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SONG MY

The bourgeois writers are attempting to rationalize the genocide at Song My. Song My is described as a natural development of modern war, as an accidental event, as a contradiction to US policy toward oppressed peoples. A Boston Globe editorial takes another genocidal action by US armed forces in Hue and claims the crime was committed by Vietnamese patriots. Both the invader and the victim are equally guilty says the Globe.

The US air and naval and ground forces have deliberately destroyed large numbers of Vietnamese men, women and children on numerous occasions. The "enemy casualty" list issued by US headquarters in Saigon is based on the number of old men, women and children murdered by the US forces and its puppets.

If the Song My action is an accident then how explain the genocide in the Congo supported by the US government and shown on TV? What about US support to genocide in Indonesia? Can anyone deny that US financial interests financed and directed the murder of one million Indians in Brazil during the '60's - wiped out these defenseless people in order to secure their land? Are not similar actions against the Indian peoples being taken by US interests in several other South and Central American countries at this moment? Is the destruction of the homes and population of Palestinian Arabs by Zionists a secret in the US? Is US support to the Zionist murderers a secret? Are there not thousands of US veterans of the Korean war who recount the slaughter of Korean civilians?

Democratic Traditions

Both the bourgeois and revisionist writers, as does Nixon, claim that Song My is alien to the democratic traditions of the US. Is Song My alien to the African slave trade? For every African slave brought to the US at least two Africans were murdered in the process. Is Song My alien to the post-Reconstruction genocide in the Black Belt? Is Song My alien to the maiming and murder of Afro-American prisoners in southern jails taking place every day? There is hardly a Black family in the Black Belt who has not suffered a loss to the "democratic traditions" of southern justice. A large percentage of US career officers were trained for Song My by their southern background.

Was the Mexican war of 1848 alien to Song My? Or countless subsequent actions toward the Mexican population in captured territory?

How many Puerto Ricans, Polynesians or Eskimoes are surprised at the US action in Song My?

How many Song My's have the Indian people within the US suffered? What price have the Indians paid for the "democratic tradition" in the US?

Is not Song My a logical step after Hiroshima? The "democratic traditions" in the US neither stopped that mass murder nor punished its perpetrators. When did the "democratic traditions" of the US oppressor people save even one life of an Asian, a Latin American, an African or any member of an oppressed people?

US imperialism grants some bourgeois democratic rights to US whites in order to facilitate its drive for superprofits from

oppressed nations. Song My is a typical product of US imperialism in action.

The Rise of Neo-Malthusian Propaganda and Action in the US

In the imperialist stage of US capitalism, genocide against oppressed peoples is not restricted to the napalm bombs or the bullets as in Song My. Books are written in the US coolly calculating the elimination of entire nations by famine. Laws are advocated and passed which grant imperialist authorities the power to perform abortions and sterilization. "Voluntary" sterilization of Black and Puerto Rican women is widespread in the hospitals. US professors are seriously discussing development of a gas to prevent conception in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Plans are also discussed for sterilization additives to US food shipped to underdeveloped countries.

US imperialism has no difficulty in finding "liberals" and "Marxists" to laud their neo-Malthusian ideas and actions against oppressed peoples. In the US there are not a few self-described revolutionaries who see the use of narcotics as progressive. The US government aids the import and distribution of narcotics, never arresting or interfering with the top men in this billion-dollar business. Why? Because Nixon et al. see the use of narcotics as a means to weaken and disarm oppressed peoples. US imperialism is preparing for more Song My's against the oppressed peoples with stepped up nihilist, neo-Malthusian pollution of the mind.

SONG MY--A LESSON AND A WARNING

Vietnam is a nation rich in minerals. A large oil deposit was recently discovered there. Vietnam has a large peasant population. US imperialism attacks Vietnam for raw materials and superprofits. A large Vietnamese peasant population interferes

with Wall Street's plans for the land. Prostitutes of Dupont other Wall Street interests in Washington seek to resolve the contradiction between people and profits by the extermination of Vietnamese peasants. That is the main reason for Song My. The genocide at Song My is a logical result of US imperialist profit motives, historical development and present relationship to the oppressed peoples of the world.

As long as US imperialism exists the danger of genocide exists. National-democratic revolutions will either destroy imperialism or be destroyed. When material conditions are established which favor and secure the right to self-determination for every nation, then great-power chauvinism and genocide will be ended.

National-democratic revolutions are not the final stage of man's striving for an end to exploitation, national oppression, and genocide. National-democratic revolutions do not finally resolve the question of which class will rule--the proletariat or the bourgeoisie. This requires a Socialist revolution, such as the 1917 October Revolution which kept the proletariat in power for nearly four decades.

In the post-World War II situation, after Stalin's death, the Socialist revolution was defeated by the Khrushchev counter-revolution. This counter-revolution resulted, in the main, from failure to give full support to national liberation struggles against US imperialism. The CPSU policy, adopted at the 20th Congress of 1956 and the 81-Party Statement of 1960 were documents of surrender to US imperialism. In effect they pledged their most powerful signers, the CPC and the CPSU, to a hands-off, neutralist policy towards Song My and similar genocidal attacks.

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Neither the CPSU nor the CPC protested the Song My massacre, even though a North Vietnam radio broadcast informed them immediately after the genocidal action. It is absurd and pretentious for Mao and Breshnev to compare themselves to Lenin and Stalin as builders of Socialism. What Socialist builders are these revisionists who cringe before the murderers at Song My--trade with the murderers in Hong Kong and Yugoslavia--toast them at disarmament talks in Finland. Mao and Breshnev are symbolic of the degeneracy resulting from failure of the Marxist movement in Russia and China to support and lead national democratic revolutions in the present period.

There are three major contradictions in the world today: 1) Between imperialist countries including contradictions between rival imperialist groupings within imperialist countries; 2) Between capital and labor; 3) Between oppressed peoples and imperialism. Song My again proves that oppressed peoples vis a vis imperialism is the focal conflict in today's world. The defeat of imperialism, particularly its most powerful and dangerous representative, US imperialism, is the key to ending imperialist wars and reaching our Socialist goal.

THE USSR AND PRC

Both the Russian and Chinese leaders claim that their nations are decisive factors in world development. Both the CPSU and CPC leaders maintain that their nations are major roadblocks to US imperialist aggression. But as Stalin said, facts have a logic of their own. The USSR and the USA are now in conference on how to maintain the status quo on arms, i.e., how to prevent the oppressed peoples from defending themselves effectively.

The Cultural Revolution leaders in China take an identical position on Czechoslovakia as U.S. imperialism. They hailed the Roumanian government after Nixon's visit there. They talk about liberating Taiwan from U.S. imperialism without a word on autonomous rights for Taiwanese.

There are contradictions between Russia, China, and the US; but they are characterized by rivalries over markets, over raw materials, over who should oppress other people. In short, they are the contradictions between capitalist states, states which develop unevenly and threaten the peoples of the world with imperialist war and aggression.

Because of its past struggles, its geographical position, its power, the CPC has had leadership responsibility to the peoples of the world in this period. The genocide at Song My took place only a short distance from Chinese territory. Song My is proof that the CPC has failed in its responsibilities.

The CPC leadership has not mobilized their own people or the world's people on Vietnam. Lin Piao's report to what he called the ninth congress of the CPC negates the Vietnamese struggle. So did the speeches at the October 1, 1969 national day in Peking. So did most of the messages of greeting to the Cultural Revolution leaders from abroad.

Kim Il Sung, leader of the Korean Workers' Party, said in 1966, "As the U.S. imperialists are escalating the war of aggression in Vietnam so the peoples of the world should escalate their struggle to oppose U.S. imperialism and aid the Vietnamese people." In 1968, Kim Il Sung pointed out, "The basic strategy of U.S. imperialism for world aggression at the present stage is to destroy by force of arms the small and divided revolutionary Socialist countries and newly independent countries one by one, while refraining from worsening its relations with big powers..."

The Cultural Revolution leadership has taken three major steps against Kim Il Sung, the Korean Workers' Party, and the Korean people. It has (1) adopted a hands off attitude on the Pueblo incident, (2) suppressed Kim Il Sung's views, and (3) unleashed its left-revisionist running dogs, such as E. E. Hill of Australia and Milt Rosen (PL) of the U.S., for slanderous attacks against Kim Il Sung.

At the present time Russian and Chinese representatives are in conference in Peking over frontiers in Northern Asia. The vast majority of the people who live along these frontiers are neither Han nor Russian. Han and Russian great power chauvinists, who try to inflict their rule on the peoples of Northern Asia, can hardly be counted on to help stop atrocities by U.S. imperialism in Southern Asia.

What kind of Vietnam is sought by the Cultural Revolution leaders in China? The Cultural Revolution leaders accept the U.S. and English occupation of Hong Kong in exchange for the right of Canton and Shanghai capitalists to sell goods there. All the Cultural Revolution leaders' statements, all their actions, indicate they favor a Hong Kong-type arrangement for Vietnam.

The myth that either the Russian or Chinese governments are anti-imperialist foes of U.S. imperialism is dangerous nonsense. It is the relatively small countries, such as Palestine, the UAR, Vietnam, Cuba, and Korea that are resisting U.S. imperialism in spite of token aid and real obstruction from Peking and Moscow.

WHICH CLASS IN THE U.S. DO THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION LEADERS SERVE?

U.S. imperialism commits aggression in the name of democracy. The democratic smokescreen covers its genocidal crimes and aids its preparation for more genocide. The People's Daily, official

organ for Mao Tse-tung and Lin Piao, carried the following article: "The American People will surely be victorious in their struggle against the US imperialist war of aggression in Vietnam." The editorial does not question why Nixon allows the pacifist rallies on Vietnam. It endorses the pacifists' policy. People's Daily claims that the American people demand "that US imperialism immediately stop its aggression in Vietnam." In demagogic fashion People's Daily asserts that without struggle against great power chauvinism, without a Marxist-Leninist Party, the people of the US already have the same outlook as the Vietnamese. "The American people, the Vietnamese people and the revolutionary people of the world have identical fundamental interests," says this left-revisionist sheet. If this is true there is little left to be done about Song My except repeat Mao's formula that "The situation is excellent."

The pacifist movement in the US is bitterly opposed to national democratic wars and self-determination for oppressed peoples. The main function of the US pacifist movement is to create illusions about the real nature of US imperialism and its government. The US pacifists helped create the conditions for Song My.

There is every reason to believe the peasant families of Song My hated US imperialism just as the vast majority of Vietnamese hate the invaders of their country. Little children, women, and old men were murdered because US troops are trained to destroy Vietnamese patriots, of either sex, no matter how young or old.

There is no doubt that the Chinese Cultural Revolution leader lying propaganda about the "great American People" has caused confusion in Vietnam and made more difficult the complete mobilization of all the Vietnamese people and adequate defense for villa like Song My. One survey by a US radio news network states that "almost all Americans have shrugged off Song My." That's an

understatement. Most white US citizens including most labor union members support the Song My genocidal crime just as they give strong support to the barbarous attacks on the Afro-American urban areas.

Lenin's thesis on imperialism's ability to bribe and win over substantial sections of workers for aggression has not been upheld by most Marxist leaders since Stalin's death. This has made it easy for the Maoites to sabotage struggle against great-power chauvinism. It is not too late to ask what effect the aggression against Ethiopia had on the Italian working class which is seriously infected with left and modern revisionism. It is not too late to ask why German imperialism was able to win active support by hosts of German workers for genocide against non-"Aryans" and for an attack on the first dictatorship of the proletariat. It is not enough to identify US Maoites as agents of imperialism. It is necessary to show how they consciously aided US imperialism at Song My in order to keep their TV's, their cars and their privileged positions either in the top strata of the working class or in the middle class.

The Afro-American and Puerto Rican liberation movements are the most important anti-imperialist forces in the US. People's Daily and the Cultural Revolution leaders call for the liquidation of the Afro-American liberation movement, try to direct it away from the anti-imperialist path of struggle for the right to self-determination in the Black Belt. In this way People's Daily gives great assistance to US imperialist preparations for more Song My's in Vietnam and in the Black Belt.

US Marxist-Leninists have confidence that through experience, struggle and the leading influence of a Marxist-Leninist Party, the US working class can rid itself of white and great-power chauvinism. This can never be done by bowing before the rotten

great power chauvinist ideas that now infect the vast majority of people in the US including the working class. To idealize the present attitude of the "great American people" on the national question is to surrender to US imperialism. Anti-imperialist forces in the US backed the Chinese people against Japanese imperialism. The Peking Maoites back US imperialism against the Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans and against their anti-imperialist supporters in the US. The Cultural Revolution leaders betray proletarian internationalism, they betray the national democratic revolutions in Asia and the Americas.

The People's Daily distorts and exaggerates events in the US. Such statements as "8000 people stormed Fort Dix" is a Cultural Revolution effort to cloak pacifists in the garb of anti-imperialists. The Maoites thus try to confuse the Chinese people about the situation in Vietnam and the US. They

mislead the Chinese people regarding Song My. We trust that the real Leninists in China will soon re-establish a Marxist-Leninist Party in their great country--a Party that will carry out its international obligation concerning Song My--a Party that will defend China from Song My's and strengthen the P.R.C. by preventing the Maoite Han chauvinists from oppressing other peoples.

MAIN IDEOLOGICAL TASK

The service to US imperialism of the CPUSA and their supporters in Moscow is clear. They were hysterical in their electoral support of L.B. Johnson in 1964. Johnson claimed on television that "not an outhouse is attacked in Vietnam without my consent". Therefore Johnson, as President and Commander-in-Chief, must have ordered the Song My massacre. Nixon follows in Johnson's footsteps.

The service of the US Maoites to US imperialism is greater than that of the CPUSA. The US Maoites can speak in the name of a leader identified with the national democratic revolution in China. The Maoites are numerous and financially strong. They are active in many areas--endorsing pacifism, endorsing adventurism and provocation--slandering oppressed peoples and their leaders--trying to discredit Marxism-Leninism and divide the anti-imperialist movement.

Scheer, a PL Maoite theoretician, has recently written a long Browderite blurb condemning Vietnamese and Afro-American nationalism. His article demands that the Vietnamese accept genocide and give up the struggle for self-determination. An English Maoite has summed up Scheer and Mao's line very effectively. Mike Cooley of the Communist Party of Britain (M-L), a Maoite, says in Problems of the Worker-Student Alliance, "If one looks at surplus value and exploitation it probably is a fact--I can't sustain this by statistics--that the rate of exploitation by workers in Britain is actually higher than that of people in the colonies." Does any class-conscious revolutionary believe Maoism and Marxism-Leninism have anything in common?

J.V. STALIN

On December 21, J.V. Stalin was born. The Maoites have pretended defense of Stalin in order to attack his Marxist-Leninist views on the national question. On Stalin's birthday Marxist-Leninists in the US should renew their determination to support the right to self-determination for all oppressed peoples, particularly those who are directly oppressed by US imperialists. It was impossible to uphold Stalin's teachings during his lifetime without exposing Trotsky and Trotskyism. Today it is impossible to understand Song My, to punish the criminals who perpetrated Song My, to prevent other Song Mys, without exposing Mao, Maoites and Maoism. The Maoites like the Trotskyites and all foes of the oppressed peoples, will

not disappear spontaneously. The exposure, defeat and destruction of the Maoite servants of US imperialism is the number one ideological task of Marxist-Leninists in our country and the world.

Hammer & Steel's editorial board has appealed many times for greater international solidarity with Vietnam. In view of the genocide at Song My once again H&S calls on all people in countries claiming to be Socialist, on all progressive forces in other capitalist nations, to demand that their governments break trade relations with the US--to boycott US goods. Our readers can help speed the end of US imperialism and its atrocities by discussing and distributing this newsletter--by mailing a contribution to Hammer & Steel.

Hammer & Steel is building the nucleus for a Marxist-Leninist Party in the US. The lesson of Song My demands men and women who face facts, who study, who think--real Marxist-Leninists. The reality of Song My and "The situation is excellent" concept are in contradiction. This phrase does not mobilize the people against the main enemy--US imperialism. Marxist-Leninist optimism concerning the future is based on present day sacrifice, determination and struggle. It is based on the Marxist-Leninist view that imperialism is the dying stage of capitalism.

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