

# THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION'S PRESENT STAGE

(Second of Two Installments)

Publisher's Note: The first two issues of People's Democracy (Jan.-Feb. 1978 and March-April 1978) together comprise a five-part work that introduces a new line on the nature and character of the American revolution's present stage. In a word, this new line asserts that the advent of socialism in the U.S. requires a two-stage revolution. The essential feature of this two-stage revolution's first stage is the completion of the U.S.'s democratic revolution, while the second stage involves the actual struggle for socialism. The Jan.-Feb. issue of People's Democracy (Vol.1, No.1), which comprises the Introduction and Parts I & II of the above-mentioned five-part work, summarizes the concrete conditions internationally and in the U.S. and the history and present state of the contemporary revolutionary movement in the U.S. The present issue (Vol.1, No.2), which contains Parts III, IV & V, as well as an Appendix, examines the two-stage line's theoretical and practical bases, respectively.