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A QUOTATION FROM CHAIRMAN MAO

A Communist should have largeness of mind and he should be staunch and active, looking upon the interests of the revolution as his very life and subordinating his personal interests to those of the revolution; always and everywhere he should adhere to principle and wage a tireless struggle against all incorrect ideas and actions, so as to consolidate the collective life of the Party and strengthen the ties between the Party and the masses; he should be more concerned about the Party and the masses than about any individual, and more concerned about others than about himself. Only thus can he be considered a Communist.

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113. COMRADES IN BUFFALO RESOLUTELY RESIST FASCIST ATTACKS OF LACKEY POLICE

Toronto, July 19, 1972 (PCDM)--The following is the full account, as submitted to People's Canada Daily News by a person who was present, of the valiant resistance of members and supporters of the American Communist Workers Movement (M-L) to the fascist attacks of lackey police on the occasion of the opening of the William Z. Foster Centre in Buffalo.

On Saturday, July 8th, 1972, the Buffalo unit of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) proudly opened the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE on 350 Tonawanda Street, centered directly in the heart of the working class district of Buffalo known as Riverside. The purpose of this Centre is to serve the working class of Buffalo wholeheartedly by providing a focal point of revolutionary proletarian activity through the dissemination of Mao Tsetung Thought, the most advanced ideology of the modern proletariat. The Centre also contains a library of revolutionary works as well as being an excellent location for mass meetings.

On Saturday afternoon, several members of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) joined their American comrades in going right among the American people to distribute the first issue of the BUFFALO RED STAR, the bright red communist organ of the ACWN (M-L), as well as a leaflet hailing the opening of the Centre itself. Everywhere comrades went they were enthusiastically received by the people of Buffalo, who were quite eager to buy the paper and warmly greet the communists. Hundreds of copies of BUFFALO RED STAR were sold in a few hours, and everywhere we went people could not have been more receptive to the dissemination of Mao Tsetung Thought. Unlike the American people, the Buffalo police showed their servile class nature by arresting two Canadian comrades and one American comrade as they took part in the propaganda work.

That evening two comrades from the ACWN (M-L) spoke on the significance of the Centre, pointing out that only by creating material conditions for the building of the proletarian Party based upon the most advanced scientific ideology in the imperialist era, only by active dissemination of

Mao Tsetung Thought could the working class of Buffalo and the entire United States be armed invincibly to crush the fascist attacks of the US imperialists and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat of the Socialist Republic of America. Thus the establishment of the William Z. Foster Centre serves the needs of the working class of Buffalo, and of no one else.

The Internationalists in Canada and Quebec had fought in this very manner, one American speaker asserted, and their staunch dissemination and upholding of Mao Tsetung Thought, their active struggle against the fascist police, courts and state machinery of the comprador class, and their tireless campaign to eradicate all forms of revisionism within and without from 1963 onwards under the leadership of Comrade Harrial Bains very directly led to the formation of the Party of the proletariat both in Canada and Quebec. The American comrades made it crystal clear that the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) is very much a part of the Internationalist tradition and spirit, and that the ACWN (M-L) directly flowed out of the historical experience of the Internationalists, and is rooted in the concrete conditions of the impending total collapse of US imperialism.

Comrade Robert A. Cruise, National Secretary of the CPC (M-L), hailed the founding of the William Z. Foster Centre, pointing out that like the Internationalists, William Z. Foster had dedicated his life to the staunch upholding of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, right from his entry into the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) at its inception in 1919 to his death

in 1959. Often alone in his battle, Foster struggled courageously to build the Party of the proletariat against the degenerate revisionism of Jay Lovestone in the 1920's and the ultra collaborationist policies of Earl Browder in the 1930's and 1940's, who as National Secretary of the CPUSA preached the theory of American "exceptionalism", that America as a bourgeois democracy does not need a proletarian revolution and who in the mid-1940's actually fostered and presided over the liquidation of the CPUSA, claiming that the existence of a Communist Party might antagonize the "enlightened" American bourgeoisie and thus hinder the "unified" march of all Americans towards "social progress". Against this tide of reactionary servility before the US imperialists, William Z. Foster never ceased in his dedication to build a truly Marxist-Leninist organization within the CPUSA and his death left the CPUSA to wallow in the mire of complete and utter renegacy from the principles of Marxism-Leninism. Because William Z. Foster held fast, his spirit lives on, and this Centre bears his name proudly.

As Comrade Cruise was speaking, a local lumpen came into the Centre cursing and swearing, slandering all present and generally acting out a rabid anti-communist tirade, much to the satisfaction of an "off-duty" fascist policeman who "inadvertently" happened to be passing by. This lackey demanded to see if the American comrades had a "license" to have such a Centre, and when it was pointed out that everything was correct in bourgeois legality (in theory), he went off to join his several other "off-duty" provocateurs who also happened to be sitting in several cars (marked and unmarked) all day within half a block of the Centre.

What took place next was stage managed, directed, written, and acted out by these fascist thugs, having failed in their first attempt to intimidate the American comrades. They persuaded their lumpen friend to go around to the back of the book store and pile his garbage, with a maximum swearing and huffing and puffing, on the back door step, and as if this was not sufficient to placate his fascist gods Nixon and Rockefeller, this lumpen decided to offer up a burnt offering and set his handiwork aflame. Several American comrades quickly put out this tribute as well as removing this dog from the scene. Immediately two uniformed policemen, their cars parked in the middle of the road, shouted "You are under arrest" to the two comrades who had stopped this arsonist, and physically assaulted the comrades. The comrades heroically resisted this attack and the one fascist was so frenzied at the sight of this bravery he pulled out his gun and fired a "warning" shot into the air. When this failed to cower our comrades, he actually pointed his pistol at one of the American comrade's head, a gesture which again our comrade coolly and resolutely disdained. This was too much for this nazi who with gun and club in hand, and with the aid of several fellow SSers jumped upon our comrades, kicking and finally handcuffing them.

The setting fire to the garbage by the wandering scum to the dragging of our

defiant American comrades to the police cars took no more than two minutes. By this time the rest of the more than fifty people who had been at the evening ceremonies rushed out to give aid, and several more comrades were arrested. One American comrade in the back of the patrol car again openly defied the "ferociousness" of these fascist paper tigers and led all comrades in the singing of the Internationale. At this point one of the lackey police with the charming expression of a rabid skunk convulsing to death, waved his club as if to silence our comrades like a maniac conductor would do to his orchestra. To no avail. Within a couple of minutes, several more police cars, sirens wailing and several paddy wagons to boot had arrived, but now the police could not carry out openly any more acts of savagery, for their sirens had brought with them the wrapt attention of several hundred American people.

The police switched their tactics, and claimed to all that they were protecting the communists from the attacks of the "people". In fact one of these nazi policemen actually had the audacity to arrest one American comrade taking part in one of the dozens of mass democracies which were springing up all over the neighborhood led by comrades from both countries, claiming that if the comrade didn't want to get "protected" (i.e. leave the people and hide in the Centre), then he would arrest the comrade, which this fascist goon actually did when the comrade refused to budge. These nazi call this "protective custody"!

Within minutes news of the fascist attack had spread like a prairie fire throughout the neighborhood. Two blocks away, a bartender and several customers were overheard by one comrade denouncing the police for this fascist attack, and the spirit in evidence there, like that overwhelming shown in dozens of discussions with the people who actually witnessed this fascist attack, was that the police and no one else was responsible for the violence, and that the Centre had every right to exist.

The American comrades quickly prepared for any other attacks that the fascists might make during the night, and equally important commenced to write a leaflet to be distributed the very next morning to the broad masses of the neighbourhood, stating that the entire fascist attack was not a case of a distraught lumpen who was freelancing, but rather the entire assault was planned by the police, that this arsonist scum was nothing more than a lackey of the lackeys. In doing so the American comrades would very actively combat the propaganda that the police were mouthing that the attack was (a) an attack of the "people" on the communists, and (b) that they (the police) were protecting the communists despite the latter's protests. In fact the Buffalo news media the very next day clearly showed their class basis in reporting word for word the hysterics of the police.

The American comrades that night vowed that night to defend their right to maintain the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE as an instrument of working class propaganda, and readied themselves to defend the Centre from further nazi assaults. The people of Riverside, in the heart of the Buffalo working class, cannot help but be very proud of these American sons and daughters who have courageously defied the most vicious state machine on the face of the earth today. Truly the Buffalo unit of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) has shown in a very concrete way that they are a vibrant part of the Internationalist tradition, and are as such staunch supporters of the principles of Marxism-Leninism in our days as William Z. Foster was in his.

LONG LIVE THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST WORKERS MOVEMENT (MARXIST-LENINIST) !

LONG LIVE THE WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE !

LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF WILLIAM Z. FOSTER !

LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE INTERNATIONALISTS !

DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ALL ITS LACKEYS !

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114. STATEMENT TO THE COURT IN BUFFALO BY COMRADES ARRESTED AT OPENING OF THE WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE

Toronto, July 19, 1972 (PCDM)--The following is the full text of the statement presented to the Court by members and supporters of ACWM (M-L) who were attacked and arrested by fascist police at the opening of the William Z. Foster Centre in Buffalo as reprinted in Peoples Canada Daily News.

On Saturday, July 8, 1972, several members and supporters of the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) in Buffalo, participated in the opening of the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE, revolutionary propaganda centre for the working class. During the day, the comrades went deep among the working and oppressed people in Buffalo in order to discuss with the people and prepare public opinion for the opening of the centre. While the communists were engaged in mass work, the lackey fascist Buffalo police began to harass them and tried to suppress our fundamental right to disseminate revolutionary literature and work for the building of the Communist Party among the working people. In various areas of the city, the police attempted to stop the distribution of the revolutionary leaflet announcing the opening of the centre and the sale of the first local communist newspaper in Buffalo, the BUFFALO RED STAR.

Refusing to be intimidated by the threats of the lackey police, the communists carried on their work and won warm support from the broad masses, many of whom expressed intentions to attend the grand opening of the Centre to be held at 7:00 pm Saturday night. In Cheektowaga area three comrades were fascistically attack-

ed and arrested by the lackey police for persisting in upholding their democratic rights to disseminate communist literature. One American comrade is being unjustly held for this on a trumped up charge and two Canadian comrades were arrested, deported and turned over to lackey Canadian authorities.

Saturday evening, close to 50 people from the Riverside community and other working and oppressed people from Buffalo and many fraternal comrades from Canada attended the Grand Opening of the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER CENTRE, Revolutionary Propaganda Centre of the working class. During the course of the meeting, police cars gathered in front of and down the street from the Centre and the police several times engineered various disruptions of the meeting by mobilizing and uniting with a tiny handful of local fascist elements to shout obscenities and try to enter the centre and disrupt the meeting. Finally the police engineered these punks to pile garbage in back of the centre in order to start a fire. When comrades from the meeting went to clear the garbage away and settle the question, the lackey police arrived in full force and arbitrarily and unjustly tried to arrest several people. In the true spirit of the American working class and people the young comrades fought vigorously against these unjust attacks.

Don't these simple facts clearly show that by charging the communists with "felonious assault" and "inciting to riot" the lackey police and courts are completely turning truth on its head and attempting to blame the people for the crimes of the fascists? Who do the police and courts serve? History shows clearly that the police and courts are part of the state machine of the monopoly capitalist ruling class and are agencies used by the monopoly capitalists to suppress the just and revolutionary struggles of the American working class and people. History also shows that in order to advance our struggle the working people must meet the reactionary violence and suppression of the fascists with revolutionary violence and resistance.

In Buffalo the police and courts have a long history of attacking and suppressing struggles of working people and movements which reflect our genuine interests. (student rebellions, Afro-American people's just struggles against racial discrimination and political suppression, national minority struggles, strikes and rebellions such as Attica).

Who was "disturbed" by the communists organizing a progressive centre for the working class and disseminating revolutionary literature among the people? It is the monopoly capitalist ruling class and their fascist agents who are terrified at the mere thought of workers organizing ourselves according to our class interest, who violently tried to suppress the communists and the broad masses from organizing politically.

The American working class has struggled for 120 years to organize in our true class interests, to build a genuine revo-

lutionary Communist Party that can lead the working class and people in overthrowing this evil rule of monopoly capitalists who daily exploit our labor and plunder our land. And the monopoly capitalists and their fascist agents including lackey police and courts have always tried to suppress our just and revolutionary struggles. That the monopoly capitalists used their police agents on July 8 and are using their lackey courts now to try to suppress the American Communist Workers Movement (Marxist-Leninist) from organizing proletarian revolution shows the great weakness and the fear of the monopoly capitalists and the great strength of the people. The resistance of the comrades, in defense of our fundamental and sacred right to organize in the interests of the working class and against the interests of fascism is in the true spirit and interest of the American working class. Nothing can change these facts. To continue to Build the Party we will continue to oppose all attacks on the people's right to organize, end item.

115. THE WAY TO FIGHT By Joseph Redpath

The following revolutionary short story, entitled "The Way To Fight, concerns the July events in Buffalo. It was written by Joseph Redpath and appeared in PEOPLE'S CANADA DAILY NEWS RELEASE, July 20, 1972. The entire story is reprinted here.

Comrade Richard was excited for the entire week. Like a proletarian on the threshold of throwing off the chains, he felt muscular, full of strength and joy. You could see it from his face. His comrades were excited too. They were going to announce to the working people of Buffalo the good news. They were going to open WILLIAM Z. FOSTER PROPAGANDA CENTRE in Buffalo; the first such place since the rise of revisionism. There is a reason to be elated about!

July 8th came with all the enthusiasm, fervour, colour, style and glory. Comrade Richard could not have been more happy. Secretly he smiled at everyone he came into contact with. He wanted to shout as loud as he could: "THIS IS A GREAT BEGINNING! THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS IS INVINCIBLE!"

Brisk selling of BUFFALO RED STAR inspired all the comrades. The CENTRE was opened as planned. Hundreds of pieces of revolutionary literature were distributed. And there was revolution in the air. Broad masses of the people came to attend the ceremonies.

Comrade Richard was wondering what the ruling circles and their police force were planning. Would they attack? He was secretly happy at the thought of attack. "That would be great!" He would have the opportunity to put some of his theory into practice and teach the police what stuff the communists are made of.

The police came. First the plainclothesmen. Then the plainclothesmen and the lumpens. Then came the sirens and well-groomed jackals armed with weapons. First the front of the Centre. Then the back of the Centre. First inciting broad masses to attack. Then bringing their hirelings

to start a fire. How happy Comrade Richard was! To see with his own eyes the desperation, the utter helplessness, the total degeneration of his enemy class. "This American monopoly capitalist class is on the run! Let us attack! Let us teach them one or two lessons!"

And there was Comrade Richard right in the forefront of the struggle. With his fist high he shouted: "DEATH TO THE AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITALIST CLASS! LONG LIVE THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS!"

And there were the representatives of the Richard Nixons and Rockefeller's. Scared! Shaking with fear! Armed with all sorts of guns. Sirens blaring. Marked and unmarked police cars rushing to the Centre. "SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO BUFFALO! THE CENTRE IS OPENED!" And out poured the broad masses of the people from their community. Cursing the police and hailing the people. Some broad masses even wished to get guns and settle accounts then and there.

Comrade Richard repeatedly raised his fist and shouted slogans. The more he shouted, the more scared the police became. In total frenzy and not knowing what to do, the police "ordered" Comrade Richard to lower his mighty proletarian fist and refrain from shouting death to the monopoly capitalist class. Comrade Richard majestically disobeyed! He raised the fist of rebellion, of revolution, of challenging the so-called sacred "law" of the Nixons and Rockefeller's even higher. What could the fascist police do in the face of this proletarian spirit? How would they handle it? "I will fire", a little mouse squeaked and fired a shot in the air.

The long cherished goal of Comrade Richard to uphold the indomitable spirit of the proletariat to FEAR NEITHER HARDSHIP NOR DEATH was fulfilled. One policeman put his pistol to the temple of Comrade Richard and threatened him with death. The revolutionary glow and the resoluteness with which Comrade Richard stood up to this flimsy threat will live forever. Comrade Richard kept his fist high, shouted slogans and challenged the little mouse to carry out his threat. This was the last straw for the police of Nixon and Rockefeller. Like jackals, a pack of them jumped on Comrade Richard and "arrested" him and charged him with "inciting a riot" and "second degree assault". When the threat of death couldn't break our resolute proletarian fighter, what would the threat to imprison him do? Make him a still stronger fighter! THIS IS THE WAY TO FIGHT IN THIS ERA OF SELF-SACRIFICE AND REVOLUTION. LONG LIVE THE GREAT PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF COMRADE RICHARD! end item.

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