fear the imperialists have of the increasing unity of the progressive forces rising against them, especially since Nixon's blatant invasion of Cambodia and the fascist slaughters at home. In that course of events, fascist state power stood naked and exposed, and the workers', Black people's and student movements all converged mightily against it. Second, because of this fear, the ruling circles find it necessary to try and build a fascist mass movement, to support them and end their extreme isolation. This is the purpose of the "hard hats" demonstrations. Such a fascist movement would have as its main aim the intimidation and elimination of revolutionary, progressive and democratic people, and the further consolidation of open fascist dictatorship in the United States.

However, these attempts are doomed to ultimate failure. The aims of the monopoly-capitalist-controlled government are fundamentally opposed to the deep interests of the overwhelming majority of the people, including the actual construction workers, who are experiencing widespread unemployment due to Nixon's war-sponsored inflation and his curtailing of federal construction, and the actual longshoremens, who are facing the same inflation plus the increasing attempts of industry to eliminate jobs through containerization and automation. Therefore, despite the fact that these union hacks can control jobs via their hiring halls, despite the fact that they have done widespread reactionary propaganda for Nixon's war policy, and despite the fact that trotskyites have misled anti-imperialist youth in pacifist and degenerate directions, which workers correctly oppose, nevertheless the fascist policy has basic weaknesses which are impossible for them to overcome.

The anti-fascist, anti-imperialist revolutionary mass movement, on the other hand, has "the interests of the people and the sufferings of the great majority at heart" and represents the objective needs of all but a handful of monopoly capitalists and their running dogs. Therefore, our strength is basic and any weaknesses we have are possible to overcome.

In this spirit, American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) members and supporters talked to many construction workers in both New York and Cleveland. Many bought The Workers' Advocate and MASS LINE and agreed that the demonstrations were organized on a fascist basis and did not represent a popular movement among the workers. Black workers on the construction sites reported that they had been coerced and threatened with loss of a day's pay if they didn't participate--facts also uncovered by TV interviewers and the New York Amsterdam News. The false patriotism stirred up in the mass media could not be said to represent the feelings of the masses of workers. As one worker in Queens said, "They start passing around these American flags, and you don't say anything of course, but you know everybody is thinking."

Reactionary ruling classes on the verge of extinction always try to unite the people behind themselves on the basis of false patriotism, in order to save their own skins. This sham patriotism will be completely smashed as the genuine workers', Afro-American and student struggles rise and as communist leadership exposes the ideological trickery of the bourgeoisie.

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