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The Soviet Union voted on June 6th in the U.N. Security Council for a cease fire in Western Asia. It put its seal of approval on the aggression of Israel, U.S. and Britain against the Arab people. It upheld the State of Israel and denied the existence and the rights of Palestine as an Arab nation. It broke its many promises of aid to the Arab peoples in case of attack by Zionist-imperialist aggression.

The vote of the Soviet Union for a cease fire, and all Soviet statements lend support to the control by U.S. imperialists of the oil belonging to the Arab peoples. The New York Times' editorial of May 31, 1967 said; "The Persian Gulf area produces 27 percent of the world's petroleum and has proved global reserves of 60 percent. American firms have a gross investment in the region of more than 2 billion and 500 million dollars." The Soviet support to U.S. oil interests is support to feudal relations in agriculture, restriction of water development in vast areas and sabotage of modern industry in the Arab countries.

The Soviets do not support the Arabs by breaking diplomatic relations with the U.S. Alliance with the U.S. imperialists is the key to their foreign policy. The unanimous vote in the U.N. Security Council meant the Soviets are facilitating U.S. oil shipments to Viet Nam from the Persian Gulf. The U.S.-Soviet Alliance is firmly in control of the U.N. Security Council. The chief function of the U.N. Security Council is to deceive and subjugate the Arab and other oppressed peoples.

Certain contradictions exist in the U.S.-Soviet alliance in the Arab countries. The Russian capitalists have been marketing their consumer and military goods in several Arab countries. The U.S. imperialists have not been overjoyed with this competition. The U.N.

vote strengthened the dominance of U.S. imperialism in the U.S.-Soviet partnership.

The Soviet revisionists sided with U.S. imperialism in its efforts to control Arab oil in 1956. They joined the U.S. in curtailing the Israeli-British-French aggression in the United Arab Republic. The following year U.S. imperialism invaded Lebanon. It continued to strengthen the Sixth Fleet.

U.S. imperialism, together with the Soviet revisionists, organized the slaughter of Marxist-Leninists and other anti-imperialist forces in Iraq. CIA and modern revisionist intrigue has helped jail Marxist-Leninists in several Arab countries and made difficulties for others working under illegal or semi-legal conditions. Thus the Soviet revisionists have helped deprive the Arab peoples of Marxist-Leninist leadership. The most important asset for U.S. imperialism and the oil billionaires in the Arab world is control of the Zionist movement and the Israeli state. U.S. imperialism has had complete control of Israel since 1956, displacing French and British control in the imperialist base.

The imperialist propaganda machine in the U.S. works night and day to describe Israel as not only a nation, but a poor little abused nation with legitimate national aspirations and boundaries. The modern revisionists in the CPUSA echo them. In the Worker editorial of May 28, the revisionists shed crocodile tears about the Palestinian Arabs but then revealed their real policy: "It is in the interest of the Arab and Israeli people that the Arab states recognize the reality of the state of Israel and that Israel accept the present boundaries."

What is the "reality of the state of Israel"? It was the reality of French and British imperialist interests. It is the reality of U.S. imperialist interests. Nations developed only with the development of capitalism. Stalin defined a nation as an "historically evolved, stable community of language, territory, economic life and psychological make-up manifested in a community of culture." The Israeli state meets none of these conditions whereas the Palestinian Arabs meet all of them. Palestine is Arab land. It is up to them to decide its destiny.



The revisionists point to class divisions in the Israeli state and claim this means nationhood. This cannot be answered without a few words on Zionism. Zionism is based on the view that anti-Semitism and all problems of the Jewish people in all countries can be solved by "creating" a Jewish state rather than by destroying imperialism, the source of anti-Semitism. Zionism has always fought the Marxist-Leninist movement, the Socialist countries and national liberation movements. It urged Jews in Europe not to fight fascism in Spain or World War II but to try to survive peacefully under Hitler. The Zionists slandered Stalin when the CPSU moved to save the Jews in the Ukraine during World War II. Ben Hecht, in his book "Perfidy", describes how wealthy Zionist leaders escaped from Europe and then helped Hitler destroy the Jewish people.

It would be wrong to equate the war crimes of Ben Gurion, Eshkol and Eban with every Jewish person in Israel. However, the main problem is the widespread illusions about the workers and farmers in Israel. Every adult in Israel is taught what the Zionists learned from their collusion with Hitler--to admire the Belgian imperialist murderers of the ten million Congolese in ten years, to worship the white supremacists in the Black Belt of the U.S. and to support the U.S. imperialists in Vietnam. Every immigrant to Israel is indoctrinated in the belief that stealing the land of Palestinian Arabs is just, that destroying their culture is good and that committing genocide against them is needed for survival.

All anti-imperialists have hoped that a section of the Israeli workers, farmers and professionals will take steps to destroy the Israeli state and its imperialist masters. But the reality is mass support by the Israelis for the wanton, brutal murder of 15,000 men, women and children in Jordan and the brutal murderous exile now forced on large numbers of Jordanians as it was forced on Palestinian Arabs. The reality is the napalm bombs on defenseless Syrian peasants and the effort of Israeli bombers to destroy Arab cultural institutions in the historic city of Damascus. All these crimes and countless more were committed after the Israelis had pledged in the U.N. to cease fire.

The possibility of the native Palestinian Jews having some form of autonomous rights, when the Palestinian Arabs again control their land, is dwindling rapidly. It is the noble task of all Marxist-Leninists, all anti-imperialists, to destroy the result of the union of Zionism and imperialism--that abortion known as the state of Israel. If the Palestinian Jews continue to support the Zionist agents of Johnson and Goldberg then they have the same future as their imperialist and Zionist masters--destruction by the outraged peoples of the world.

The 1948 decision in the U.N. to establish a form of Jewish autonomy in Palestine was supported by the CPSU headed by J. V. Stalin. It was intended to help the Jewish people survive after their terrible losses and suffering at the hands of Hitler and the Zionists. It was not contemplated that more than a few thousand Jews from outside Palestine would immigrate. But the Palestinian Arabs were not sufficiently consulted or considered. This was in violation of the writings and almost all the practice of J.V. Stalin, the great Marxist-Leninist theoretician and leader on the national question. Chairman Mao Tse-tung has written that the greatest leaders are right only 70 percent of the time. That is also why one man's thought cannot be Marxism-Leninism and why Marxist-Leninists stress collective discussion, collective responsibility and self-criticism.

As the Zionist-imperialist domination of Israel developed and aggression against the Arab peoples intensified, Stalin used his great influence as a Marxist-Leninist leader to uphold the Arab peoples' right to self-determination.

It is not an accident that the 20th Congress CPSU and the all-out efforts of U.S. imperialism in the Arab world began in the same year. The main line of that congress denied the focal contradiction



between national liberation struggles and imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism. The revisionist line of the 20th Congress CPSU reversed Socialist construction and attacked Stalin, the great genius who mastered and developed Lenin's teachings on internal and external contradictions concerning the first Socialist country. The 20th Congress CPSU line of co-operating with imperialism was a stab in the back to building Socialism, to international Marxist-Leninist solidarity and to the oppressed peoples in all countries including the Arab peoples.

Since the 20th Congress, the CPSU has strengthened the state of Israel, not least of all by sending hundreds of thousands of its Jewish citizens to bolster the aggressive imperialist-Zionist forces. The CPSU has not supported the Palestinian Arabs' right to self-determination. The CPSU has urged conventional warfare and heavy arms on the Arab nations when their struggle required guerilla war and emphasis on arming the masses with light weapons. The CPSU leaders are co-operating with U.S. imperialists in the diplomatic, cultural, economic and nuclear fields. It would be strange indeed if they are not in collusion in the field of spying on the Arab peoples.

The editorial board of Hammer & Steel holds that the Communist Party of China is the leading Marxist-Leninist Party in the world. Chairman Mao's writings on Peoples War and anti-imperialist coalitions are of great value in this period. We had hoped that the CPC, with its great experience and prestige, with its greatly respected Chairman, would initiate the convening of the world's Marxist-Leninist organizations. The difficult struggle, to hammer out a common Marxist-Leninist line in the national liberation struggles of the Vietnamese, Arab, Afro-American, Congolese and other oppressed peoples, could then be raised to a higher level.

That the CPC has not fully exerted its leading role is due mainly, in our opinion, to its endorsement of the 20th Congress CPSU at the last congress of the CPC, also in 1956. At that time both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the CPC reversed their correct stand on Stalin and fully endorsed the 20th Congress. Later they agreed to accept it in the 81 Party Statement. This error has not been fully corrected. We raise the question not to indicate that the reactions to the 20th Congress by members of our editorial board were completely correct--they were not. We stress the CPC because of its great influence and even great potential within and outside of China in the struggle against imperialism and modern revisionism.

Recently S. Rittenberg, a U.S. citizen, wrote in Peking Review #16 on the Afro-American question. He did not uphold a Marxist-Leninist position on self-determination for Afro-Americans in the Black Belt and strongly implied that those who do so are "slavish" to Stalin. He also lectured Marxist-Leninists on proletarian culture and daring.

The condition of the Afro-Americans and Palestinian Arabs is very similar. Large numbers of both have been driven from their native land by brutal, inhuman imperialism. Exiles from both peoples are living in terrible poverty: the Palestinian Arabs in desert camps, the Afro-Americans in the city ghettos. If Rittenberg accepts the revisionist-imperialist position on Afro-American liberation, will he have enough culture and daring to uphold Marxism-Leninism on the right of the Palestinian Arabs to self-determination?

On June 1, 1967 the Australian Vanguard wrote: "The Palestinian and other Arab people have long seen through the Soviet revisionist ruling clique as the number one accomplice of U.S. imperialism on the question of Palestine." It is true that the Arab peoples have learned about Soviet revisionism, especially in the past few days. But it was their lack of understanding on this question that created the opportunities for the Soviets to betray their just cause to imperialism and Zionism.



If the Arab peoples have "long seen through" the modern revisionists, then there is no need for strong Marxist-Leninist parties in the Arab countries to build an anti-imperialist coalition with the alliance of the workers and rural poor as its leading force. If the Australian Vanguard is right, then there is no need for the development of Marxist-Leninist theoreticians and leaders in the Arab nations. That is why the Australian Vanguard concluded that one man's thought is Marxism-Leninism. It fails to develop a program for action and to call on the Australian people to support Arab liberation.

The Marxist-Leninist forces have the historic task of leading and uniting all national liberation struggles against their common foe-- U.S. imperialism. This is the way to achieve Socialism in the world. The stage of the national democratic revolution cannot be skipped over. In the U.S. the main allies of the Arab peoples are the Afro-American liberation movement, the Puerto Rican liberation struggle and other oppressed nationals including the Mexicans and the native Indians. The Afro-American people are waging bitter struggle against U.S. imperialism. This will be of even greater help in the future to the other oppressed peoples just as the future struggles of the Arabs, Vietnamese and Congolese will aid the Afro-Americans.

As U.S. Marxist-Leninists we express to the Arab peoples our deep grief for those who were murdered by U.S. imperialism and its Israeli stooges. We will do all in our power to mobilize our people in order that the criminal aggressors against your people receive just punishment. When the day of reckoning comes, we will not forget those in the trade union bureaucracy, the revisionists and the so-called liberals who sided with the Israelis and the imperialists.

The breaking of relations with the U.S. government by Arab countries greatly aids the anti-imperialist forces in the U.S. We support those Arab forces who urge breaking relations with the treacherous Soviet revisionists and canceling all so-called debts to the partners of U.S. imperialism.

Let the Marxist-Leninists and all anti-imperialists unite in behalf of the Arab peoples' just struggle. Full support to our Arab comrades and all the gallant Arab peoples. Let us help build and strengthen powerful Marxist-Leninist parties in the Arab countries. The Israeli will rue the day they ever won their "victories". The Arab peoples will hack the murderous scum to pieces in a mighty peoples' war.

Drive U.S. imperialism out of the Arab countries!

Support the just liberation war of the Palestinian Arabs!

Destroy the U.S. imperialist base--destroy the State of Israel!

Smash the Soviet revisionist traitors to Arab liberation!

Solidarity with the Marxist-Leninist movement in the Arab countries!

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