

WORKER MUST NOT FIGHT WORKER IN ASIA

The United States is now moving to open manipulation of the Last Asian War. With one hand the United States “protects” the China of Hua Kuo-feng and Deng Xiao-ping with the Seventh Fleet, as it once protected Chiang Kai-shek; on the other, Carter dangles before the U.S.S.R. the possibility of agreement in the Strategic Arms Limitation talks. China can only consider itself secure from a U.S.S.R. invasion with an unwritten alliance with the United States; the U.S.S.R., if it invades China, forces the Chinese bureaucracy even further into the arms of the United States. Without itself committing a man or a gun to direct involvement in the fighting in Last Asia, the United States has the Chinese and Russian bureaucracies competing for its favour. Whoever wins militarily in the war now involving China, Vietnam and Kampuchea, the workers ordered into battle by the Stalinist bureaucracies are dying for United States imperialism, which has won politically all along the line. Nationalist divisions between the Stalinist bureaucracies mean that United States imperialism divides and rules.

The Chinese Stalinists undoubtedly want an alliance with the United States against the Soviet Union. The continuance of the SALT talks, which Deng Xiao-ping consistently denounced while in the United States, proves that China has not yet achieved its aim. The United States prefers to play off the U.S.S.R. and China off against each other, and to provoke small wars in Indochina, to play the role - how obscene - of “neutral mediator” between the transitional states. A completed military alliance between the United States and China would only be possible at a price set by Imperialism the restoration of capitalism in China. Such gestures as the opening of the major Chinese papers to Western advertising are steps along the road to capitalist restoration, hut are not enough in themselves to overthrow the gains of the 1949 revolution to the satisfaction of President Carter. The restoration of capitalism in China will not and cannot be achieved except by civil war. In the meantime the Soviet Union pleads for “arms limitation” and peaceful co-existence with Carter, while Vietnam’s Australian spokesperson, Tom Uren, explains how happy Vietnam would be if the United States would allow World Bank loans and trade with United States firms. Without the United States making a single economic concession to Vietnam, it can force Vietnam to drop its demand for American war reparations, change its policy of opposition to ASEAN ninety degrees, guarantee its foreign policy will not be — heaven forbid — socialist but instead non-aligned and call for the imperialist United Nations to control its borders and Kampuchea’s. The war between Vietnam and China is a war over American trade between one country who wants it and has got it and another country who wants it and hasn’t got it. America orchestrates the China-Vietnam war.

Never before in its history except in the 1918-20 civil war in Russia and perhaps in the second imperialist war has the bloc of states transitional to socialism been so much in danger. That danger comes from a general war of the transitional states in East Asia. Although the United States is fomenting, aiding and gaining huge advantages from the existing war and the possibilities of its extension, this threat of the disintegration through mutual war of the bloc of transitional states comes at a time when the United States was forced to total defeat in its last land war in Asia in Vietnam with its then government totally discredited not only in Asia but in the United States itself. The United States would have no power at all in the bloc of workers’ and peasants’ states if it were not for the traitors within those states — the Stalinist bureaucrats who put the “national” interests of their “country” before the interests of the international working class and the revolutionary gains of that class, the bloc of states now stretching from Albania to Kampuchea, including also Cuba. These traitors order their workers to die for “their” nations. American imperialism reaps the

victories. It is time for the workers to turn the guns the other way, first against the bureaucrats, then against those bureaucrats' masters, the imperialists. This is a crisis of Stalinism. The bureaucrats are fighting to the last drop of the workers' blood for the benefit of United States imperialism. In this situation, to underestimate the aims of United States imperialism — the undermining of the entire Sino-Soviet bloc — is criminal.

The wave of Socialist Party organised "peace rallies" and "anti-invasion" meetings now organised has no other purpose than to channel anti-Chinese feeling into war hysteria which will be used to justify a U.S.S.R. invasion of China. In the forefront of this Stalinist campaign are the ex-Trotskyist now Stalinoid Spartacist League and the Socialist Labor League. One wants the Soviet Union to "honour its treaty" with Vietnam, the other Soviet military aid to Vietnam. Along with the Stalinists these sellouts will in the event of Russian invasion have the blood of the Soviet and Chinese working people on their hands. This prospect does not worry the Socialist Labour League, whose

"leader" Muigrew told a meeting on March 3 that the entire Chinese Red Army (and presumably also the Kampuchean workers and peasants fighting Vietnam) were scabs." Workers always fight workers in a revolution anyway," he added " In the revolution the Communist Left wants, workers will fight capitalists, Muigrew, but that is the sort of fight you have always run away from. The Spartacist League joined in a dirty popular front for a Sino-Soviet war along with the Socialist and Communist Parties and the fascist Australian National Alliance, which was allowed to distribute its racist anti-Chinese filth without hindrance and without any request to leave the meeting from so-called "revolutionaries" who welcomed anti-Chinese elements from any source. In some countries, like Britain, the left, including the Stalinists, fights the fascists; in Australia the left traitors allow the fascists to leaflet their rallies. After all, the fascists, the Stalinists and the Sparta cists all wanted a Sino-Soviet war!

SPA Leader, Gisele Mesnage, once told that the National Alliance people were fascists, immediately went un to them with a smile to hand them SPA leaflets. The fake left in Sydney has never broken up fascist meetings (held regularly in the Domain) and fraternises with the fascists at pro-war rallies. If the fascists here think they will have an easy victory over the left, the Stalinists and their allies like the Spartacists have given them every reason to think so. But then support for war between the Soviet Union and China has been, until recently, solely a fascist aim, justified by an "analysis" that the "Slav" and 'Mongol" races could not live in peace. Only recently have the "socialists" joined the fascists in sharing this objective (perhaps also the "analysis") and raised slogans like the Spartacist League on February 24: "Soviet Union, honour your treaty with Vietnam" — that is, fight China.

The Socialist Party of Australia, together with its agent the Socialist Labour League, has been trying to impose on rank and file workers by bureaucratic orders from above, bans on Chinese trade. The trade union bureaucrats in Australia help their brothers, the Russian bureaucrats, prepare for war. The workers in Australia must ban the despatch of all war materials to any of the contending workers and peasants states, to the Soviet Union, and the United States and demand that the fighting cease immediately. Then the workers in the transitional states can settle accounts with their bureaucratic misleaders.

"It sounds strange", Laurie Aarons writes in the "Communist" Party paper Tribune, "to hear the ancient history of emperors and capitalists invoked to justify political and military conflicts by countries claiming to be socialist and motivated by communist ideas." Then he goes on: "This hard

reality must be faced.” It must indeed be faced, Mr. Stalinist Aarons! Any “communist” state fighting over frontiers is carrying on, by its own admission, the past history of feudalism and capitalism and is counter-revolutionary. The worker must fight against the threat to all their revolutionary gains made in the name of colonial maps and the ghosts of dead emperors! Stalinism is proving itself counter-revolutionary root and branch in a reactionary national war.

TURN THE NATIONAL WAR INTO POLITICAL REVOLUTION AGAINST THE STALINIST BUREAUCRACIES!
THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC IS IN DANGER! THE WORKERS HAVE NO COUNTRY - THEY DO HAVE AN
INTERNATIONAL BLOC WHICH STALINIST NATIONALISM IMPERILS! SMASH STALINISM!

The Communist Left says that the only program of the Stalinists and their allies, like the Socialist Labour League and the Spartacist League is MASS MURDER. Other tendencies believe like the SLL’s Mulgrew that it is “pacifism” to tell the workers to stop killing each other, when no gain to themselves can result, but only gain for American imperialism. Against any Stalinist or capitalist government, the Communist Left defends workers’ lives! WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS SOVIETS THROUGHOUT THE WORKERS’ AND PEASANTS’ BLOC MUST BE ELECTED TO HALT THE SLAUGHTER!

The Communist Left is not a pacifist group. It demands the workers shoot their real enemies, the imperialists and their agents, the Stalinist bureaucrats. But no one else! Stalinism or working-class internationalism — there is no third way; WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE — HALT THE PLANS FOR U.S.S.R. INVASION OF CHINA — POLITICAL REVOLUTION AGAINST NATIONAL WAR IN CHINA, VIETNAM AND KAMPUCHEA! The Trotskyist movement has consistently opposed violence between different tendencies of the Australia Left (for example) It cannot fail to oppose violence in the relations between different anti-capitalist states.

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