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FASCISM, NOT "OVERPOPULATION OR "POLLUTION", IS THE PROBLEM (Statement of the Buffalo Student Movement, released April 1, 1972)

Toronto (PCDN) April 19 -- This statement of the Buffalo Student Movement is reprinted from Buffalo Student, Vol. 1, No. 7, April 10, 1972. The Statement is reprinted in full:

QUOTATION FROM CHAIRMAN MAO: OF ALL THINGS IN THE WORLD, PEOPLE ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AS LONG AS THERE ARE PEOPLE, EVERY KIND OF MIRACLE CAN BE PERFORMED.

QUOTATION FROM COMRADE BAINS: BRIEFLY-- THE QUESTION 'THIS WORLD FOR WHOM?' IS FUNDAMENTAL. THIS WORLD FOR THE BOURGEOISIE AND OTHER PARASITES, THE HISTORICAL HANGERSON AND OTHER DREGS OF SOCIETY OR THIS WORLD IN THE SERVICE OF THE PROLETARIAT? THAT IS THE KEY QUESTION. THE OUTCOME OF THIS STRUGGLE WILL MOVE SOCIETY FROM CAPITALISM TO SOCIALISM, FROM SLAVERY TO LIBERATION AND FROM BACKWARDNESS TO PROGRESS.

Currently the Buffalo Savings Bank, the board of trustees of SUNYAB and various expert spokesmen for the monopoly capitalist ruling class such Courtland Hastings, field director for the Association for Voluntary Sterilization, are dishing up

the pro-fascist propaganda that pollution and overpopulation are the cause of the problems of the American and world's people. They are organizing various meetings and symposiums on the "crisis of overpopulation and pollution" and a so-called Earth Day designed to "unite everyone concerned with the environment." In short, their program is to call for genocide against the American and the world's people, particularly against Asian, African and Latin American peoples under the guise of dealing with the "problem of mass starvation and increasing poverty" and to call for billions of dollars and new governmental agencies staffed by fascist experts to solve the "problem of pollution." The ideological basis of this program is that the people are irrational and therefore destined to overpopulate and pollute the earth: in other words, the fascist mouthpieces for pollution and population control do constant propaganda that the people are to blame for the crimes of the monopoly capitalists! The same cut-throats and marauders who are daily carrying out world-wide plunder and pillage are now moaning about the "environmental crisis" caused by "man, the dirty animal, the polluter."

From the point of view of the working and oppressed people, the main problem is U.S. imperialism and fascism which is viciously exploiting the land and labour of the world's people and the people are organizing for and waging people's war in order to solve their problem; from the point of view of the U.S. monopoly capitalist ruling class, the main problem is the working and oppressed people who are rebelling against imperialism's evil rule and the imperialists are frantically organizing fascism at home and abroad in a desperate effort to suppress the people and maintain their parasitic existence. In this context we see clearly the nature of such pro-population control statements as that by Dr. Binay Sen: "The ever-mounting tidal wave of humanity now challenges us to control it, or be submerged along with all our civilized values," or a well-known newspaper ad: "A world with mass starvation in underdeveloped countries will be a world of chaos, riots, and war. And a perfect breeding ground for Communism."

This propaganda is part of the program of the monopoly capitalists for creating public opinion for the increasing fascistization of American society. The propagandists of "doom," the neo-Malthusian advocates of the pollution and overpopulation crisis are helping their masters, the U.S. monopoly capitalists, prepare material conditions for fascism in two ways: 1) concocting and propagating pseudo-scientific "theories." The theory that the "earth already or soon will have too many people for its possible food supply" is completely bogus. The temperate zones alone can provide enough food for more than 150 billion people (more than 37 times the present world population). What these imperialist toadies like Hastings do is to raise the issues of ecology and starvation and poverty as completely isolated from the social re-

lations which produce them--imperialist relations of exploitation and oppression. 2) These ideas are anti-people in their essence and particularly anti-working class and pro-racist. Fascist experts like Paul Ehrlich, author of the Population Bomb and a founder of Zero Population Growth, calls for fascist sterilization programs to control the irrational "breeding masses." Thus according to this fascist logic the people are incapable of solving any problem and must be controlled by fascist experts and fascist techniques. Widescale sterilization programs are carried out in Asia, Africa and Latin America under U.S. imperialism's sponsorship and programs are now under way for the forced sterilization of welfare recipients who produce "too many children."

All in all the propagandists for pollution and overpopulation control raise the slogan "pollution is a problem which concerns us all" in a vain attempt to unite the working and oppressed people under the banner of fascism by promising some reformist swindle. Well, gentlemen, we have news for you. The American working class and people are definitely organizing to put an end to pollution and to solve such problems as mass starvation caused by imperialist exploitation. You, sirs, would have us unite under the banner of imperialism to carry out genocide against Asian, African, and Latin American people and to pay you billions for fascist pollution control devices and experts. Well, gentlemen, with every passing day the American people see more and more clearly that the only solution to our problems lies in the American working class exercising leadership in everything, by uniting around itself the overwhelming majority of the people so as to overthrow the handful of monopoly capitalists and their fascist agents who are definitely "polluting" the whole world. end item.

THE IDEOLOGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FASCISM IS THE EVERYDAY ACTIVITY OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS

(NAMN, 4/22/72) The following are excerpts from a report published by the Rhode Island Student Movement, a unit of American Student Movement, in Rhode Island Student, Vol. III, No. 5:

The basic contradiction in American society is the contradiction between private ownership of the means of production and social labor. Bourgeois relations of production (reaching their highest development in imperialism) have created a large working class. Any further development of this historically irreconcilable contradiction can mean only one thing--revolution, the establishment of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, for the purpose of developing production for the needs of the producing class. When the bourgeoisie can allow no social development other than the development of divisions among the people, it becomes fascist. . . .

The basic purposes for which the bourgeoisie uses its its cultural despotism are: 1) to describe the people's ideals of freedom, justice and equality as if they belonged to the bourgeoisie; 2) to put forward its own actual ideas of self-interest, exploitation, and economic advantage as if they were the people's; 3) to oppose proletarian outlook, proletarian culture; 4) to obscure the role which class struggle plays in changing the world.

The class basis of ideas and cultural forms can be traced to the outlook and interests which arise at the point of production in society. One's position in relation to production is the main force determining social outlook and attitudes. The social outlook rooted in the bourgeois side of production is primarily one of:

- Harmony - harmony as long as exploitation is allowed to continue;
- Parasitism - living off the collective productive labor of the working class;
- Decay - the only outlook which an unproductive class can give rise to.

In opposition to this, the social outlook most firmly rooted in the working class side of production is the outlook of unity, progress and rebellion.

Thus to protect the bourgeoisie, the bourgeois culture must devote itself to obscuring three basic things: 1) the basis of change, motion and development, i.e. the contradictions inherent in all phenomena; 2) the role of consciousness in history--the bourgeoisie maintains that historical development is due to great men, innate racial characteristics, accidents, etc.; 3) the relationship of the cultural and ideological superstructure to the economic base in society.

Fascist culture has many political effects in the left and the so-called left politics in the U.S. Unprincipled harmony, the main trend in bourgeois politics, takes the form of all unity and no struggle. Political consciousness is raised through unity and struggle, the two are inseparably linked.

Bourgeois individualism in a political organization places great barriers between individuals, making any unity, principled unity, impossible.

Fascist culture is a tool in the hands of the bourgeoisie. It is the ideological preparation for the acceptance of outright fascism.

To begin the task of opposing fascism it is necessary to look at the effects of fascist culture in our own lives and actually change ourselves in the process. This cannot be done through lengthy introspection or speculation about what a progressive intellectual is. end item.

WE MUST ATTACK THE DISEASE, NOT THE SYMPTOM

(NAMN, 4/21/72) Rhode Island Student Movement, a unit of the American Student Movement, distributed the following statement on the April 21 Rally and Protest at Rhode Island College:

The Rhode Island Student Movement welcomes the progressive sentiment of the members of the Rhode Island College community participating in this gathering.

Another rally has been called to oppose U.S. policy in Vietnam. . . packaged and presented before us as a single issue.

The experience learned from the . . . past five years has shown us that single issue demonstrations cannot bring about any fundamental change. In light of this experience, we would like to clarify our stand on this issue:

1. We are not in Vietnam. We are students at R.I. College. American troops in Vietnam operate under the direction of a government which is not in any way responsible to the desires of the American people but which serves as an executive committee for a concrete and identifiable ruling class. . . .
2. Imperialism is not reformable. . . .
3. Recurrent upheavals of outrage and protest will not of themselves build a better world. . . . Just as the U.S. invasion into Cambodia two years ago was clearly linked to the murder of students at Jackson and Kent State, so is our education linked to the preservation and passive acceptance of an oppressive (and growing more fascist) regime.

The American people and the people of Vietnam have a common enemy in U.S. imperialism. The Vietnamese people are fighting and winning great victories against imperialism everyday. We can learn from this experience by actively opposing all the concrete forms this enemy takes in our own lives.

Our "college education" is full to overflowing with attempts to obscure history, particularly the role of the U.S. in the world today. History changes and develops through struggle. Real change will come in the U.S. when the American people unite and organize politically to overthrow the biggest obstacle to change in the U.S.--the U.S. ruling class. . . .

RISM urges all progressive intellectuals to unite with us in the struggle to defeat imperialism on every front.

We will come to know our enemy not by more "facts" about Vietnam or by only making our voices heard once a year--but by uniting with each other on the basis of concrete opposition to a common enemy. (Slightly abbreviated) end item.

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