

## HAMMER & STEEL NEWSLETTER

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The CPSU statement of July 14 included the following: "In the U. S. support is rendered to the subversive activities of the left-wing opportunist group "Hammer & Steel" which set itself the main task of fighting against the C.P. of the U.S."

The charge of "subversive" has been used to jail Herndon, Mooney, Foster, Haywood, Debs and many other anti-imperialists in the U.S. It has been used to frame and execute the Molly Maguires, Nat Turner and hundreds of other Negro leaders, Sacco and Vanzetti and the Rosenbergs. When Nehru attacked China his police had a list of Indian Marxist-Leninists and arrested them. It is now quite clear that this was part of the Khrushchev "aid" to India program. Since the CPSU leaders use the language of the imperialists, aid in the persecution of Marxist-Leninists in capitalist countries they and their U.S. echoes should be treated as agents of the class enemy.

The editorial board of HAMMER & STEEL has sharply criticized and opposed the CPUSA line of support for the imperialist program of the Kennedy administration which, according to the CPSU statement of July 14, "has displayed definite reasonableness."

The main line of the July 14 CPSU statement was expressed organizationally in the pact signed by the U.S., Britain and Khrushchev. According to the U.S. capitalist press and the WORKER (Revisionist) this pact represents a step toward peace.

It is necessary to examine some developments abroad and at home to understand why this pact was signed.

KOREA: The growing strength of the people in North Korea and the weakness of the U.S. puppet government in South Korea causes great concern in the State Department. U.S. colonialists assigned a new General and started provocations the week that the test ban was signed. CBS-TV news featured an interview with a U.S. sergeant pointing out the exact place of the alleged ambush a week before it happened.

SINO-INDIAN FRONTIER: New efforts by Kennedy to launch Nehru in aggression against China are opposed by the people of Pakistan. All Southeast Asia is demonstrating concern at the U.S. maneuvers. The prestige of the U.S. government has dropped sharply in Asia. That is why Khrushchev is called on to supply Soviet missiles to India. This agreement was announced as Harriman left Moscow.

CUBA: Two major military efforts by Kennedy to reconquer Cuba for Wall Street have failed. The adventurism of Khrushchev in placing missiles there, his withdrawing them without consideration for Cuba's sovereignty, his attempt to impose an end to Premier Castro by installing the UN investigators as was done in the Congo to Premier Lumumba's government, have failed. Kennedy is training more forces in Guatemala and Nicaragua for another military invasion. Such an attack will meet even greater resistance in S. America and the national liberation movement than the former aggressive acts. Most Cubans will be better prepared, despite Khrushchev's propaganda about Kennedy's "reasonableness."

FRENCH-U.S. RELATIONS: Differences between France and the U.S. government, and between West Germany and the U.S. government are growing sharper. The CPSU statement did not warn of the danger of world war breaking out as a result of contradictions between imperialist blocks. By their silence, the CPSU leaders hope to prettify imperialism and to hide its real nature. The peoples of the world will not forget that World Wars I & II broke out between imperialist nations.

U.S. ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE CHINA: The prestige of People's China in Africa, Latin America and Asia is higher than ever. The working class and their allies in the capitalist countries are recognizing the importance of China as symbolized by the huge sign, "LONG LIVE MAO TSE-TUNG" outside Milan, Italy.

THE NEGRO REVOLT IN THE U.S.: The quantitative struggles of the Negro people have increased sharply in the past two years, thereby preparing for a qualitative change. Everything points to a struggle for self-determination in the South, thus threatening another major source of Wall Street's super profits.

THE HOME FRONT: Despite all the 1960 bragging by Kennedy, unemployment is over five million, the outflow of gold continues and the rate of economic growth is low. Major strikes have taken place and others threaten to break out.

THE DECLINE IN KHRUSHCHEV'S INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD MARXIST-LENINIST MOVEMENT: U.S. imperialism has counted heavily on the Khrushchev-Tito line of returning to capitalism via the reestablishment of private property in the countryside of the Socialist nations. It has also counted on his status-quo line to bail them out in Viet Nam, Algeria and Laos. Thanks mainly to the Marxist-Leninist efforts of the Chinese and the Albanians the opposite is taking place. Khrushchev-Tito are losing influence and opposition to revisionism is growing everywhere, especially in the oppressed countries.

The U.S.-British-Khrushchev pact seeks to establish the supremacy of the U.S. in the nuclear field. It seeks to ban testing by other nations threatened by Kennedy. Kennedy says in his message to the Senate that underground testing will continue, that the treaty can be broken by any of the signers on brief notice. Significantly betraying his real motives, he tells the Senate that only one test was needed before the holocaust at Hiroshima.

It is precisely the U.S. government that used nuclear blackmail against the USSR during the Cuban crisis. The U.S. government is the only government to use nuclear force--against Japan. From that monstrous act to this moment, U.S. nuclear force has threatened all peoples, especially the colored peoples. The control of nuclear arms by the aggressors against the Congo, Korea, Cuba, Laos and Viet Nam and the prevention of nuclear testing for other peoples is anything but a step toward peace.

On September 9, 1961 Khrushchev said that "the program of developing new types of nuclear weapons which has been drawn up in the U.S. now requires precisely underground tests." He added that "an agreement to cease only one type of testing in the atmosphere would be a poor service to peace; it would deceive the peoples." That Khrushchev should now turn around and say the opposite means he has been blackmailed into signing--that he is doing a "poor service to peace," that he would "deceive the people," especially the Soviet people.

The argument that this pact is "a step toward peace," of "a step toward ending the nuclear threat" is absolutely false since three powers cannot long dictate their will to the great majority of peoples who will not live under terms of nuclear blackmail.

The argument that U.S. supremacy in the nuclear field means security to the vast majority of our people is also false. German imperialism has terrible weapons in World War II and yet the German people suffered grave consequences for supporting an unjust war.

Rather than an anti-Chinese alliance disguised as a test-ban the people of the U.S. must struggle for an anti-imperialist foreign policy in the East:

U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS, KOREA AND VIET NAM!

END OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF TAIWAN!

U.S. RECOGNITION OF CHINA!

CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS!

There is a movement to outlaw nuclear bombs, to ban them, to destroy them, to create zones free of them. Real proposals to eliminate the threat of nuclear war from the lives of all peoples have been made to the heads of all states by China.

The tri-partite pact is a reward for aggression, an encouragement to more aggression; it is a step toward world war. Every courageous voice now raised in the U.S. against the objectives of the pact will be joined by millions in a short time. Demand that the Senate not ratify the treaty.

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