

# Bridge to Revolution

In the USNA today the imperialists are steadily working to institute fascism. Law after law has been passed over the years to make this transition. Just about all that is needed now is to put them into force. Comrades, we must meet this fascist offensive by building a united front of the working class against fascism and at the same time building a Communist Party of a new type to lead the united front.

The state form of bourgeois democracy at "home" serves its purpose for the imperialists in the period of rising capitalism and imperialism because of unbridled fascism in the colonies. This form of bourgeois democracy is characterized by a government of bribery and corruption backed up by terror and militarization. But we are in the period now of decaying and moribund capitalism and the state form of fascism that is necessary in the colonies to maintain imperialism is becoming increasingly necessary for the imperialists at "home". This form is characterized by a government of terror and militarization backed up by bribery and corruption.

Fascism was necessary in Germany to stem the tide of proletarian revolutionary

upsurge within the country. They needed to expand to develop their imperialist base and thus, had to wage war for the redivision of the world. World War I had stripped Germany of her colonies and she needed to obtain new ones. They had to have stability at home to wage war abroad.

However, the USNA imperialists are presently in a position of temporary hegemony over the capitalist world. But the situation in the colonies is becoming increasingly unstable for the imperialists, as is shown by the valient revolutionary struggles in Viet Nam, the Philippines, and other parts of the world. Because of this the imperialists will be forced to war not to gain colonies, but to restore and maintain the stability necessary to keep her position of hegemony. Although there is not a period of revolutionary upsurge within the USNA, the working class here does not want to go to war. This is shown concretely by the militant struggles against the war in Indochina. Thus, the imperialists are faced with having to impose fascism not to stem internal revolutionary upsurge, but to force the working class to participate in a war to stabilize the world for further imperialist

aggression.

The onslaught of fascism in the USNA is infuriating the working class and they are not fooled by the lies of the imperialists around Watergate and the "energy crisis". The Harris poll finds that 69% of the USNA people think Congress is doing only a "fair" or "poor" job and 68% think Nixon is doing only a "fair" or "poor" job. Opinion Analyst Daniel Yankelovich finds that 72% of the people think that national affairs are going "very badly" or "pretty badly". And Harris reports that more than half of Americans (up from 45% last fall) believe that the quality of life in the U.S. has deteriorated over the past ten years. His surveys find that not more than 20% of the public go along with the proposition 'We have been through bad times before, and things will once more return to the way they used to be.' California Pollster Mervin Field assesses the public mood as one of 'muted outrage, semishock - if not full shock - numbness, perplexity.' (Time, 2/25/74)

Though outraged, the working class as a whole has been left disunited and leaderless in the face of this fascist assault. The bourgeois-

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is using many methods to channel the outrage of the working class away from the capitalist class and lay the ideological base for fascism. The membership of exotic cults has risen tremendously. Exorcism, a throwback to the ignorance of the Middle Ages, is gaining wide popularity, as well as, other mystical cults. And not only are fundamental religious groups, such as, Billy Graham's and Oral Roberts, booming, but the more traditional churches like the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, Presbyterian and so on, are experiencing a revival as well. (U.S. News, 2/25/74)

We also see that "illegal" vigilante groups are mushrooming in number. Set up to fight the "crime" which the bourgeoisie says is the "cause" of everyone's problems, they are the beginnings of fascist storm troops - organized "illegal" terror. Many police departments are paying the expenses of these volunteers. Detroit has appropriated \$30,000 and New York City has budgeted \$2.5 million to pay volunteers for the year ending June 30. (U.S. News, 2/4/74)

In addition, the mass media is playing up the nostalgia of the 1950's and earlier, bringing out movies like "American Graffiti" and records that remind people of the "good old days". And new TV shows are being added, such as, the "Waltons" and "Apple's Way" to dull the revolutionary potential of the working class.

But the "good old days" that the imperialists talk of are their good old days. The "good old days" of the working class are mass unemployment, sweatshops and lynch mobs.

Dimitroff warns us that "Whoever does not fight the reactionary measures of the bourgeoisie and the growth of fascism at these preparatory stages is not in a position to prevent the victory of fascism, but, on the contrary, facilitates that victory." (Dimitroff, Georgi, United Front Against Fascism, New Century Publishers, New York, p. 9) Comrades, though we find ourselves in a period of revolutionary ebb, the objective conditions say that we must redouble our efforts to build a Communist Party of a new type and at the same time build a united front of the working class against fascism.

What exactly is the united front? It is a loosely knit coalition of organizations who are united solely on the basis to stop fascism. It is composed of both the trade unions and the popular front, organizations which the working class belongs to that are not based in the plants (organizations such as the NAACP, PUSH, MAPA, La Raza Unida, etc.). These two elements, the trade unions

and the popular front, must be joined into a united front of the working class. The organizations within the united front call upon each other for support in their struggles against fascist assaults, e.g., when a strike is called in one plant or industry, a general strike may be called through the united front. The united front is unity of action.

The united front is not a mass labour party; it does not have an extensive program. It would be very difficult for us to play a part in the building of such a party at this period of time. A labour party must be based on organizations of labour and the sell-out of the labour aristocracy makes this impossible at this time.

In the USNA we must build a united front from below. What does this mean concretely? In the 1930's in Europe there were many working class parties who all had formed or had linked to them trade unions. Thus, in building a united front there at that time the political parties pledged to support each other and the trade unions were immediately drawn into the coalition. However, we have no working class parties presently in the USNA and the trade unions are tied to the bourgeoisie through the union mis-leaders. Thus, it is impossible for us to build a united front from the top.

This means that we must enter the working class organizations and trade unions from below and push them into joint anti-fascist struggle. We must carry on careful analysis of where the working class is to know which organizations are key, which organizations are composed of the sections of the working class which are going to be first and hardest hit by the fascist assault. We must dig deeper into the most revolutionary sections of the class.

Fascism will not be defeated by the unity of the "left" movement in its present state of isolation from the working class. Through our factory nuclei and community fractions the united front must be quickly shifted from the "unity" of the "left" to the revolutionary movement of the working class.

When we call for a Communist Party and a United Front, we do not mean that the Party will be built out of the united front. These are two separate tasks that we must carry on simultaneously. As Communists we must participate in and lead the united front to first defeat the fascist offensive and then pass over to the offensive, to overthrow the basis of fascism, capitalism, and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. The goal of the anti-fascist struggle is just that - against fascism. It

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is the role of Communists to take that struggle on to the final insurrection. Without this the whole anti-fascist struggle will fail as it did in other countries.

Several years ago, the Chinese made a general call to build a united front against imperialism. The October League and other organizations in the "left" have distorted this call by calling for a united front against imperialism within the USNA. The call by the Chinese was a call to the colonial world which is exploited and oppressed by imperialism. Within the USNA we are not exploited by a foreign power, but by the USNA capitalist class. The way we can best support the struggle of the colonies against imperialism is to build a Communist Party to lead a united front to stop the fascism the imperialists need to further plunder and rape the colonies. Then we must strike the death blow to capitalism itself.

The USNA working class loves democracy. They have a militant history of struggle against oppression and exploitation, from the building of the trade unions, to the battle fields of Germany. That is why the accession of fascism is being done in the name of democracy. The working class is refusing to enter into further imperialist predatory war in Indochina. We must seize this opportunity and give the working class the leadership it is crying out for.