

Imperialist & Revisionist Allies

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The phony "peace offensive" is over. The attempt by the Johnson gang to blackmail the Vietnamese people into abandoning their fight for freedom has collapsed.

Johnson's pathetic try to show the world that the U.S. was "genuinely working for peace" went over like a lead balloon.

Johnson's maneuvers to hoodwink the American people failed. More forces are involved in the effort to get the U.S. out of Vietnam now!

The Vietnamese people have given the world a good lesson in firmness, revolutionary courage, and unity in the face of the phony "peace campaign." Each day the press reported various stories that the north Vietnamese were divided from the south Vietnamese, and that the only reason that they couldn't go to the bargaining table was because of pressure from the Chinese government. The latest statement from Premier Ho Chi Minh, once again clearly points out the terms for ending the war of genocide in Vietnam. They are essentially the points which have been continuously put forward by the Vietnamese people; basically: recognize the Liberation Front (NLF) as the government of the vast majority of the south Vietnamese people; instant withdrawal

cannot do business with a vicious ruling class aspiring to world domination. The only "business" is to defeat it.

Recently various forces within the ruling class have begun to quarrel among themselves about what to do in Vietnam. This expresses itself in statements of senators like Mansfield and Fulbright; the New York Times and Walter Lippman; Gens. Gavin and Ridgeway and many others. Within this group various positions arise. (Most recently they have called for U.N. "peacemaking"—like in the Congo?—which would sneak the U.S. into Vietnam "legally"—through the back door.) However, their basic estimate is that the U.S. can't win the war, and if the U.S. pursues the war vigorously, the result will be tremendous losses politically and militarily.

Their fears arise not out of any concern for the Vietnamese or U.S. peoples, but out of their concern for preserving U.S. imperialism. If the Johnson war of aggression went forward without serious opposition, these people would be as quiet as church mice. These splits among the bigwigs arise because the people in Vietnam fight with courage and vigor—because they are winning—and because opposition



KEY: HITLER USED TO BE MY HERO. Johnson and gang rush to Hawaii to bolster aggression, divert and silence growing opposition at home. Johnson's arrogance in the face of revolutionary action in Vietnam and massive anti-war protests in the U.S. belie basic desperation and fear of defeat.

of all foreign troops from Vietnam; the immediate end to the bombing of north Vietnam.

These have always been the only and just conditions for ending the U.S. war of extermination in Vietnam. There need not be any more trips to Vietnam by various U.S. citizens (even by those who are well-intentioned), to "clarify" what has always been the clear, sole and valid basis for ending the U.S. bloodbath in Vietnam.

During the period of the Johnson caper, the press was full of fond hopes that somehow or other the Soviet Union would be able to inveigle the Vietnamese to bargain with the Johnson gang. (See box). No matter how bellicose the Soviet statements were in "support" of the Vietnamese conditions, the press always understood them for what they were: tricks

to the Johnson gang grows by leaps and bounds at home.

In order to widen these divisions and exploit them in the interests of our people and the Vietnamese people, we must expand militant activity around the line of get out of Vietnam now!

It would be a crucial mistake if we were to rely on these spokesmen for imperialism. Nor should peace forces succumb to their halfway measures which, in fact, mean securing U.S. imperialism's foothold in Vietnam.

All these forces are putting forward the same propositions: hold onto the coastal bases in Vietnam, and enter into endless negotiation.

In the face of these tactical differences, Johnson has started bombing north Vietnam again, while

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2/1/66-New York Times: Secretary Dean Rusk: "...I did point out that among the governments who told us that a pause might substantially improve the possibilities of peace were a number of communist governments. Obviously they were in Eastern Europe."

1/15/66-New York Times: "The White House is keeping with the secrecy it invoked on all details of its peace offensive, declined to elaborate on the nature of the Humphrey-Kosygin talks... The contact came at a time when there is growing belief among American analysts that the Soviet Union is urging North Vietnam not to expect military victory and not to exclude military victory and not to exclude the possibility of achieving its objectives through negotiations...The Soviet Union is viewed by American officials as a potential moderating force upon Hanoi. At the same time it cannot move too openly lest it expose itself to Chinese 1/22/66 "Mr Rusk said that he did not wish to discuss the conversation of the meeting. He expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would do everything possible to promote a peaceful solution. But he also expressed appreciation of Moscow's presumed reluctance to appear soft on 'imperialism', as Peking has charged."

1/16/66-New York Times: "The Russians are

still violently 'condemning' American imperialist aggression in Vietnam and announcing new military and political aid for Hanoi, but Washington is not concluding from that Moscow must be treated as an enemy that is providing missiles to shoot down our bombers. On the contrary Pres. Johnson proposed to Congress that the U.S. improve trade relations with the Soviet Union..." (James Reston)

2/16/66-New York Times: "...The real soviet gains have been made at China's expense. As an inactive participant in the Vietnam war the tertius gaudens or, laughing third, Russia is brilliantly playing the easier role of spectator in a great international confrontation. ...The U.S. obviously endorses the Russian approach. It has already blessed its achievements between India and Pakistan. It would almost certainly, if less obviously, bless this approach should it help find a way out of the Vietnam impasse... The fundament of present Soviet-American relations in this complex situation is that they must be tacit... The conflict between the USA and the USSR is explicit; agreement must remain implicit... Yet both capitals stand to gain at Peking's expense... In this sense there is something in China's frenzied complaints that the Russians and Americans are allies." (C.L. Sulzberger)

designed to cover-up the fundamental Soviet role of playing broker for U.S. imperialism. (This was the first time in the history of modern civilizations when a supposed enemy—the Soviet Union—spoke of defeating the U.S. and the U.S. leaders and press rejoiced!)

U.S. rulers didn't leave all the skullduggery to their revisionist partners. The British government, the Pope, the U.N. General Secretary and a cast of thousands were trotted to sanctify the peace caper. If any of these forces were sincere they would have insisted on the only condition for peace in Vietnam—U.S. get out!

The resumption of the bombing of north Vietnam only underlines the deceit of the Johnson gang. It shows again that they are going to try and stay in Vietnam at all costs. Any attempt to do "business" with this gang of mass killers is reminiscent of attempts "to do business" with Hitler. During those difficult days people learned and taught that you

prattling about U.N. "peace making." He wants to confront the incoming Congress with a fait accompli. He is even afraid to allow an innocuous "debate." More important, he is afraid of growing opposition of our people who consider this war a hated one. Like the Third Reich, the Johnson crowd wants to whip the country into line behind a total war situation. Anyone who opposes it is a "traitor."

On Feb. 12 there will be South-wide demonstrations against the U.S. war of genocide. "Withdraw Now—Freedom Now," will be the slogans. This links the freedom struggle at home to opposing the war abroad. This is a serious step forward. All over the North supporting actions will be held. Immediate actions are being held now against the resumption of the bombings. Large-scale nation-wide demonstrations and actions will be held in March.

The Johnson gang can be stopped; it can be defeated!