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U. S. imperialism is faced with the challenge of rival imperialists organized in the Common Market. In Laos and Viet Nam Wall Street has met bitter resistance and defeats in its efforts to conquer S.E. Asia. The resistance to U.S. capital's exploitation of So. America is growing--the Alliance for Progress is regarded by most of So. America as a neo-colonialist maneuver. The gold reserves of the U.S. are dropping daily as a result of U.S. imperialisms deteriorating position in the world.

On the home front steel production is low, unemployment high and the real cost of living increases. The working class, especially the unskilled and semi-skilled are increasingly discontented--class collaborationist leaders and the revisionists are desperately trying to check large scale strikes. The Negro people are battling against the status quo and the reformist leadership.

Hammer & Steel has warned that contradictions within and without the imperialist system could result in armed aggression against Socialist Cuba. The existence of a Socialist Cuba symbolizes the short life expectancy of U.S. capitalism. The expulsion of United Fruit, the House of Morgan (owner of the electric company), the Rockefellers (owners of the telephone company) and the sugar interests could not but increase the desperation of U.S. imperialism. The Cuban revolution points the way out for other peoples in So. America and the Negro people at home.

Capitalism in the imperialist stage breeds aggressive wars to acquire or retain markets. Armed aggression against Cuba is caused by the same contradictions that sent German imperialism into Czechoslovakia and Poland. Rampant German imperialism broke international laws just as U.S. imperialism arrogantly flies hostile planes over a sovereign state and searches ships on the high seas.

There are widespread illusions that the setbacks for Cuba in the week after Kennedy's speech were steps toward peace. The Worker of Oct. 30 said, "This was a victory for responsibility, for the love of humanity, for plain common sense". These words are plagiarized from those who hailed Munich.

Millions realize that the strength of the Socialist camp and the national liberation movement make it possible to impose peace on the imperialists in any specific case. More millions must understand that any blow which weakens Cuba weakens the anti-imperialist camp and greatly increases the danger of war. Defense of Cuban self-determination is the only path to peace.

Imperialism has lost much ground since '38 and the possibilities of preventing another Munich and its fatal results are far greater today.

The temporary gains of U.S. imperialism and its Kennedy government have already led to new demands. Kennedy seeks more power for German & U.S. militarism in Berlin and is negotiating for control of Socialist space achievements. Threats against Algeria are voiced by Winchell in the Boston Daily Record of Nov. 12.

The struggle is complicated by the attempted betrayal of Cuban Socialism by revisionists. Revisionism is the distortion of Marxism-Leninism that claims the aggressive nature of imperialism has changed. In practice it's essence is capitulation to H-bomb blackmail. Marxist-Leninists, whose leading theoretician is Mao Tse Tung, claim that the aggressive nature of imperialism has not changed. Marxist-Leninists hold that people are more important, more decisive than rockets and H-bombs. Cuba proves conclusively the greatness of Mao and the bankruptcy of revisionism.

The arrogance of Kennedy's speech, the failure of the Soviet Union to answer his threats (including those made against the USSR itself) the presence of Khrushchev at the opera, the fox hunting by Mrs. Kennedy and the failure of the CPSU to give leadership to its people or allies indicate that Khrushchev and Kennedy might well have had a prior agreement on betraying Cuban Socialism.

Betrayal is no new role for Khrushchev. He voted for UN imperialist troops in the Congo who supervised the murder of Lumumba and the enslavement of the country. He has praised Tito who is armed and controlled by Wall St. He has sold planes to Nehru while Indian troops occupied Socialist China's territory. He has demoralized Socialist Germany with lies and false promises. He schemed to give away Southern Albania to a capitalist nation. He sought to destroy Marxist-Leninist leadership by slanders of Stalin. And he has temporarily succeeded in doing what the imperialists couldn't do by themselves--split the Socialist Camp.

Kennedy has had to pay a big price for his gain in Cuba. He has further exposed his biggest asset--the revisionist Tito-Khrushchev group. It is impossible to struggle against Kennedy and U.S. imperialism without exposing the revisionists and their betrayals.

Hammer & Steel in its first document stated our confidence that the followers of Lenin and Stalin in the USSR would ultimately defeat the Khrushchev group. All Marxist-Leninists and friends of Socialism should send messages to the Plenary session of the CPSU Central Committee wishing them success in the defeat of the revisionist clique headed by Khrushchev. Cuba proves that revisionism does not stop with "honest deviations". It leads to outright service to the imperialists--to counter-revolution.

The call of Mao Tse Tung and the Chinese Party for unity in the Marxist-Leninist camp will be victorious. It will win because only in this way can Socialism win. We live in the epoch of the end of capitalism--in the epoch of victory for Socialism.

We know, being workers ourselves, that many U.S. workers are misled by Kennedy's slander of Socialist Cuba. We also know that they are disturbed by the situation--that they do not have full confidence in Kennedy's path. It is our duty to alert the people to the danger of World War in the attack on Cuba. It is necessary to explain the accomplishments of Cuban Socialism. The defense of Cuban Socialism is the path to halting a new imperialist war and it is the path to U. S. Socialism. Let us move toward the establishment of a U.S. Marxist-Leninist Party. Let our courage and confidence equal that of our Cuban comrades.

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