



# Red Rebel!

**THE PEOPLE MAKE HISTORY  
AND THE PARTY LEADS THE PEOPLE  
IN MAKING HISTORY!**

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# IMPERIALIST GANGSTERS: OUT OF THE GULF!

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THE SYSTEM TREATS LIKE SHIT AND COUNTS AS NOTHING, BUT WHO ARE EVERYTHING TO THE PROLETARIAT. IT'S A PAPER FOR REVOLUTION.

THE QUESTION FOR US, IS HOW DO WE GET FROM WHERE WE ARE TODAY, WHERE A MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE LIVE UNDER IMPERIALIST OPPRESSION, TO WHERE WE WANT TO BE - A WORLD FREE OF IMPERIALISM, A WORLD FREE OF OPPRESSION? TO ACHIEVE THIS LEAP, WE HAVE TO BUILD A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE TODAY. THIS BRIDGE HAS TO BE BUILT THROUGH THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES OF PEOPLE. AND THE EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING THAT BRIDGE HAS TO BECOME CONCENTRATED IN A PROLETARIAN VANGUARD ORGANISATION. THE REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV) IS THE AGITATOR AND ORGANISER FOR THIS TASK IN BRITAIN, AS ONE DETACHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT.

TODAY, WE HAVE A PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONAL, THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT (RIM). A VITAL AND YOUNG ORGANISATION. THE BATTLE-LINES ARE BEING DRAWN AROUND THE WORLD, BETWEEN THE OPPRESSED AND THE OPPRESSOR. IT'S OUR DUTY TO THE MASSES OF PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO STEP UP AND JOIN OUR COMRADES IN STRUGGLE. IF YOU'RE OPPRESSED BY THIS SYSTEM, IF YOU DREAM OF A FUTURE WHERE THIS SYSTEM IS RUBBLE, IF YOU'RE A REBEL, ILLEGAL, DOWNCAST, NOTHING TO LOSE, THEN STEP FORWARD. TAKE UP THE TASK AND HELP PREPARE THE GROUND FOR REVOLUTION!

OUR IDEOLOGY IS MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM.  
OUR ORGANISATION IS REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV).  
OUR NEWSPAPER IS RED REBEL.

IF YOU WANT TO BURY THE SYSTEM, THIS IS YOUR PAPER. TAKE IT UP!

**REVOLUTION IS THE HOPE  
OF THOSE WITH NO HOPE  
AND R.V. STANDS FOR  
Revolution!**

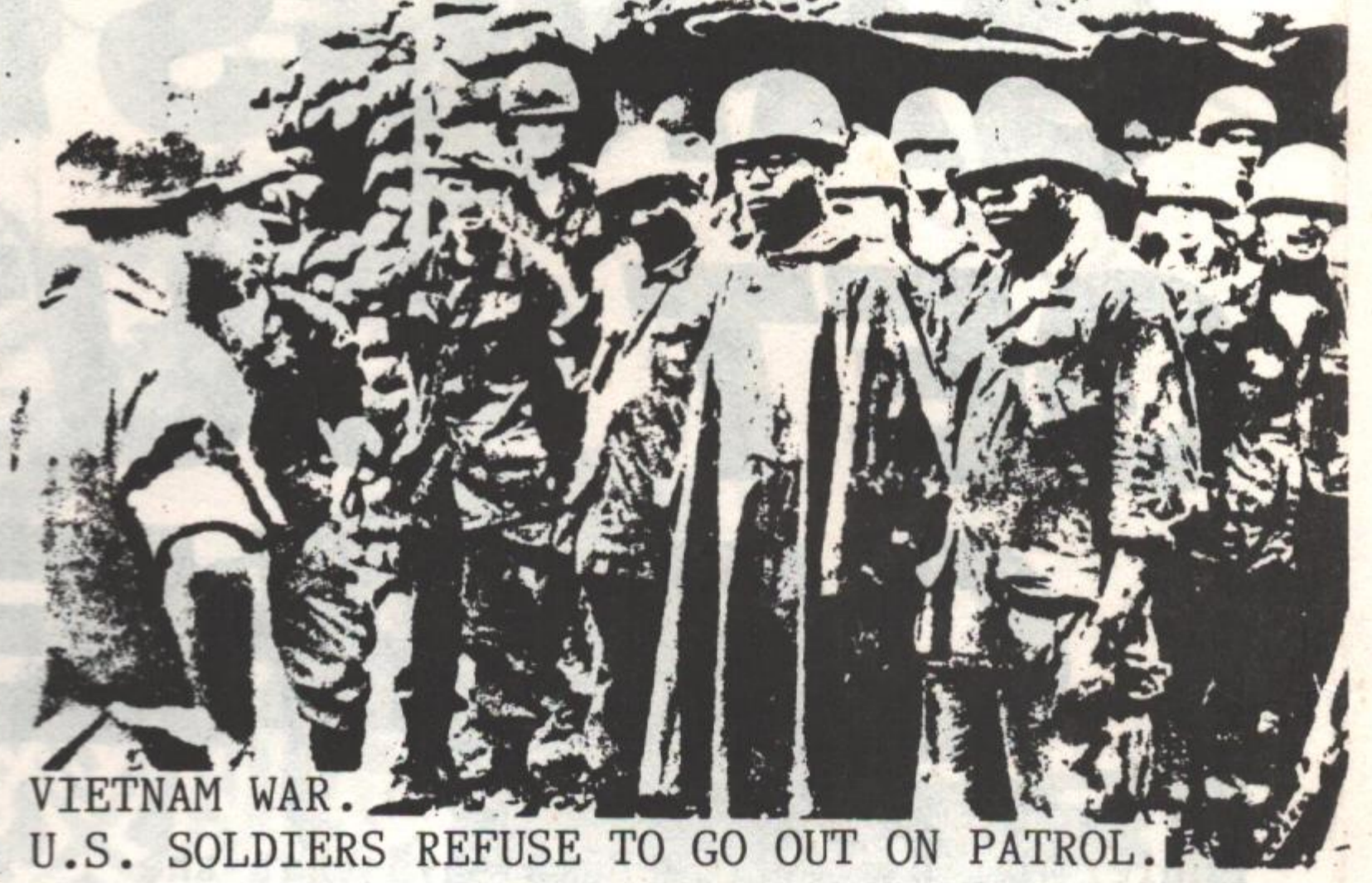
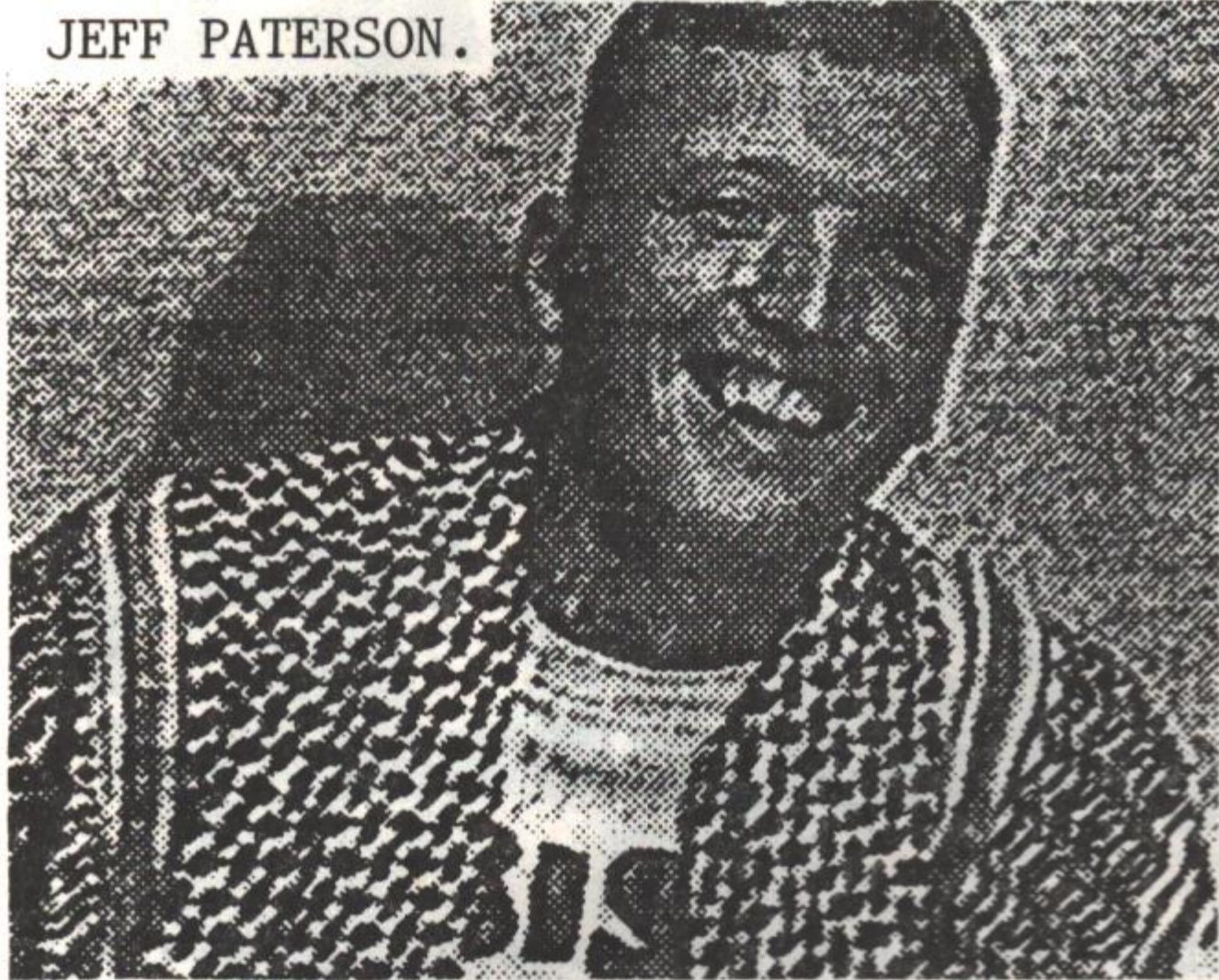
## **RV... Declaration of Intent...**

IMPERIALISM DECLARES A WAR ON THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE, UNDER THE COVER OF "WAR ON DRUGS". IMPERIALISM DECLARES A WAR ON WOMEN, THROUGH THE ATTACK ON ABORTION RIGHTS AND OTHER VICIOUS WAYS. REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV) SAYS, WE'VE GOT TO DECLARE WAR ON IMPERIALISM. THE PEOPLE ARE THE MAKERS OF HISTORY, THE PROLETARIAT ARE THE FORCE FOR REVOLUTION AND WHAT WE NEED IS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED, LIVING UNDER THE POWERS-THAT-BE GETS HARDER EVERY DAY AND WHEN THE PEOPLE LOOK OUT THERE, THEY DON'T HEAR NO VOICE SPEAKING FOR THEM. THIS PAPER IS A VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE AND IT'S GOT TO BECOME MORE OF A VOICE. IT'S A PAPER FOR ALL THOSE BRUTALISED BY THIS SYSTEM. ALL WHO REFUSE TO TURN THEIR EYES AWAY FROM OPPRESSION. ALL WHO

# U.S. Marine Refuses to Fight for U.S. Imperialism.

JEFF PATERSON.



VIETNAM WAR.  
U.S. SOLDIERS REFUSE TO GO OUT ON PATROL.

As the U.S. was mobilising its war machine for the Gulf and whipping up patriotism and war fever in the U.S., JEFF PATERSON, A 22 YEAR OLD U.S. MARINE MADE THE BOLD ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD NOT GO FIGHT. He said: "As I have repeatedly stated, I cannot and will not be a part of the murderous aggression that has been planned by the Bush administration against the people of the Middle East. Any attempts to morally justify the upcoming blitzkrieg are hypocritical and obscene".

When he refused to fight for the U.S. the media machine started its own war against him. Reactionary talk shows and pop music stations called him a "coward" and a "traitor". Some reactionary marines carried a banner saying "Burn Jeff, not the flag". But Jeff Paterson isn't a "coward" for the oppressed people of the world. Inside the belly of the reactionary army, he has stood by the side of the oppressed people and refused to be a part of the killing machine. This is great bravery and makes oppressed and progressive people proud of what Jeff does.

Recently, we heard that Jeff had begun a Hunger Strike, as a means to resist the U.S. war drive and not be an accomplice in it. He said: "I do not consider this action drastic in any way, for a large portion of the earth lives daily with hunger". We hope that Jeff's example will inspire other soldiers not to be cannonfodder for the interests of imperialism. Like the slogan says, "Turn the guns around", turn the guns from aiming at the people to aiming at the imperialists.

A supporter of R.V. sent this letter to the Committee to Defend Jeff Paterson.

"We would like to send our support for your action and your struggle which is against U.S. gangster interests in the Gulf. A young person like you who has been growing up in a country that sucks blood of people all round the world. And now you decided not to be their tool for their benefit, by the name of "democracy" and "peacekeeping in the Gulf" and "caring for the American people". This process of your life must be a big step, with a lot of spirit. You are giving the message that you are standing on the people's side. THIS PROTEST AND REFUSING TO FIGHT UNDER THE BLOOD-SOAKED U.S. FLAG COULD BE A LESSON AND A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ALL SOLDIERS IN THE REACTIONARY ARMIES ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

Mao Tse tung said for to be revolutionary, you must go against the tide. That means against the ruling class and reactionaries. We respect you and are proud of your spirit and we encourage you and will work to get people to support you. The imperialists never can be the winner, as the Vietnam War shows, because they never stand for the people's benefit. They are completely opposed to the people and that's why they will fail. We hope at every moment and every where you are, that you are strong as iron, with a high spirit against them and to transfer your spirit to the other people. From all our hearts we support you and we are with you. " ■

**TO THE SOLDIERS IN THE GULF -  
TURN THE GUNS AROUND AND REFUSE TO  
BE CANNONFODDER FOR THE IMPERIALISTS!**

# **IMPERIALIST GANGSTERS: GET OUT OF THE GULF!**

"Chief Mafioso George Bush says that the imperialist military forces have been sent to the Gulf to "stand up to evil".BULLSHIT! These gangsters have invaded the Gulf to ENFORCE evil over the people of the Middle East.Back in December,the U.S.invaded Panama,to enforce evil over the people of Latin America,in the biggest U.S.military mobilisation since Vietnam.Under the cover of "getting rid of a dictator",they bombed part of Panama City to the ground.After they'd finished,the people re-named one shantytown "Little Hiroshima".Eight months later,the U.S.has mobilised what is now its biggest military force since Vietnam,in fact it's been described as the biggest movement of military forces in a short period since World War Two.The powers-that-be are spreading the lie that "peace" is breaking out now that the Cold War is over, but there ain't no peace for the oppressed people of the world while these cut-throat imperialist gangsters rule over us".  
(Extract from Red Rebel Flying High Flyer)

Since this flyer was distributed at the end of August,the imperialists have added another bloody world record to their massive war moves.There is now in the Gulf (by mid-September)the biggest mobilisation of allied imperialist forces and Middle East puppet forces since the First World War.Imperialism means war and the imperialists will carry out monstrous crimes against the people when they go to war.

The U.S. has mobilised 140,000 troops, B-52 bombers,Stealth bombers and every type of high-tech fighter plane they have,tanks,

ground-to-air missiles,cruise missiles,all of their latest killing machines,which includes nuclear strike capability,and a whole array of warships.At the height of the military build-up,the U.S. was carrying out 80 flights a day into Saudi Arabia.

British imperialism is investing in this war drive too.It has sent 11,000 men,over 50 war planes,120 Challenger tanks,helicopters,armoured vehicles,anti-aircraft missile systems,6 warships in the Gulf. British Tornado jet fighters possess cluster bombs,which carpet whole areas with shrapnel indiscriminately,and the british too have nuclear strike capability.Other imperialist countries like France,Germany, Japan and puppet regimes like Egypt,Turkey, Syria,Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are either contributing financially,militarily or both.

Saddam Hussein is a regional tyrant built up by both the western and eastern imperialist blocs during the eight year war with Iran.They both did this because it was in both of their imperialist interests to stem the expansion of revolution in the region.The USSR was Hussein's main military supplier.When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait,August 2nd,to further his own interests,he caught the western imperialists off-guard,and had the initiative for the early part of the crisis.Since the massive U.S.-led military build-up through August into September,the initiative has shifted to the imperialists,who are now in a position to go on the offensive.By mid-September,things were at a stand-off and poised on a knife-edge,getting tenser by the day.



"U.S. IMPERIALISM MUST GET OUT OF ALL THE PLACES IT HAS OCCUPIED!"  
POSTER FROM CHINA DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

Now the western imperialists war machine is in place, there's been a flurry of diplomatic moves and counter-moves and military threats from the western camp. Saddam Hussein takes western hostages to use as a human shield against western attack. The west portray him hypocritically as a monster, for using women and children, and later a deal is struck where the women and children are released. The west implements an economic blockade against Iraq but later agrees to allow food in on a "humanitarian" basis. Iraqi troops storm the French ambassadors residence in Kuwait and arrest officials. The French government responds by calling an emergency U.N. meeting and promises more troops and equipment for the Gulf. Hussein tries to appease the French, previously one of his biggest military suppliers, by releasing elderly and sick French nationals. At the beginning of the U.S.-led military build-up, war-mongering talk of carpet-bombing Iraq was the order of the day for the western leaders. By the time the imperialists had reached a point of military stand-off with Iraq, the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff was sacked for openly discussing to the press plans to carpet bomb Iraq and assassinate Hussein. The Pentagon didn't deny that what the General talked about was on the cards, they just didn't want it spilled in public when

things were on the brink. Meanwhile, Britain along with other European powers, announced they are deporting Iraqi nationals for being "spies" and potential subversives. All these are living examples of moves and counter-moves, carrot and stick tactics in a world of rising tensions. Far from things cooling down during this period of stand-off, the potential for all-out military conflict is becoming greater by the day.

"The oppressor empires of the west are gas-guzzling oil-dependent economies and the Middle East is a major producer of the world's oil. If this oil supply were to be cut, this imperialist machine would certainly begin to overheat and seize up. The imperialists invasion of the Middle East is about keeping a firm hold on their strategic interests in the region. Also, they see it as a chance to build a firmer military strangle-hold, so as to keep the oppressed people, our brothers and sisters, under their jackboot, and guard against their competitors". (Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer)

The Middle East is economically and politically a strategic centre for the imperialists and a storm centre of world contradictions. Rivalries between the western and eastern imperialist blocs have been played out there in the past, and will be

again in the future. The U.S. is having wet dreams of building an even bigger empire for itself out of the current situation, particularly when the Soviet imperialists are backing off from an immediate confrontation with the West. To achieve these wet dreams, the U.S. need to get decisive advantage over its rival bloc, the USSR. Also, the U.S. need to get more political and economic clout over its major rivals within its own bloc, like Germany and Japan. Building a U.S. fortress situation in the Middle East will give unprecedented power to the U.S. to control its rivals' oil supplies.

With the rise of Arab struggle in the region, the U.S. is taking a more direct policing role in the Gulf, with plans to establish a permanent military base in Saudi Arabia.

Not only is the Middle East a storm centre of imperialist rivalries, it's also a storm centre of the oppressed peoples struggle against imperialism and ripe for proletarian revolution. The potential for a heightening of the people's struggle was clearly shown in response to the U.S. invasion of the Gulf.

"There's deep anti-U.S. and British imperialist feeling, spearheaded by the Palestinian Intifada. In just one week, 80,000 people in Jordan volunteered for the Iraqi army, because they saw it as a way to fight the imperialists. Massive demonstrations take place where they burn U.S. British and Israeli flags. In Yemen, 10,000 people smashed windows in the British, U.S. French, Saudi and Egyptian embassies. Events have again fuelled the righteous Palestinian Intifada... What's bubbling under the surface and bursting through the surface, is the deep anti-imperialist feeling of the people, which threatens to rise up and drown all the reactionaries".  
(Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer)

The crisis in the Gulf could push the local puppet regimes over the edge. The imperialists are desperately trying to shore them up. Japan has promised \$2 billion to relieve the crisis of Jordan, Turkey and Egypt. The U.S. is wiping off a \$7 billion military debt for Egypt, plus \$800 million in interest, though this hardly touches Egypt's \$50 billion debt. Jordan has told the U.N. it needs \$2 billion to cover the cost of sanctions against Iraq. Turkey has put in a bill for up to \$5 billion. The memory of what happened to the Shah of Iran haunts all these dogs. Hated pro-western regimes could be toppled in an anti-imperialist mass upsurge. Phony "anti-imperialist" client

states of the Soviet Union could be exposed to the light of day. Once again in the Middle East, crowns could roll in the gutter.



Demonstrators in Mafraq, Jordan, burn U.S. and British flags to protest military buildup.

## THE 80's - 90's SHIFT.

When we look at the Gulf crisis, we got to look at it in the light of what's going on in the world as a whole. If the U.S. had sent this military machine into the Middle East during the mid 80's, you would have certainly have faced a fast counter-mobilisation from the Soviet Union, and the two superpowers would have been facing each other off on the brink of inter-imperialist world war. The late 80's saw a significant shift in Soviet policy, a tactical and temporary step back from the brink of an immediate confrontation with the west. This is what we mean by the 80's - 90's shift.

The Gulf crisis poses a difficult dilemma for the Soviet Union and could threaten Gorbachev's plans to get greater links with the West. Today, the USSR is removing troops from Europe, telling its allies and puppets within its imperialist bloc to "cool out" points of confrontation with the western bloc, and dealing for dollars with the U.S., to get economic and

technical aid to halt the crumbling decline of its empire. From North and South Korea to Cambodia and Vietnam, from Afghanistan to Syria, the USSR is trying to re-structure the role of its forces to meet the needs of a "post Cold War era". The events in eastern Europe last year reflected in part a dramatic example of this re-structuring.

The dilemma the USSR faces in the Gulf crisis is that at the very time they've decided to withdraw from the brink of an immediate confrontation with the west, the west has carried out the biggest war mobilisation since Vietnam. The U.S. are planning to carpet bomb out of existence one of the USSR's key client regimes in the region, Iraq, which gives the USSR a strategic foothold in the Middle East. And of course if the U.S. are successful in getting rid of Saddam Hussein, they're going to replace him with a more obedient pro-western puppet. So any advances the Western bloc makes in Iraq, will be at the expense of the USSR. The billion dollar question is - can the USSR, in its period of "perestroika" and dealing with the West, can it stand back biting its lip while one of its client regimes is bombed out of existence? Maybe it can, maybe it has to, but then again... maybe it can't afford to and maybe it won't. If it doesn't, the short life of the "end of the Cold War"

will come crashing to an end, and confrontation with the West will reach new heights.

There's another factor in the Gulf crisis which reaches far beyond the Gulf. If U.S. troops enter Iraq, they will be within 130 miles striking distance of Azerbaijan, which marks the southern borders of the USSR. Today, Azerbaijan is in a state of upsurge and civil war. The USSR has lost control of the region and fears that the west may have a hidden agenda to de-stabilise the region, at a time when the USSR is vulnerable.

The USSR is trying its best to keep one foot either side of the war zone, in an attempt not to lose old friends like Iraq and not to lose newly-made acquaintances like the U.S. Despite the "end of the Cold War", Soviet social-imperialism and western imperialists still have competing bloc interests in the Gulf, and this is reflected in Moscow's policy towards U.S. intervention. The USSR has been trying to curb U.S. policy and leadership, by proposing that leadership of the military force be put under the United Nations (U.N.) The tactics of the USSR are to have "collective" leadership where it could exercise more influence over the war drive. While the USSR is going along with the sanctions and criticism of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and tell-

YOUTH IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE SEND A FLAMING MESSAGE TO THE U.S.



ing Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait, there are limits to their co-operation and collusion with the western bloc. After all, they are rival imperialist gangsters with their own cut-throat interests to defend. Irrespective of the collusion between the blocs, what is favourable to one bloc may be very unfavourable to the other.

Moscow has already warned that a military confrontation in the Middle East would "destroy the international balance far beyond the confines of the Middle East". Pravda commented that if a shooting war were to begin, it could affect not just people and oil refineries, "but the very process of detente itself".

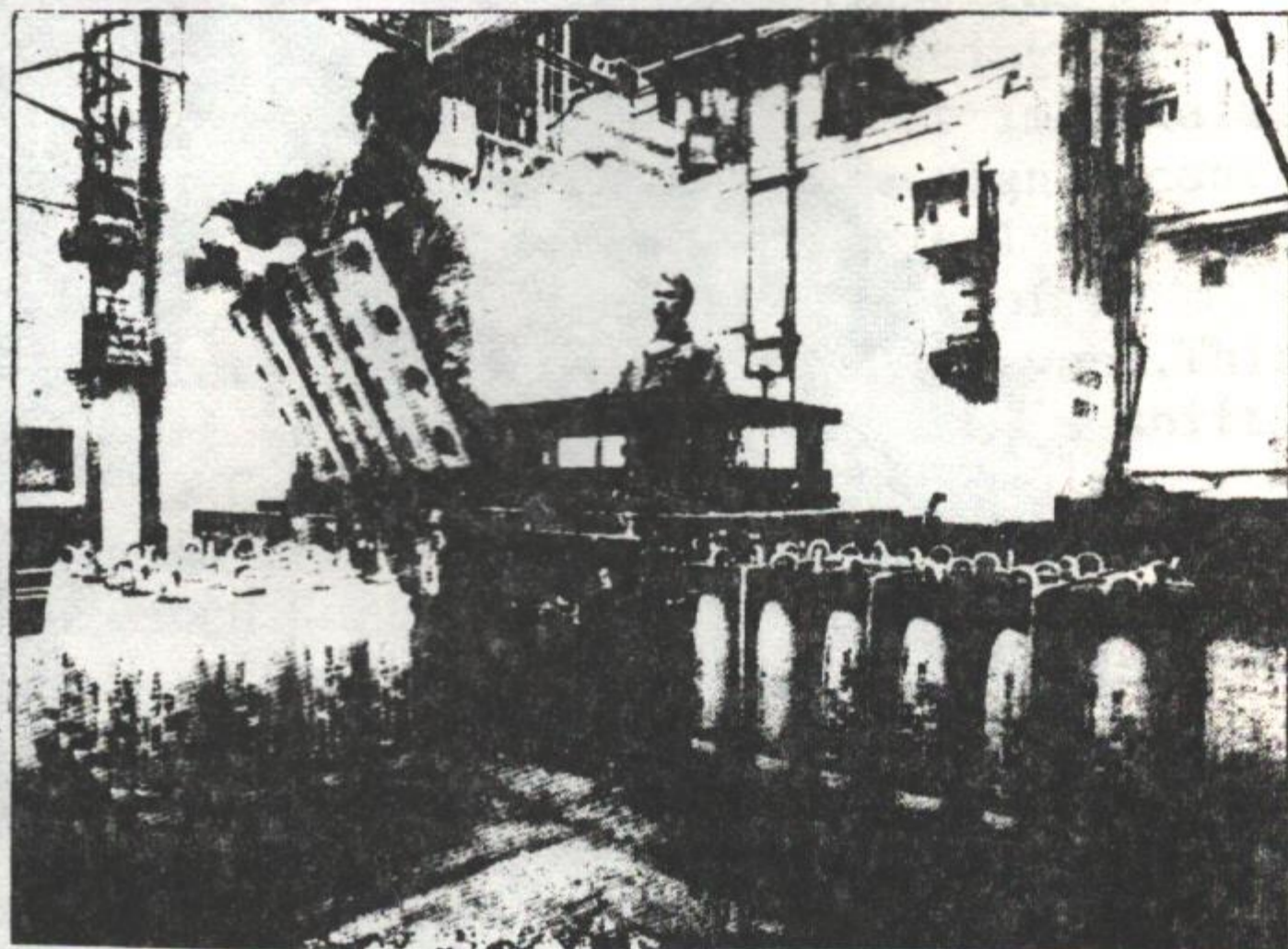
The USSR had new roles for its puppets like Syria and client states like Iraq in the new "post-Cold War era". Contrary to the dreams of western strategists, Moscow has absolutely no intention of abandoning its spheres of influence in the Middle East. Its plans are to re-structure them. Syria is a clear example of this re-structuring. The USSR has been limiting the supply of military hardware to Syria and pressuring it to cool out its conflict with Israel. It's also pushing Syria to forge new links with the west. For example, Syria has been playing a leading role in getting western hostages released from Lebanon. In the present Gulf crisis, Syria has come out and opposed the invasion of Kuwait and sent thousands of soldiers with military back-up, to fight Iraq alongside their former western bloc enemies in Saudi Arabia. This Syrian force indirectly represents USSR influence and interests in this war.



REFUGEES LEFT TO STARVE  
IN DESERT CAMPS ON THE JORDAN BORDER.

## THE ROLE OF ISRAEL.

Israel is basically a military fortress for western imperialism in the Arab world. The USSR has gone under the cover of "supporting" the Palestinian struggle, using its puppets like Syria and organisations like the PLO to push its interests. Over recent years, the USSR has been developing new tactics to gain a direct influence within the Israeli government. Its policy of allowing the migration of Russian jews to Israel is part of this. This year marked the total number of these reaching 100,000. In the middle of this Gulf crisis, Gorbachev met in Moscow the first official diplomatic visit from the Israeli government in 23 years. The right-wing Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, said he "foresaw a role for Moscow in the peace process if it showed objective assessment of events". Moscow, like the U.S., is hurriedly looking for a solution to the "problem" of the Palestinian Intifada, looking for some sell-out compromise with Israel, before the situation blows out of both of their hands. The U.S. is giving new orders to Israel, withholding \$400m in loans, until Israel pledges to stem the settlement of further emigrants on Palestinian soil, East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza. With the "end of the cold war" unfolding, both blocs of imperialists are restructuring the role of their puppet regimes, particularly in the Middle East. In an attempt to stop the further rise of the Arab people, U.S. Secretary of State Baker said, "It is very, very important, in the context of the overall situation in the Middle East, that there be a credible peace process underway". What this really means is that the imperialists fear that the Palestinian struggle could light a prairie fire of people's struggle across the whole of the Arab world.



CURRENT POISON GAS STOCKPILES IN THE U.S.



## WHAT TIME IS IT IN THE WORLD?

There's been a lot of talk about the "end of the Cold War" and how this is giving rise to a "new era of peace" and a "new world order". But there's no "new world order" at the end of the Cold War, just the same old bloody order increasingly coming apart at the seams. "Peace" is not the order of the day in this situation.

"The post World War Two world is rapidly coming apart at the seams. The international economic and political relations - the "division of the world" - established through and in the aftermath of World War 2 no longer correspond to the needs of the various imperialist powers to "peacefully" extend and expand their profit empires". (Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement, RIM.)

The existing world order is straining and groaning under the pressure of imperialist crisis. The imperialists are being propelled into defending the existing order, while at the same time developing plans to change it. The fragility of the world order today means that nothing is fixed and anything is possible.

Because the re-division of the world is a pressing necessity for all the imperialists - a re-division which can only be achieved fundamentally through a world war - no re-structuring policies like Perestroika can fundamentally solve this. Imperialism has its own dynamic that propels it forward and the imperialist rulers are like amateur jockeys riding a wild horse in this situation. They may be sitting on the saddle, but they're certainly not in control.

All the major contradictions in the world, between the rival imperialists, between the imperialists and the oppressed peoples and nations, and between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie internationally, are becoming sharply concentrated in the crisis in the Middle East. The Gulf has always been a storm centre and today it's got the potential to be the eye of a storm of world significance, that can jolt and shake this world order to pieces. Things could come to a head very quickly and the imperialists could start something that they may not finish.

Deep anti-western feeling is boiling up in the Arab world. All the imperialists, including the USSR, and their puppets, are lining up behind a U.S.-led war drive to defend their own interests. In this situation of accelerating developments, there is the potential for the imperialists to carry out major carnage against the people. There's the potential for major eruptions in the balance of power among the imperialist powers themselves. But there's also the potential for significant cracks to open up to advance revolution.

We have to prepare to use this situation to advance real communist politics, Maoism, internationally. This developing situation gives us the opportunity to expose the phony "communism" of the Soviet imperialists and the bloody reality of the western "democracies". We got to divert the struggle of the people away from these false friends and to their deepest interests which lie in all-the-way proletarian revolution. Let's make proletarian revolution - the imperialists worst nightmare and our fondest dreams - come true. ■

## BRITISH IMPERIALISM'S BLOODY HISTORY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

\*WHEN BRITAIN GRANTED PHONY "INDEPENDENCE" TO IRAQ IN 1931, THE BRITISH RAF CARRIED OUT A 4 YEAR TERROR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE KURDISH PEOPLE. MORE THAN HALF OF KURDISH VILLAGES WERE RAZED TO THE GROUND. \*IN THE 1950'S, 30% OF BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS WERE IN THE PERSIAN GULF. WHEN THE MUSSADIQ GOVERNMENT IN IRAN EXPROPRIATED THE ANGLO-OIL COMPANY, BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND THE CIA PREPARED A COUP WHICH BROUGHT THE SHAH OF IRAN TO POWER. \*IN 1956, 45,000 BRITISH TROOPS INVADED EGYPT, WHEN BRITAIN FACED THE LOSS OF THE KEY STRATEGIC SUEZ CANAL. \*IN THE 1950'S BRITAIN BUILT UP CYPRUS AS A BASE, INCLUDING NUCLEAR BOMBERS, FOR THREATENED USE AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST. \*BRITAIN TALKS TODAY ABOUT KUWAIT'S "INDEPENDENCE". BUT IN 1961, BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPIED KUWAIT WITH PLANS TO IMPLIMENT DIRECT BRITISH RULE, IF THERE WAS ANY THREAT TO BRITAIN'S OIL SUPPLIES. (KUWAIT WAS ALREADY A BRITISH VASSAL STATE)

BRITAIN HAS ALWAYS INVADED THE MIDDLE EAST TO PROTECT ITS IMPERIALIST INTERESTS AND KEEP THE PEOPLE DOWN, AND IT'S INVADED THE GULF TODAY FOR NO OTHER REASON.

*It's Right  
to Rebel!*



# RED WHITE & BLUE WE SHIT ON YOU!

Thatcher says Iraq's invasion of Kuwait (which was openly "owned" as a colony by Britain until 1962) is "utterly repulsive and no civilised country behaves in this way". Hussein had "invaded an independent country and that cannot be allowed to stand". This is stinking hypocrisy from a world tyrant, Thatcher. Britain is the supposedly "civilised" country that has invaded the world in its imperialist interests, that has colonised Ireland and maintains a bloody military occupation of the North. Britain is the supposedly "civilised" country that during its war to defend its colony, the Malvinas (Falklands), had secret plans to destroy Argentina's third largest city with a nuclear attack.

The imperialists have already threatened to use tactical nuclear weapons against Iraqi forces & the population & Britain is playing a leading role in this.

Of all the hypocrites in all the world, Thatcher takes the gold medal. "Sanctions don't work", she told us for years, they would hurt the people in S. Africa. But what Thatcher didn't want to hurt there was her beloved apartheid regime, because that would hurt the super-profits of British imperialism, made at the people's expense. Suddenly Thatcher is all for sanctions. No hypocritical worries about "hurting the people". The sanctions "must have teeth", they must really hurt the people and starve them out. No sanctions against S. Africa; sanctions against Iraq. Both designed to enforce British imperialist interests and completely opposed to the people of the world.

In "civilised" Britain, they've been whipping up white-supremacist war-mongering. Threats to deport Muslim people for "disloyalty" are promoted by the rabid rulers. Stockbrokers in the city play war games in a dis-used warehouse, where they shoot each other with red dye pellets and enact planting a bomb outside Saddam Hussein's palace. An RAF show-fair sets up a "game" called "Bomb the Iraqis" at 10p a go.

Here in the belly of British imperialism, when the rulers talk their white-supremacist, war-mongering filth, we got to take a stand against them, a totally un-patriotic & anti-patriotic stand & shout, Fuck your gangster imperialism! We stand with the oppressed people around the world & with the Arab people against you & the only war we want to fight is revolutionary war to bring you down. Any attempt by Britain or the other imperialists to launch a military attack in the Gulf, under any reason whatsoever, must be met with the most furious resistance of all progressive and revolutionary-minded people.

**FROM MALAYA TO KENYA TO IRELAND, THE BRITISH FLAG HAS STOOD FOR BLOODY MASSACRES OF THE PEOPLE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE, WE SEE NOTHING BUT A BUTCHER'S APRON, AS THEY CALL IT IN IRELAND. WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE IN THE NAME OF "DEMOCRACY" AND "CIVILISATION" IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CRIMES IN HISTORY. THERE AIN'T NOTHING SACRED ABOUT THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE FLAG.**

**IN FACT, THE ONLY THING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE IS GOOD FOR, IS WIPING YOUR ARSE ON!**

# TOTAL ANTI - PATRIOTISM IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY!



THERE'S A MASSIVE CHEAP LABOUR FORCE, MADE UP OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE, IN THE IMPERIALIST-BACKED SHEIKDOMS OF THE GULF. UNDER THREAT OF WAR, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE ARE FLEEING KUWAIT AND BEING PUT IN DESERT BORDER CAMPS BY THE JORDAN GOVERNMENT. WHILE WHITE EUROPEANS FLY OUT OF JORDAN, COURTESY OF BARCLAYCARD AND AMERICAN EXPRESS, 60-80,000 OPPRESSED PEOPLE WERE LEFT IN THE DESERT, WITH LITTLE COVER, FOOD OR WATER OR SANITATION AND THE REAL DANGER OF PEOPLE DYING FROM DISEASES LIKE CHOLERA. THIS IS THE APARTHEID LOGIC OF IMPERIALISM IN PRACTICE.

WE'VE GOT TO OPPOSE THEIR WAR MOVES AND WE'VE GOT TO EXPOSE THE REAL REASONS WHY THEY'VE INVADED THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE IMPERIALIST MAFIOSO WOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT CARPET-BOMBING OUT OF EXISTENCE TENS OF THOUSANDS, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ARAB PEOPLE, AS THOUGH THE PEOPLE ARE NOTHING, JUST LIKE THEY TRIED TO BOMB VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA OUT OF EXISTENCE. WHY? BECAUSE THE IMPERIALISTS ARE ALL A PACK OF WHITE-SUPREMACIST RACIST DOGS, THAT'S WHY.

TO THEM, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE MEAN NOTHING EXCEPT A MEANS OF MAKING SUPER-PROFITS AND THEY CASUALLY CALCULATE LARGE-SCALE SLAUGHTER OF THE PEOPLE, TO DEFEND THEIR BLOODY EMPIRE.

## labour, tory, hand in hand, bury them both in the sand!

**SADDAM HUSSEIN IS A REACTIONARY DOG  
BUT HE'S THE IMPERIALISTS  
REACTIONARY DOG.**

As for Saddam being "mad" and "repulsive", for years he was carrying out crimes for the imperialists launching the Iran-Iraq War, chemical gassing the Kurdish and Iranian people. They didn't call him mad then, they gave him the military to do it. Hell, Britain was even building him a super-gun. The Soviet imperialists were also up to their neck in this, and today they're uniting with the Americans gangster aggression. This reactionary Hussein only became repulsive, not for his crimes against the people, but when he tried to step on the imperialists turf.

Saddam Hussein is a small-time gangster who's threatened to take over the turf of his big-time gangster imperialist bosses, and these imperialist Godfathers will kill as many people as they have to, so as to keep hold of their turf.

MOST OF THE MP'S IN PARLIAMENT OF WHATEVER PARTY, HAVE SUPPORTED BRITAIN'S WAR MOVES, WHICH IS WHAT THEY GET PAID FOR. BUT THERE'S A FEW WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, THE "LEFT" OF THE LABOUR PARTY, WHO HAVE "COME OUT AGAINST THE WAR", WHICH IS WHAT THEY GET PAID FOR. TYPICAL OF THESE IS TONY BENN, THE "LOYAL OPPOSITION" OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, ALWAYS "CRITICAL" OF THE SYSTEM, EXCEPT WHEN THEY'RE IN THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT, HELPING RUN IT. BENN COMPLAINS THAT "THIS COUNTRY" IS BEING DRAGGED TO WAR AGAINST ITS INTERESTS AND IS "HANGING ONTO AMERICA'S COAT-TAILS" AND COMPLAINS THAT WAR "MIGHT BRING MANY ARAB COUNTRIES OUT AGAINST US". LET'S BE CLEAR. BRITAIN'S INTERESTS REST IN OPPRESSING THE ARAB PEOPLE, JUST LIKE THE US DOES AND IF BRITAIN GOES TO WAR, IT WILL BE TO DEFEND THOSE BLOODY INTERESTS. AND IT'S JUSTICE WHEN THE ARAB PEOPLE RISE UP AGAINST BRITAIN, BECAUSE THE ARAB PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE FREE WHILE BRITAIN'S AROUND. WE GOT TO EXPOSE THIS PARLIAMETARY POLITRICKS OF TONY BENN THAT WANTS TO LEAD US UP A BLIND ALLEY. WE DON'T NEED TELLING WHAT'S IN BRITAIN'S INTERESTS, WE KNOW WHAT THOSE INTERESTS ARE AND WE SAY FUCK THEM.

## THE 90's: A TIME FOR HARD-EDGED, ALL-THE-WAY REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS! MAD IS THE TIME!

# Smash Apartheid Britain!

TODAY IN THE EAST END OF LONDON, THERE IS A CONCENTRATED EXPRESSION OF WHAT WE CALL APARTHEID BRITAIN. THE OPPRESSED BENGALI (BANGLADESHI) PEOPLE ARE UNDER ATTACK FROM RACISTS AND THE ASIAN YOUTH ARE ORGANISING IN SELF-DEFENCE. THE FASCIST BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY IS TRYING TO FAN RACISM AND MOBILISE A SECTION OF WHITE WORKERS AS ITS SHOCK TROOPS. SERIOUS QUESTIONS HAVE GOT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE IN THIS SITUATION AND THIS ARTICLE IS AN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

The British economic system is in deep crisis and this means an ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots. For the oppressed people and women at the bottom of society, this leads to intensified super-exploitation, as they are forced to be an ever-deepening pool of cheap labour for British imperialism. By contrast, the white working class has held a more privileged position in the labour force during the post-war years of British imperialism's "boom". Today, some of the poorer sections of these white workers are finding their privileged position being eroded.

The resentment of these poorer white workers at their loss in living standards is taking the political expression of white chauvinism and prejudice against national minorities. This is expressed in wrong ideas like "they're taking our jobs" and "threatening our traditional way of life". This resentment and prejudice is being fanned and manipulated by fascist forces like the British National Party (BNP). The fascists are trying to whip up an atmosphere of white terror against the oppressed people and trying to mobilise sections of the white workers as their shock troops. White

youth are being mobilised to carry out attacks of terror against the oppressed people, creating a state of siege in the communities. All this is taking place in the Tower Hamlets borough of the East End of London.

The Bengali community in the east end of London is one of the newest and fastest growing communities in the country. In the past 10 years it has grown by nearly 400%, with a population today of 40,000. What is today a Bengali area was previously a Jewish area. Jewish people settled there to escape the fascist pogroms of Europe. In the years following the second world war, the Jewish community have moved out of the area and today the Council have a policy to locate the Bengali people in these old slums.

Tower Hamlets is one of the most densely populated areas in the country. 80% of the housing is council owned, a proportion of the housing is pre-war, run-down, insect and vermin-infested and damp. The blocks of flats that were built in the 1930's still have their bath in the kitchen. The Bengali people are being forcibly ghettoised into these slum areas by the government. Families



in Bed and Breakfast accommodation are being offered places in these slums and told that if they stay in these areas for 1½ years, they will be re-allocated to better housing. This re-allocation doesn't happen. The white residents who lived in the immediate area are being moved out to better housing and Bengali families are taking over the tenancies.

Not only are the Bengali people being ghettoised in housing, they're also being ghettoised in education. There's a deepening demoralisation among teachers that is resulting in a shortage of teachers. This means that 5 year olds in Tower Hamlets are not getting primary school places. 500 children passed their fifth birthday without a school place; over 450 of these children are Bengali. In some areas there is obvious segregation against Bengali children. Near Brick Lane, in Thomas Buxton School, it is virtually all Bengali pupils. 100 yards away in St Anne's Catholic school, it is virtually all white pupils. This is apartheid in education.

The living and working conditions for the Bengali people are like something out of the twenties and thirties. The level of unemployment among the Bengali people is one of the highest of any section of the proletariat in Britain. This is not a sign of not being able to find work. Rather, high unemployment is a precondition to force the oppressed people into the lowest-paid jobs, with poor safety standards and conditions generally.

British imperialism relies heavily on super-exploiting the oppressed peoples and nations around the world. And they rely too on the oppressed people in Britain and those who come to this country, as a cheap labour force. In the post-world war two years, British imperialism was able to offer concessions to a wider section of the white working class. This was inseparably linked to Britain's policy of bringing the oppressed peoples from the so-called Commonwealth countries to Britain as a ready supply of cheap labour. They were forced into the dirty jobs at low wages which the white workers no longer had to do. Though this policy has been regulated at times by racist immigration laws, it has always existed and been a major source of cheap, non-unionised, super-exploited labour for British imperialism, for the cheap production of manufactured goods and services inside the imperialist citadels. (See box on APARTHEID ECONOMY for further details.)

The east end of London has itself gone through some significant re-structuring since the second world war. It has been for generations the industrial and living base for the white working class in London. Heavy industry and dock work have declined significantly and more high-tech industry has moved into the area. In response, the better-off white workers have moved out of the area into the suburbs of east London where new industries are re-locating. This leaves the poorer section of the white working class in the east end in a declining situation.

There's been a two-fold "boom" during the eighties that has directly affected the east end of London. On the one hand, there was a massive expansion in the "City", the "big bang" in the financial institutions. On the other hand, the eighties has seen a "boom" in property prices, which has pushed into the east end, swallowing up old slum areas and renovating them and selling them at £½ million each as luxury Georgian homes for yuppies.



SWEATSHOP LABOUR IN MANCHESTER.

So the two extremes of "British life" exist along side each other in the east end. The two different worlds of the obscene wealth of the "City" and, within one mile of this lives an example of the basis of this obscene wealth, the ghettoised Bengali community. The poorer white working class are finding themselves squeezed in this situation. On the one hand, they're being priced out of the area by the expansion of the "City". On the other, they're finding themselves competing with a super-exploited cheap labour force of the oppressed people, in a declining industrial area.

In February of this year, the grievances of the white residents in the east end came to the surface and took the expression of an organised demonstration against violence among the Bengali and white youth. The demonstration was organised after a white youth was stabbed in a school. From the beginning, it had overtones of white chauvinism. The people on the demonstration have to be divided into two. There were forces there who genuinely wanted to stop the violence among the youth. But they were looking at it from the wrong basis. For instance, the demonstration was organised after a white youth got stabbed. At no time had the white residents organised a demonstration to protest the violent attacks against the Bengali community. (In the first six months

## APARTHEID ECONOMY

Like all imperialist countries, Britain has a two-tier labour market. The oppressed people find themselves ghettoised into low status, low paid jobs in the manufacturing and service industries.

\* Official employment figures reveal systematic discrimination against the oppressed people. Figures for unemployment in 1983 show that 27.6% of West Indian or Guyanese men and 21.5% of Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi men were unemployed, compared to 11.6% of white men.

\* In 1982, average earnings for Asian and West Indian men were 15% lower than for white men. West Indian and Asian men are 3 to 4 times more likely to be in unskilled jobs than white men.

\* Educational qualifications do not fundamentally alter this systematic pattern of discrimination against oppressed people. A 1984 survey found that of those with O-Level qualifications, 61% of whites were in skilled jobs, compared with 42% of West Indians and 29% of Asians.

\* One-third of all black men work shifts, compared to only one-fifth of white men. Black workers on night shifts are particularly badly paid.

\* The gap between oppressed nationality women and white women, though still significant, is not as large as between oppressed men and white men. This is because women as a whole are more concentrated in the lowest sections of the working class.

\* "Race Relations" legislation, supposed to alter this discrimination, is basically meaningless. A 1984 survey found the level of racial discrimination in employment was as high as 10 years earlier—and this was 17 years after the Race Relations Act.

These examples go to show that racism and discrimination are an indispensable part of what keeps this system running.

# APARTHEID POLITICS

RIGHT THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THE "BRITISH EMPIRE",RIGHT BACK TO ITS BLOODY BIRTH,IT HAS USED OPPRESSED PEOPLE AS A CHEAP LABOUR FORCE AND FANNED RACISM AGAINST THEM TO KEEP THEM IN AN APARTHEID POSITION.THE IRISH PEOPLE,FOR INSTANCE, LARGELY BUILT THIS COUNTRY'S INFRASTRUCTURE,ITS ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK ETC.AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR,THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD A POLICY TO BRING WORKERS FROM AFRICA,THE CARIBBEAN AND ASIA FOR CHEAP LABOUR.AND THEY TOO FACED RACIST ATTACKS AND FOUND THEMSELVES GHETTOISED.IN AUGUST 1958,BLACK WOMEN AND MEN WERE ATTACKED FOR DAYS ON END AND PETROL-BOMBED BY RACISTS IN NOTTINGHAM AND LONDON.IN 1968 THE RACIST ENOCH POWELL MOBILISED WHITE DOCKERS BEHIND HIS CALL FOR FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF BLACK PEOPLE.BACK IN THE 1930's,AT A TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS,OSWALD MOSLEY MOBILISED HIS FASCISTS AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE EAST END.

THE POWERS-THAT-BE HAVE A LONG AND UGLY HISTORY OF MOBILISING SECTIONS OF THE WHITE WORKERS TO THEIR REACTIONARY BANNER AND THEY'VE DONE THIS BY PLAYING THE RACIST CARD.RATHER THAN FASCIST POLITICS BEING A "FREAK" OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY,IT IS IN FACT AN INTEGRAL,NAKED EXPRESSION OF IMPERIALIST INTERESTS.

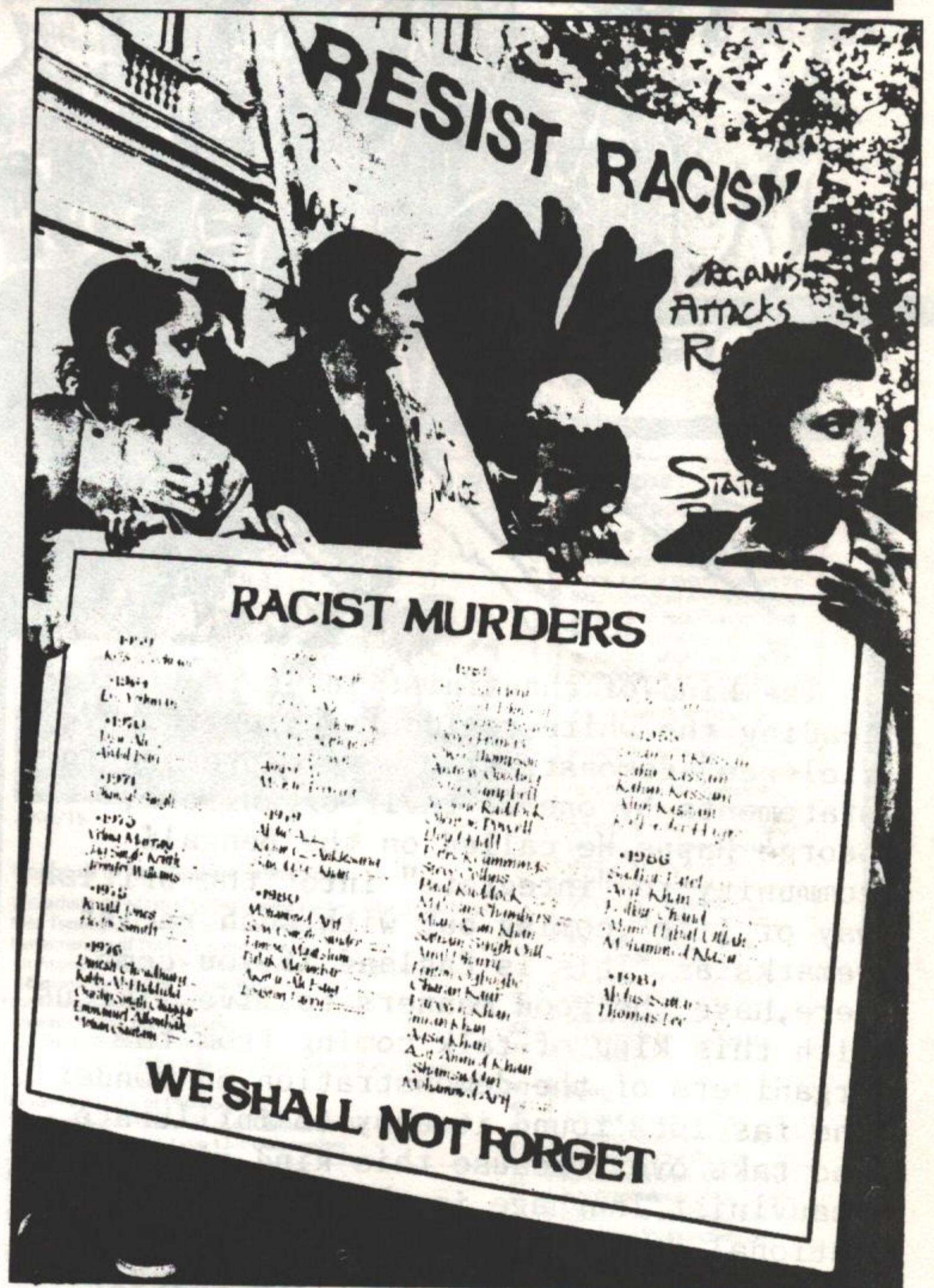
of this year attacks against the Bengali community have been under-estimated to be 250).This demonstration was infiltrated and hijacked by the fascist BNP who tried to direct people's sentiments into racism against Asian people.And it must be said that the basis on which the march was organised gave a clear opening for the fascists to do this.

Members of the white community who are genuine about opposing the violence on the streets have got to realise that the overwhelming violence among the youth is directed against the oppressed peoples and is racist and reactionary.On this point of opposing racist violence,genuine sections of the white community can unite with the Bengali community.

It's wrong to talk simply about"violence on both sides" as though it was equal in measure and in its nature.The violence of the white youth against the oppressed people,because they are oppressed people, is racist and can never be justified on any basis whatsoever.When the Asian youth fight the racists,they are defending themselves and their communities as oppressed people. As such this is justified violence and must be upheld and united with and built on.

The fascists are the politically conscious forces that represent the deepest and naked interests of this system and they are trying to use this situation in the east end to sharpen the divisions between the two communities,and to try and terrorise the oppressed people into submission.

When the Bengali community heard that this demonstration was being organised,they realised very quickly and correctly that it could turn into a racist parade and in fact it did.The Bengali community organised a



counter-demonstration against the fascists, proclaiming THEY SHALL NOT PASS.As one Asian youth put it:

"...there's a generation of hard-core Asians who are ready for trouble,who are prepared to take it on if it comes their way,who are prepared to fight back...if you don't fight back,then you become victims..."

there comes a time when you can only take so much and you just have to stand up and say, well, this is where I draw the line and no other white bastard's going to walk over me and I'm not going to take any more of this shit. Cos it's time to fight back".

**We won't chill!  
WE'RE  
GOING TO**



The kind of chauvinist ideas that were leading the white residents "Stop the Violence" demonstration were expressed in statements by one of their organisers, George Happe. He called on the Bengali community to "integrate" into "the british way of life", coming out with such racist remarks as, "This is England. If you come here, have the good manners to live like us". With this kind of talk coming from the organisers of the demonstration, no wonder the fascists found it easy to infiltrate and take over, because this kind of chauvinist language is the kind the National Front and BNP use.

People should ask themselves exactly what this "British way of life" really is and who lives it and what it's based on. These fascist BNP sing "Rule Britannia" and talk of "defending the British way of life" and they're doing just that when they attack and terrorise the oppressed people. Just look at their fascist outlook, they stand for everything ugly and reactionary in this world, and they are defending this "british way of life".



THE "BRITISH WAY OF LIFE" IN THE EAST END.

The Bengali people and other oppressed people who come to this country live a very brutal "British way of life" in the ghettos, living in poverty, being super-exploited in the sweatshops. This way of life of our oppressed brothers and sisters is a crucial part of maintaining the bloated "British way of life" of the parasite rulers.

Daily are the oppressed peoples forced out of their countries by starvation and death squad regimes and proxy wars in the interests of different imperialists. And they come here to this "civilised land of milk and honey" and soon find out it's Babylon's land of blood money.

A placard was held up on a demonstration by an Asian woman. It read WE ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU ARE THERE. Ain't that the truth. The "British way of life" means a life of hell for the oppressed peoples around the world. Behind the starvation of the people in Bangladesh and other countries lies the bloody hand of Britain and the other imperialist powers.

We should not be telling the oppressed people to "integrate" into the belly of a monster and why the hell should the people integrate into a racist system? We ourselves should be renouncing this bloody "British way of life" and standing with the oppressed and exploited and shouting out,



FUCK YOUR BRITISH WAY OF LIFE, IT'S BASED ON MURDER AND PLUNDER. This "British way of life" is a way of death for the world's oppressed people. One Asian brother talked of how he felt when people told him he should "integrate". When he first moved into the east end, his family faced verbal abuse, spitting, lumps of wood thrown through the window. Then he was beaten up by racists on the way back from school. His brother was stabbed, slashed across the back and left to die in a churchyard by racists. His father is now disabled after being attacked. His mother was attacked with a lump of wood with steel nails embedded in it. Over the years, he says, it's got from bad to worse, "and then people have the indecency to turn around and tell us, why don't we try and fit in?"

**WHERE WE'VE GOT TO STAND.**

We got to be clear where progressive and revolutionary-minded people have got to stand, and they got to stand with the people at the bottom of this system against the powers-that-be. Because the very foundations

of this system are rooted in the oppression and exploitation of the oppressed people around the world, who are at the bottom of this system.

For people to stand with the oppressed and exploited, they've got to reject the ideas and privileges that the powers-that-be offer them and infect them with. White supremacy is a key part of imperialism's rule in the world and in this country, because it keeps the majority of people in chains. All progressive people have got to renounce this "white right" because it serves completely the powers-that-be, and it's a barrier to revolutionary unity.

It's impossible to oppose the powers-that-be in a fundamental way while defending the privileges that the powers-that-be offer. To reject "white right" is to break down the colour lines that the powers-that-be have built up, so as to keep their power. To reject this privilege is to stand with the rock-solid proletariat and to strengthen the basis for revolution, where we all get free. ■

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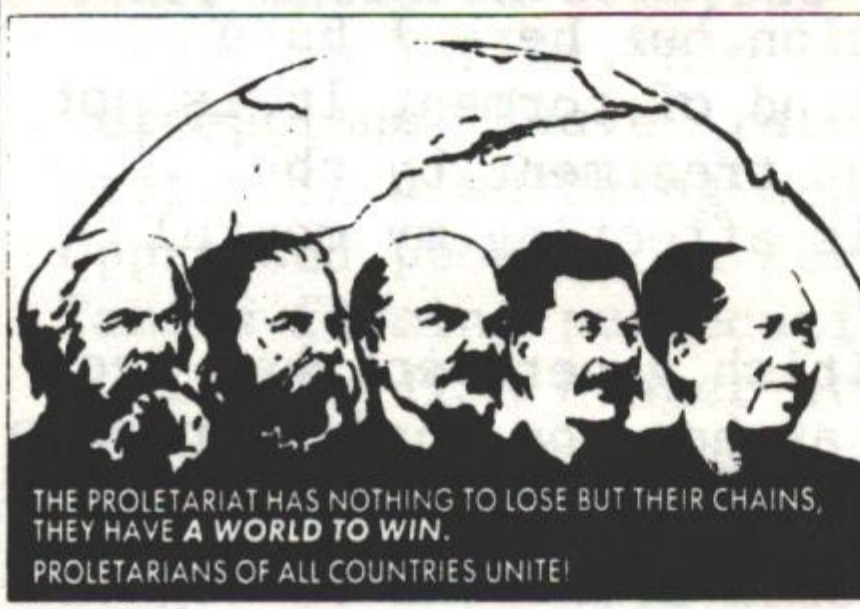
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**Collapse of Revisionism in the East**

An editorial analysing this extraordinary turn of events answers the West's arrogant and hasty death sentence of "communism" and the question this crisis sharpens up for all - what is socialism? It looks again at what Mao learned from both the positive and negative experience in the Soviet Union under Stalin, and from the subsequent restoration of capitalism there, as well as the lessons he drew for China's revolution, including in the sphere of socialist construction. Rid of fake Marxism-Leninism, or "real revisionism", the situation is complicated, but also favourable for making revolutionary inroads. The section also includes two important reprints from Mao and the Chinese Communists on socialism, commentaries by RIM organisations and sympathisers, a first-hand account from Romania, as well as an article on Ceausescu's downfall.

**Peru**

A recent speech by PCP Chairman Gonzalo on the 40th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution analyses the far-reaching consequences of the Chinese revolution for world revolution. He talks about the invincibility and vitality of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, proven by the great advances of the people's war in Peru, and discusses the country-wide seizure of power there.

**Afghanistan**

A breath of fresh air comes with the formation of the Organisation of the Revolutionary Communists of Afghanistan (ORCA) through the merger of two Afghan communist organisations. An excerpt from the section on proletarian internationalism in the ORCA's founding document is reprinted in this issue.

# Salute Kurdish Hunger Strikers

On August 17th, five Kurdish people, who are refugees from persecution in Turkey, began a Hunger Strike outside the Home Office in London. They were protesting at the British government's refusal to give them refugee status, which meant their families were not being allowed to come to Britain from Turkey. The week before, it was reported that the Home Office refused to allow the dying handicapped son of refugees Yusuf and Zeynup Altun to come to Britain. Very soon, the original 5 hunger strikers were joined by 15 more Kurdish men and women on hunger strike. At least one sister refused to take any liquid as well as food.

The Kurdish people in Turkey live under martial law conditions. One of the hunger strikers, Ismail Toprak, had escaped from Turkey after being arrested on May Day 1989 and brutally tortured by police. Now, the British government would not give him refugee status, or allow his wife and children to come here. He'd had no news of them for 2 months. He said: "I came to England to escape torture and oppression, but here I have found a different kind of torment. It is not physical torture, but treatment by the authorities which is affecting my mental health".

Recently, the British government has been pretending concern at how the Kurdish people in Iraq were massacred with chemical weapons in 1988. But this was nothing but cheap and hypocritical propaganda to get ready for war in the Gulf. At the same time as they were "condemning" Saddam Hussein's massacre of the Kurds in Iraq, the Kurdish people in London were having to hunger strike to expose their brutal treatment by the British government. At the very time the British government was acting as "defenders" of the Kurds against Saddam Hussein, the British police were removing the blankets from Kurdish hunger strikers in London, forcing them to stand all the time, and trying to break their courageous protest. This is the same British government that talks about the importance of "family values", yet they are quite happy to leave the Kurdish people's families in danger back in Turkey, and deny them the "right to family life". One sister on hunger strike talked of how it felt to be forcibly separated from her children, who also needed special medical



care, and to receive a photo of them from Turkey, which she couldn't even recognise them in.

The fascist nature of the Turkish regime has been well-documented by groups like Amnesty International. But the "democratic" British government doesn't have any problem with the Turkish regime. In fact, they're the best of friends. Britain is one of the main weapons suppliers to Turkey. There's a factory in Cheltenham which exports electric cattle prods, for use on prisoners in the regime's dungeons. Turkey does a "very good" job for the Western imperialists in suppressing revolutionary struggle in this key region, and there are major NATO installations there.

Whereas the Kurdish people, who live under this fascism, they give imperialists like Britain nightmares. The Kurds are struggling for their homeland, which is carved up between Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. Like the Palestinian intifada, their defiant fight threatens to explode the imperialists power relations in this area.

So, when 4,000 Kurds fled to Britain last year, seeking asylum, the British government did everything it could to send them back to their torturers in Turkey. They introduced new visa requirements which made it much more difficult to claim asylum. Immigration officials boarded planes at Heathrow and didn't even allow the Kurdish people to get off. On the basis of 3 to 4 minute interviews, they decided that the

Kurds weren't entitled to asylum. In fact, they lied and said the Kurdish people had never claimed asylum, they had just come here to work. Documents they had and evidence of torture were ignored. Those especially who had been politically active in Turkey didn't stand a chance. As the deadline for introducing visas approached, Home Office officials now went out to Istanbul airport and, working hand in hand with British Airways, stopped Kurdish people getting on flights out of Turkey. On June 15th, they stopped 100 Kurds from escaping. They said this was because they had no visas, although the date for visas to be introduced hadn't yet come.



British police forced Kurdish people at Heathrow back onto flights to Turkey. Their passports were taken and handed over to Turkish police, with English notes inside explaining they had claimed refugee status. There is documented evidence that a number of these people were then tortured by the Turkish death squad police.

What kind of system is this we're living under? One sister talked of how she tried to get tickets to fly out of Turkey "illegally", after British officials stopped her flying out of Istanbul with her children. She had to get out, because the whole family was being victimised. Her husband had been on the run from police for political activities, had been tortured, and had got to England to try and take the heat off his family. But she could only get two flight tickets in this way, which meant she had to choose which 2 of her children she would have to leave behind in Turkey, with no certainty when she could get them out, or for how long they'd be safe. But if she got refugee status, she'd have the right in law to

have them come here. Refugee status was denied. Now in London with her husband, they are not allowed to get their children out. Phone calls to them are almost more upsetting than hearing nothing. She says, "When we call our daughters they say, mother come and get us. We dread phoning them, but we do, just to hear their voices". This sister was forced to choose between her children by the British government. That's what kind of system we're living under.

Of the 4,000 Kurds who came to London last year claiming asylum, only 320 have been given refugee status. Another 1,099 have been given "exceptional leave" to stay in Britain. This is a much less secure position and, unlike refugee status, it does not recognise "the right to family life". People must apply to the Home Office every year, for 4 years, for their families to be allowed to join them here. Even after 4 years, it is up to the decision of the Home Office. This is not only a vindictive and racist policy, though it certainly is that. It's also a method for the British government to have control over the Kurdish people, particularly to try and stop them taking part in political struggle. In effect, their children are being held as hostages. If they don't act as the authorities want, then the British can decide not to let their children come, but to leave them in danger in Turkey. This policy of giving "exceptional leave" rather than refugee status, is also being applied to other oppressed peoples in struggle, notably the Tamils fleeing persecution in Sri Lanka.

The Kurdish hunger strikers outside the Home Office were among those held as hostage to this "exceptional leave". The hunger strike ended after 8 days, when the British government backed down and agreed to review their cases. At least two of the hunger strikers needed hospital treatment. A spokeswoman for the hunger strikers, Necla Alp, said if they didn't get good news within two or three months, then they would step up the protest again. Their struggle must be supported. ■

**DEATH TO  
BRITISH  
IMPERIALISM!**

**LONG LIVE  
KURDISTAN**

# People's War: Changing The World In Peru!

Today in Peru our class, the proletariat and its allies, are fighting a revolutionary war, a People's War, against imperialism and its stooges. This People's War is now fighting its tenth year, being led by the Maoist Communist Party of Peru\* (PCP), often called "Sendero Luminoso" or "Shining Path" in the press. Our comrades in Peru are mobilising all those people with nothing in this world except the need to build a whole new world. Through this People's War, those who are pushed down and treated like dirt by the powers-that-be, those at the bottom, who don't have a right to speak in this world, they are standing up and shouting out and taking their future into their own hands and ripping it out of the hands of the oppressor:

"those who used to rank lowest now rank above everybody else; and so this is called "turning everything upside down".  
(Mao Tse tung)

\* THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU IS A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT (RIM), THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF OUR CLASS, THE PROLETARIAT.

## THE LIFE CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN PERU.

Life conditions are desperate for the masses of people in Peru, a country dominated by imperialism, principally U.S. imperialism. The terrible poverty in the countryside means that the average life expectancy is 44 years, compared to 76 years in the USA. Peru has one of the worst infant mortality rates in Latin America. Around 50% of children younger than 6 suffer chronic malnutrition. In the Huallaga Valley region, half of the children die before they're 3 years old. Figures from 1985 show that 83% of people in the countryside are without clean water. The masses of poor peasants live under semi-feudal conditions, where the big landowners, backed up by the forces of the State, control the power of life and death over the people.

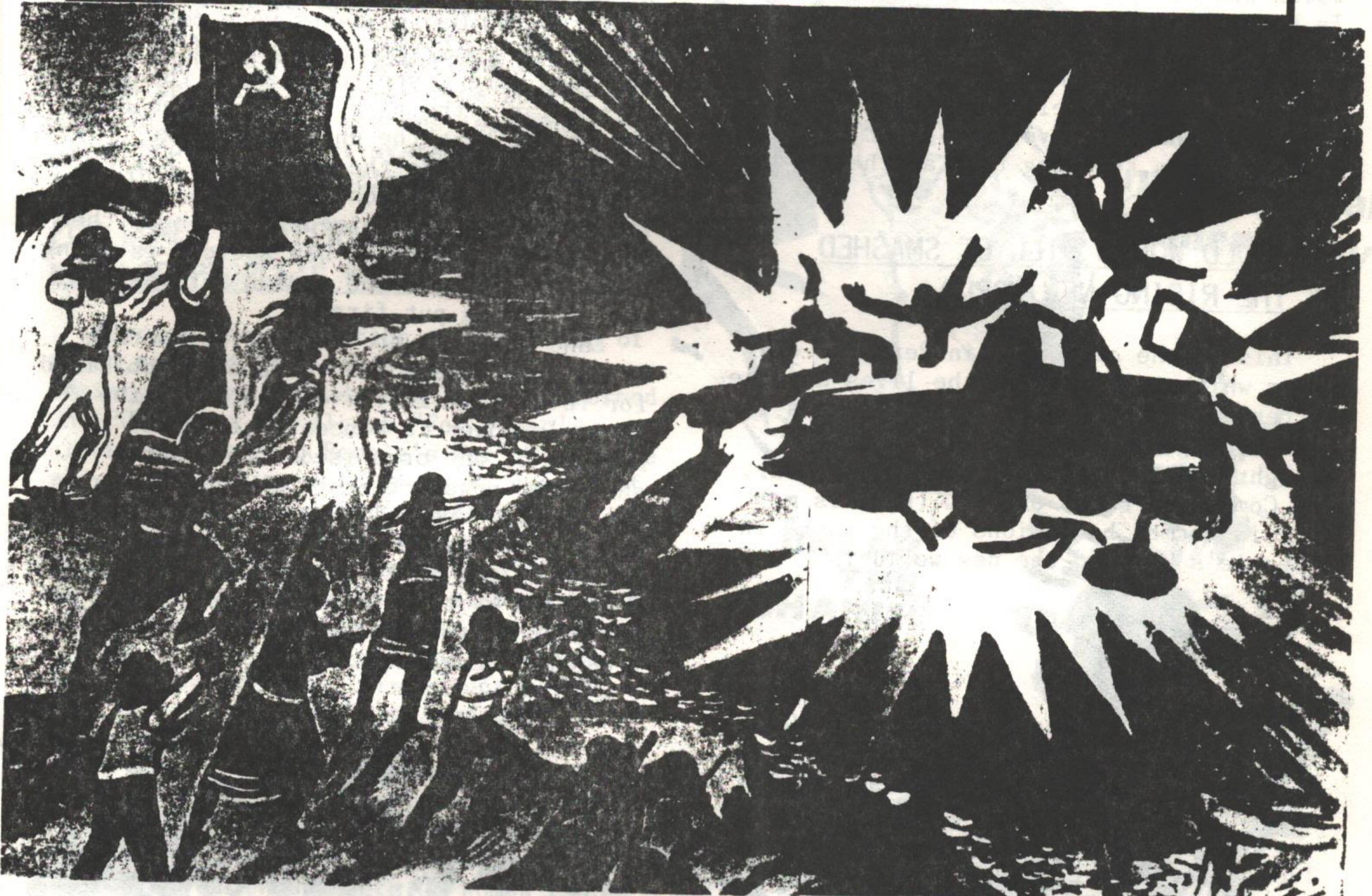
A preventable disease like tuberculosis is killing 8 people a day in Peru. In 1989, inflation topped 2,000%. Wages have plunged down 60%. Prices and unemployment have rocketed up. For the masses crowded into shantytowns around the cities, even basic foodstuffs like milk are extremely scarce. One peasant woman who had come to the shantytowns from the countryside said, "In my village, at least you could get milk from a cow. Here, even God is only for the rich".

## THE BLOATED LIVES OF THE POWERS-THAT-BE.

The rulers in Peru rule on behalf of imperialist interests. Since 1985 "the ruling groups, especially those tied to U.S. imperialism, favoured by the present government

"We follow what Lenin said: Do you want to know how a war is? Make it... How easy it would be to start a revolution being absolutely sure of winning and all the problems solved. It would be easy, but the revolution is not like this. The problem is to commit oneself to it and to carry it forward, no matter the cost, the effort that we have to make, and since the masses are the ones that make history, our people will accomplish it".

(Communist Party of Peru Chairman Gonzalo)



Painting from Peru depicts the people's war.

have increased their power. They have received immense concessions that allow them to appropriate Peru's rich resources and super-exploit the workers. In spite of the crisis, their profits have increased 30, 40, and 50% as compared with previous years. During the APRA regime they have made a net profit of \$5.5 billion, of which \$3.5 billion have been taken out of the country. And to make matters worse, the foreign debt keeps rising - it is now \$19 billion". (Luis Arce Borja, PCP Supporter). In Peru, as in the rest of Latin America, the divide between the haves and the have-nots widens. While the imperialists and their bootlickers in Peru get fat on increased profits, the crisis hits the people hard. The people can't even get milk.

### THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM IS A RACIST SYSTEM.

In Peru, the poorest people are Indian, original inhabitants of the region. But the ruling groups are mainly made up of white European origin, settlers of colonialism. Colonial rule rests on systematic racist oppression. "Discrimination is most marked against Indians of the highland region (Serranos), whose customs, traditions and culture are frequently denigrated, ignored or ridiculed by the coastal people (costenos). To a lesser degree there is discrimination against blacks, people of mixed Indian, Spanish or African origin (cholos) and Indians of the jungle (nativos). Although small in number, whites (blancos) and nearly-whites remain the dominant group with access to better education and better jobs!" (New Internationalist, July 1989). The word

"indio" (meaning Indian) is used in the same racist way as the word "nigger" against black people here.

### THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM IS A WOMAN-HATING SYSTEM.

In the so-called Third World, 200,000 women die every year from illegal abortions. In Peru, it's reported that most of the deaths of young women are due to illegal abortion. Peasant women's lives are controlled by feudal relations. Landlords and their cohorts have the "right" to rape peasant women, treating them as their "property".

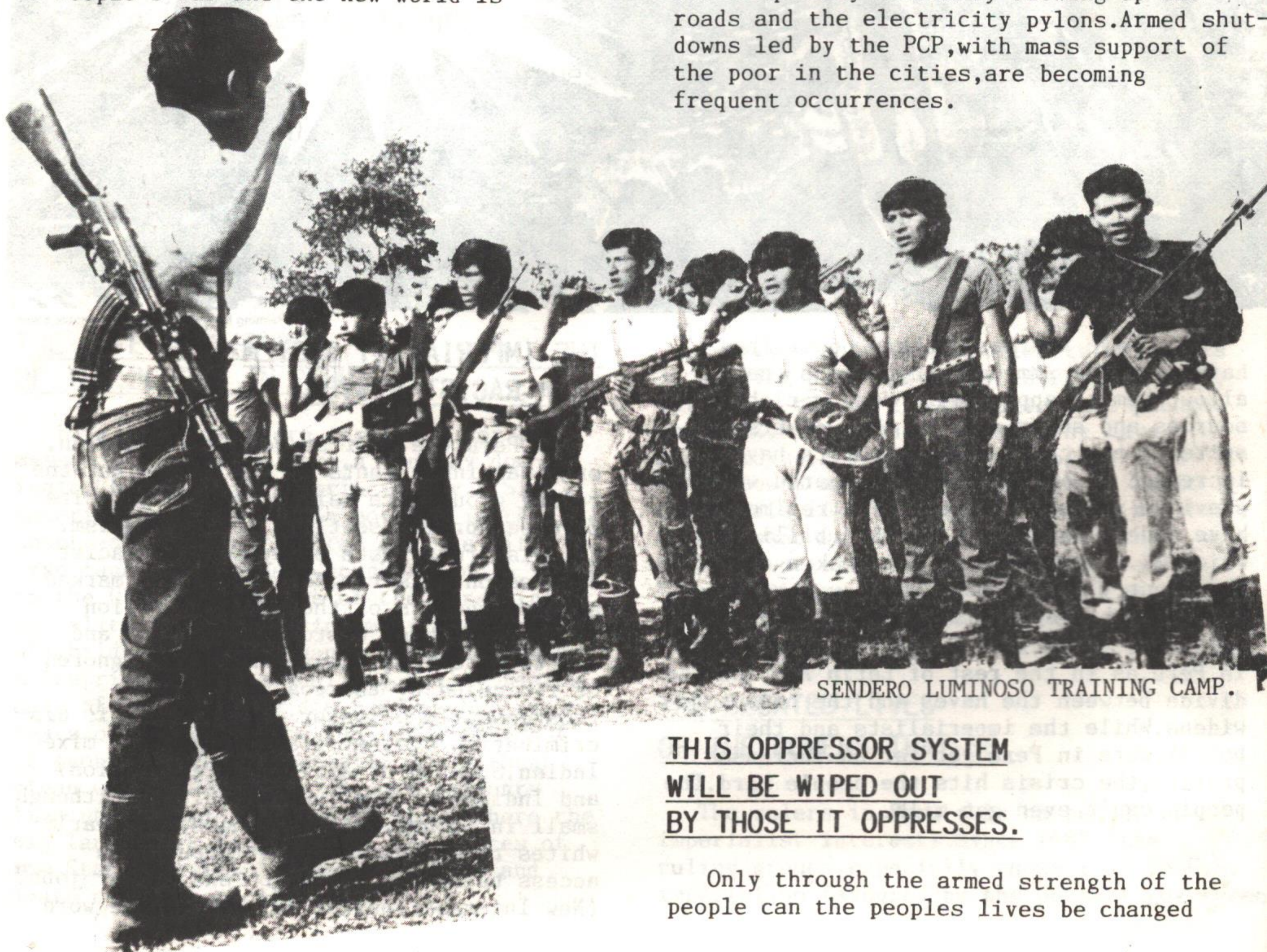
### THIS OLD WORLD WILL BE SMASHED BY THE RISING NEW WORLD.

This is the old world in Peru, the old order which trafficks in the lives and the suffering of the people. Today, all this is being changed, this old world is being brought to its knees by the People's War. The Communist Party of Peru (PCP) is mobilising "armed battalions of the poor" in a People's War and the new world is

crushing the old.

The revolution is now being fought in 22 of Peru's 24 departments. The PCP is developing red base areas in the countryside, setting up hundreds of people's committees, where for the first time the people actually hold power in their hands. Land which has been robbed from the people is invaded and seized from the rich landowners by force of arms. In the department of La Libertad, 160,000 peasants were mobilised by the PCP to seize the land and 30,000 hectares were distributed among the people, particularly the poor peasants. "The Party sees to it that the underdogs seize power", say the PCP. Where the revolution has established bases, the rich few no longer suck the lifeblood of the people and keep them in crushing poverty. A new society is being established where the common interests of the people is put first.

Land is given to the poor, collective work is organised and the people mobilised for revolution. In the cities, where the regime's power is concentrated, armed actions of the organised urban poor shake the powers-that-be. The lifelines to the cities, especially the capital Lima, are frequently broken by blowing up the roads and the electricity pylons. Armed shutdowns led by the PCP, with mass support of the poor in the cities, are becoming frequent occurrences.



SENDERO LUMINOSO TRAINING CAMP.

### THIS OPPRESSOR SYSTEM WILL BE WIPED OUT BY THOSE IT OPPRESSES.

Only through the armed strength of the people can the peoples lives be changed

from the hell-hole of the old society. Only through the revolution can the people get REAL justice.

Where the PCP guerrillas set up a base, the local tyrants and reactionaries, those who have really abused the people, are put on trial by the people and the people give them REAL justice. Tyrants who have attacked women and terrorised the people are executed, often at the hands of those they oppressed.

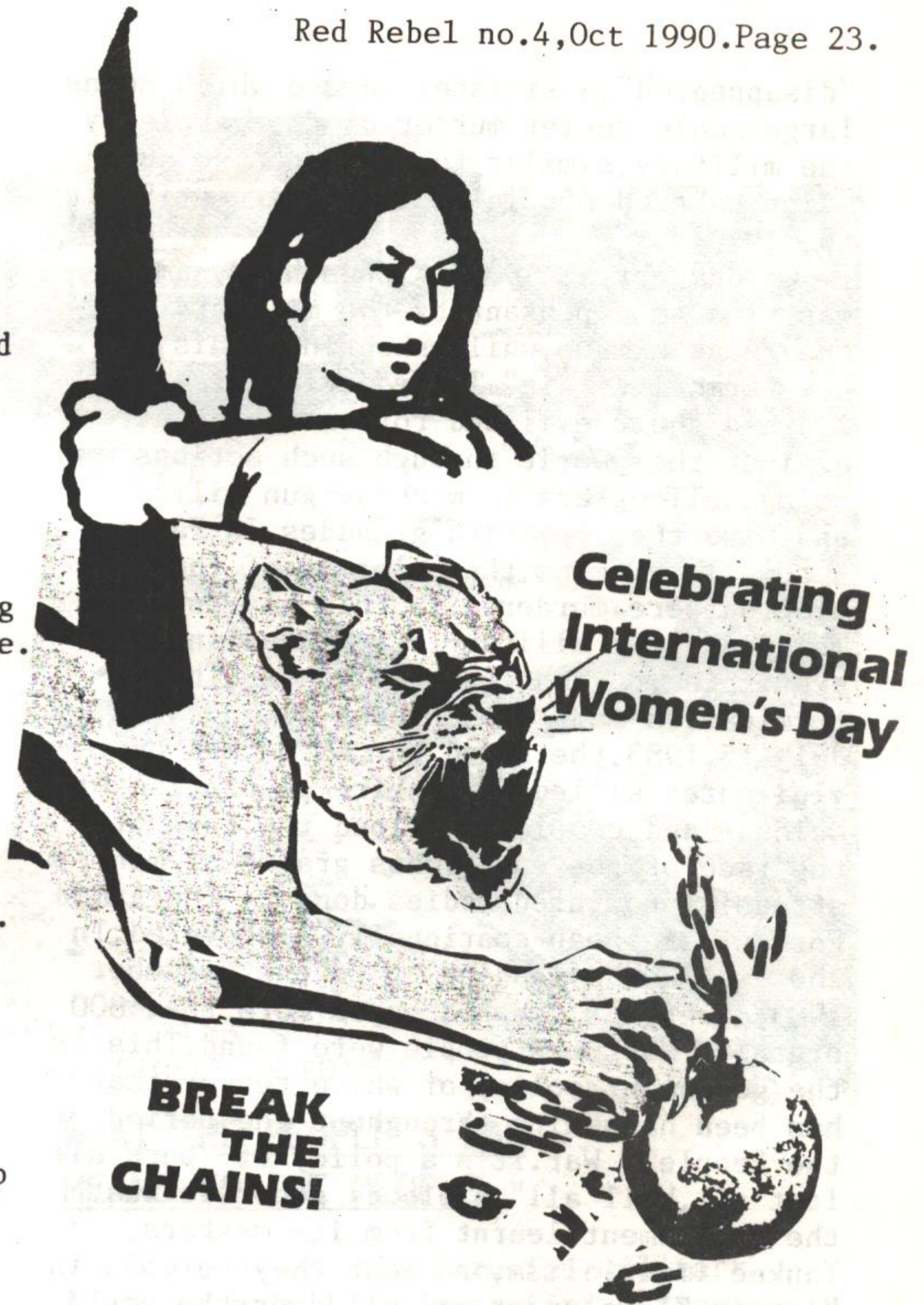
Through the People's War, the masses of Indian peasants who are at the bottom of the old society, who are despised and oppressed by a racist system, play a leading role in building a radically different life.

### FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION DEVELOP PEOPLE'S WAR.

Through the revolution, the position of women, treated like animals in the old society, is being fundamentally transformed. The PCP raise the slogan "For Women's Liberation, Develop People's War". Women are playing a leading role in every aspect of the revolution. Many units within the People's Guerrilla Army are commanded by women and reported to be made up of a majority of women. Women are also in the top ranks of the Party leadership. The sight of furious women leading guerrilla actions against the enemy has truly sent a bolt of fear up the spineless backs of the reactionaries.

In January 1989, in Huanuco, "police said that a column of 200 guerrillas led by a woman ambushed a police patrol, killing 7". Press headlines have showed the powers-that-be choking on these facts. "A Woman Leads Assault on Oil Refinery in Uchiza". "Terrorists Led By Woman Burn Furniture Factory". Back in September 1982 a 19 year old revolutionary woman, Edith Lagos, an Indian peasant woman who went against everything the powers-that-be demand of women, and fought for the people's liberation, was captured, tortured and bayoneted to death by the Civil Guard in Ayacucho, where the revolution built its first stronghold. The authorities banned any public funeral for her and tried to impose this with the military. Over 30,000 people turned out for the funeral, to carry the coffin of one of their own, draped in the red flag.

One woman political prisoner told of how, in her old life working as a maid and street vendor in the capital Lima, she had been made to feel like a vegetable. All this had changed when she joined "the offensive of the world revolution" taking place in Peru.



On March 8, 1989, International Women's Day, "to the great surprise of passers-by and police, thousands of men and women marched through the downtown streets of Lima in the early evening chanting, "For Women's Liberation, Develop People's War! Down with Bourgeois and Revisionist Feminism! March 8th, a Day to Fight! Long Live Chairman Gonzalo (-leader of PCP) Long Live the PCP, Long Live the People's War!" Police barracks near the route of the march were dynamited as the quick-stepping demonstrators passed nearby". (A World To Win magazine, issue no.13).

### THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR RUNNING DOGS TRY TO DROWN THE PEOPLE'S WAR IN THE PEOPLE'S BLOOD.

In the face of the rising People's War, the US-backed regime in Peru has defended its power with the most barbaric campaign of torture and slaughter of the masses of people. Police, army and government death squads have killed 14,000 people since 1980. Around 6,000 people have also been

"disappeared", a sinister phrase which means large-scale secret murder of the people by the military, similar to the genocide campaign carried out in US-backed Argentina in the 1970's.

On January 10, 1983, in Chuschi, dynamite was tied to a peasant by the military and they blew him up, while shouting "This is how terrorists die". The reactionaries unleashed their evil and rotten rabid hatred against the people through such actions as using helicopters to machine-gun villages and wipe them out with grenades. In Paccha, a town in Vinchos, the majority of the population were murdered, in this way. In Incaraqay the military, after stealing everything, burned down 500 houses. The extermination made whole towns disappear. July 15, 1983, the Armed Forces backed by vigilantes killed the entire population of Quinuas and completely wiped the town off the face of the earth. Mass graves of monstrously tortured bodies done by the Armed Forces have been continually discovered. In the two months leading up to the November 1983 elections, the bodies of more than 800 brutally tortured people were found. This is the government policy of white terror that has been happening throughout the period of the People's War. It's a policy of "burn all, loot all, kill all", a bloody genocide that the government learnt from its masters, Yankee imperialism, and what they've done in Vietnam, El Salvador and all over the world.



PCP WOMEN GUERRILLAS.

The reactionary forces often disguise themselves in peasant clothes to commit atrocities, including against children, so as to try and blame the PCP and turn the people against them. Inside the prisons, the white terror is intense. In the Totos camp, they buried prisoners alive. To terrify the people, they cut off heads and impale them on stakes. A prisoner who was arrested in September 1989 and sent to Capaya prison barracks witnessed how the reactionaries "disappeared" the bodies of the people. He said that in the courtyard there was a guillotine which had a rubber conveyor belt leading to a set of pig pens. The dead were chopped up and fed to the pigs.

"The broken lives of the people have fueled history's enraged clamour for class justice - a justice that only the advancing armed revolution can and will bring about". (PCP)

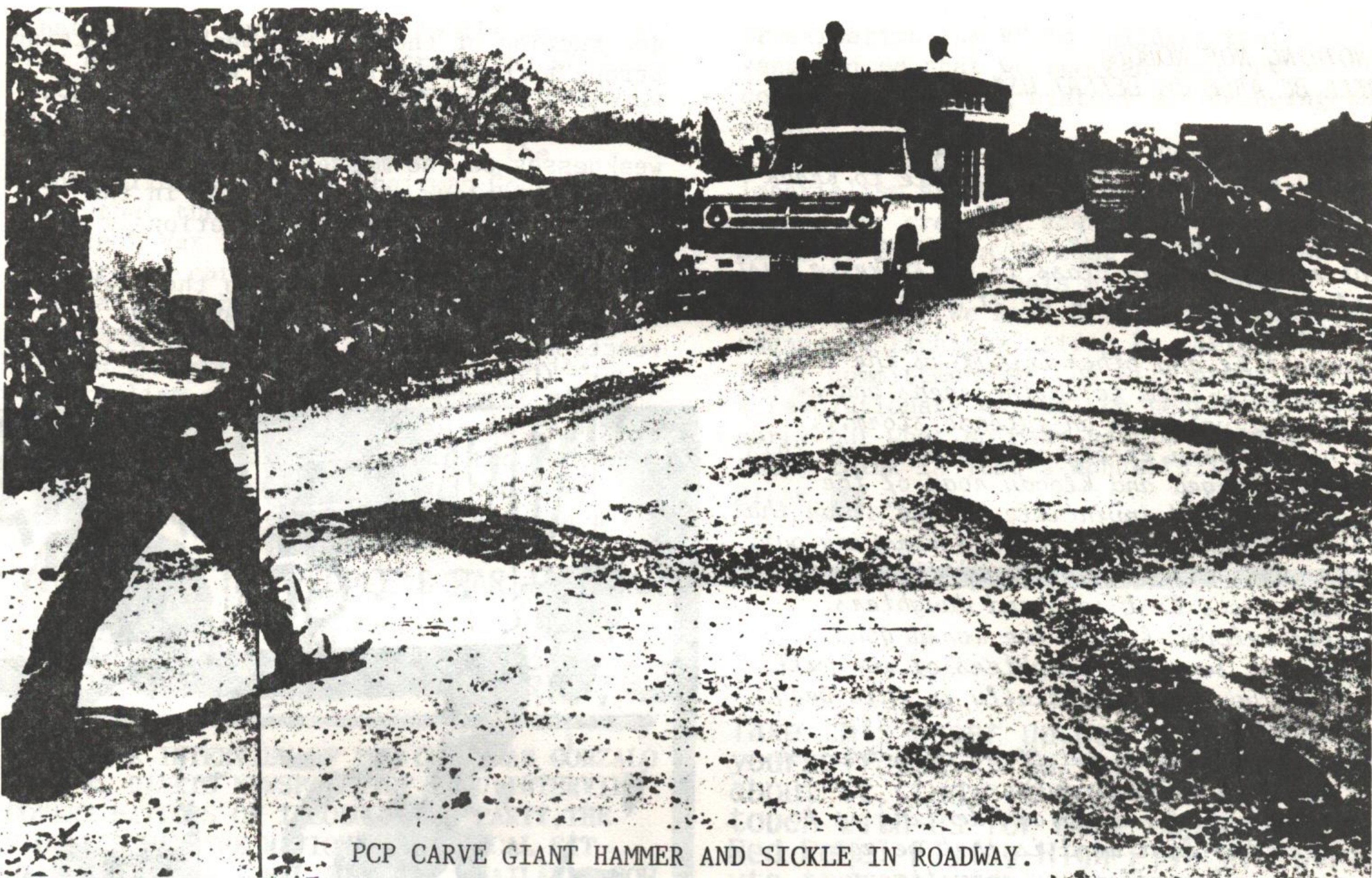
### U.S. GODFATHERS INTERVENE DIRECTLY AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S WAR.

U.S. military advisors train the military in Peru how to napalm villages and every other dirty terror they use. All the military equipment is supplied by the imperialists, including Britain and the Soviet Union. As the situation has slipped further out of their control, the U.S. has set up Vietnam-War style firebases in the Upper Huallaga and Tingo Maria and has now directly sent into Peru U.S. combat troops, the elite mercenary Green Berets. This is being done under the cover of "fighting drugs", but the reality is that they're there to fight the People's War. This is an escalation of the counter-revolution and all progressive and revolutionary-minded people must expose this aggression for what it is, and call for U.S. and all imperialist forces to get the fuck out of Peru.

### 60 KILLINGS A DAY, LONG LIVE DEMOCRACY.

The more the imperialists and their running dogs have massacred the people to try and stop the rise of revolution, the more they talk about "democracy" in Peru. Because their "democracy" means freedom for them to enforce their dictatorship over the people, in the interests of imperialism. In the November 1989 elections, the Armed Forces were killing 60 people a day and forcing the people to vote at gunpoint. Luis Arce Borja points out, "those who did not have their electoral passbook (national





PCP CARVE GIANT HAMMER AND SICKLE IN ROADWAY.

identity passbook) stamped as proof that they voted ran the risk of being considered by the armed forces and police as an alleged subversive, supporter or member of the Communist Party of Peru, which is reason enough to be arrested, kidnapped or murdered".

Elections in Peru are about giving legitimacy and a "democratic" front to a brutal reality. Even their "democracy" has to be enforced through their military dictatorship. The PCP say there are 2 roads facing the people - "the old dead end road of votes which only serves to preserve the old exploiting order versus the new road of arms which is transforming Peruvian society to serve the people".

Elections everywhere are a fraud for the people and are only about giving legitimacy to the powers-that-be. What the real content of "western democracy" is, stands nakedly exposed in countries like Peru, where balaclaved army thugs give the people one choice: vote or die.

Talking of elections, Chairman Gonzalo says: "what the people have gotten with this counterfeit 2-faced coin is nothing. Nothing except misery and blood. So what is there to vote for?"

In the face of the bloody elections, the PCP raise the slogan, "Don't Vote, Step Up Guerrilla Warfare to Seize Political Power for the People!"

### WHAT THE PEOPLE'S WAR MEANS TO THE PEOPLE.

In June 1986 the Peruvian military launched a full-scale fascist offensive against the revolutionary prisoners in El Fronton, Lurigancho and Callao prisons, (the last being a women's prison). In the face of this offensive, the revolutionaries stood and fought, with a handful of hand-made rifles, sling-shots and bows and arrows. They did this because they refused to surrender the revolution and the people's struggle and this communist spirit was their main weapon, an invincible weapon. They refused to lower the red flag in the face of the reactionary offensive. They did this so that the people's struggle would not be defeated, but would be strengthened even in the face of their own death. They stood firm, when the situation demanded it, though they were massively outnumbered by the enemy's forces, who cut down our brothers and sisters. Our comrades in what has become known as the "Day of Heroism" showed the real spirit of a communist, who puts the interests of the revolution and the freedom of the people above everything else.

Below is an extract from a poem by one of the revolutionary prisoners, martyred by the enemy in El Fronton jail, smuggled out just before death.

"NOTHING NOR NOBODY  
WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT US".

"they can crush us.Blow us into a million  
pieces.but they will not be able to break  
our morale.Communist morale  
We are willing to die  
the morale of our class is at stake.we must  
defend it.and we will do it with blood pain  
and tears.

it can't be any other way.it is the only  
way to blow them to smithereens.and we  
will achieve it in an intense storm...  
we have chosen,freely and voluntarily this  
hard,prolonged and bloody road of the  
victorious and invincible People's War that  
the Party and our people are carrying out...  
the people will never forget the blood  
spilt by its best sons and daughters.  
People beloved by all the world your  
communist sons and daughters of war will  
not let you down,especially in this very  
moment.

we raise high the red flags of Communism.  
We have a brilliant future.  
what else could we do,our destiny is to  
triumph.the last word is that we are  
winning...I reaffirm my committment  
to our revolution to the world revolution  
to the blood of our people to our fierce  
combatants to the blood of our communist  
comrades that flows in a torrent doing away  
with the old and bringing forth the new.  
Never again will I see their faces their  
smiles but they live in my heart I will be  
the bearer of their ideals  
that are the same as mine that are those  
of our people.

I will follow their example.fighting for  
our people serving the people from the  
bottom of my heart without any ulterior  
personal motive.

with no personal interest whatsoever.  
LONG LIVE Chairman Gonzalo Guarantee of  
triumph! Long Live the PCP! Glory to the  
fallen guerrillas! -A Combatant."

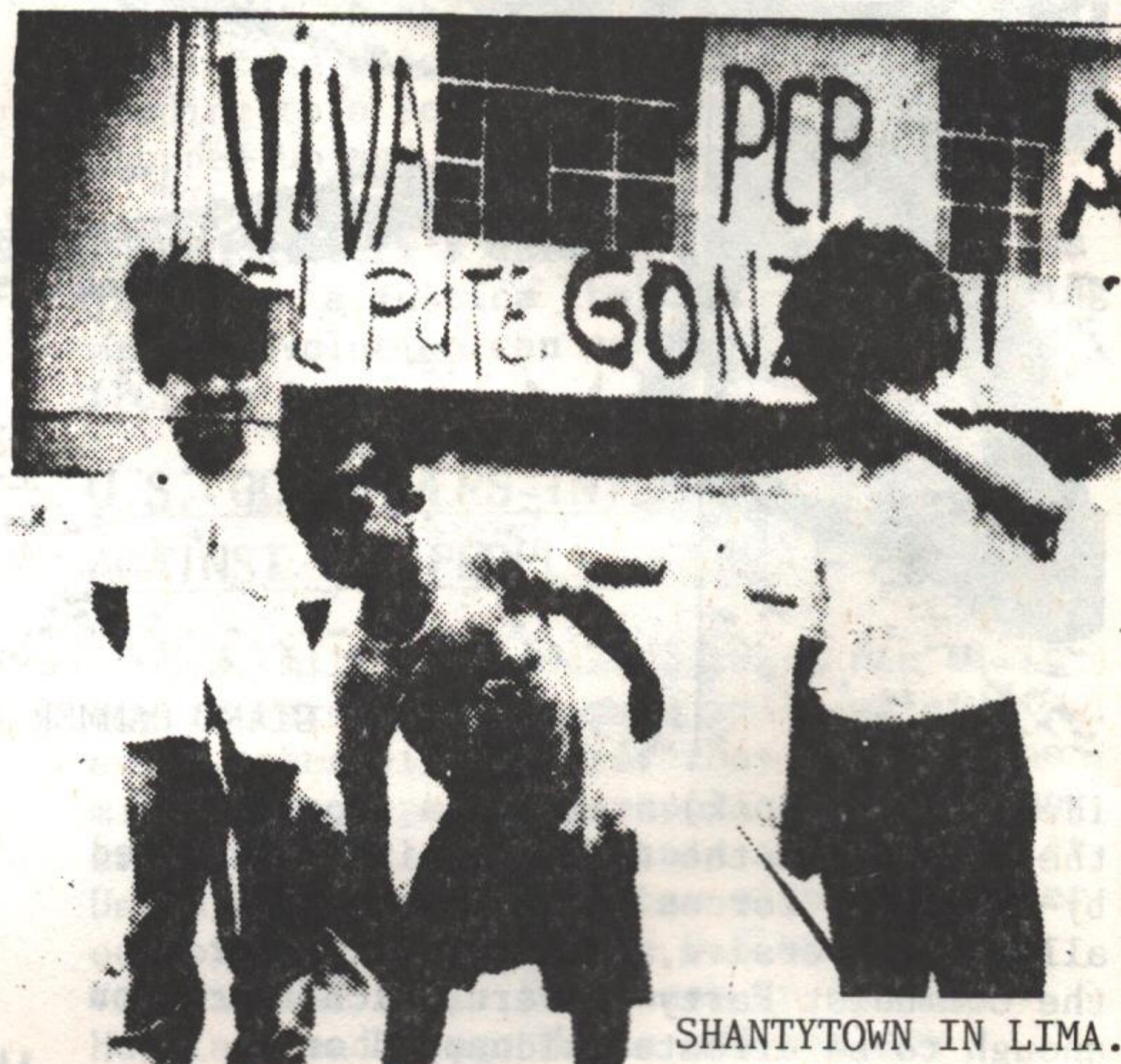
### CHANGING THE WORLD IN PERU.

The imperialists can no more stop the  
rising tide of revolution in the world than  
a man can block up the ever-widening crack  
in a dam with his finger.Torture and mass  
genocide is the reactionaries answer to the  
People's War.This has not stopped the  
revolution from unfolding.In fact,it has  
further fueled support from the people and  
steeled our fighters in the furnace of  
battle.

The reactionaries fear the revolution,  
because with its rise lies their certain  
death.The new is rising through the

destruction of the old,the weak are getting  
strong through the People's War.The  
People's War in Peru is making the imper-  
ialists tremble and exposing their  
weaknesses to the masses of the world,  
lighting a clear path to follow in the  
class interests of the international  
proletariat

"...the people,the class,when they take to  
the streets and march,they make the  
reactionaries tremble in spite of all their  
power" (Chairman Gonzalo).



SHANTYTOWN IN LIMA.

Despite all their weaponry and technology,  
the reactionaries are facing crushing  
defeat.

The People's War and the heroic struggle  
of the Peruvian people is showing to the  
world,through their example,where the real  
strength and power lies:through unleashing  
the revolutionary spirit of the oppressed  
to smash down their oppressor,boldly led  
by their communist vanguard,the Maoists,  
the Communist Party of Peru.

Our comrades in Peru are making selfless  
sacrifices in the interests of advancing  
world proletarian revolution.Our comrades  
are "changing the world in Peru"(Chairman  
Gonzalo).They are one fighting front of the  
international proletariat and the rev-  
olution is for all the world's oppressed  
and exploited.Because its target is the  
total destruction of the imperialist  
system.

The people are the makers of history  
and the Communist Party of Peru is leading  
the people in making history.They are  
tearing the old fabric of the old society  
to shreds,and this fabric of imperialism  
stretches across the whole world. And

what's being done in Peru by the People's War has to be repeated across the world.

The People's War is universal, though it has a different development in the oppressed countries compared to the imperialist countries. Chairman Gonzalo has said that the best way to support the People's War in Peru is to carry out or prepare to carry out the same wherever you are across the world. Our comrades are changing the world in Peru. We have to change the world in the belly of British imperialism, as one more detachment of our international class. The people in Peru have got their vanguard leadership, the PCP, and it's leading them in changing the world. The people here need their vanguard too, and our

organisation, the RV, is building that vanguard, so that we too can join our comrades in making history and changing the world.

With this class outlook, we will bring imperialism and every bloody thing it stands for crashing down, amid our rising class of fighters. We must commit ourselves to the very same goals as our Peruvian comrades have. We must develop the same undaunted fighting spirit. By making this lofty commitment, we too will prepare for a revolutionary war of the people. We will carry out what so many people dream of, but today think is just a wonderfully crazy dream. ■

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