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## Presidential Primaries

# LIES AND DOUBLETALK CAN'T HIDE THE TWO SUPERPOWERS' PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD WAR

May, 1976. The presidential primaries are in full bloom, and the candidates are insulting the American working class with yet another meaningless campaign. The monopoly capitalist class is conducting this affair so as to determine which of their political lap-dogs is most capable of deceiving the working class and thus most suited to administer the U.S. capitalist system on behalf of the ruling class.

One noteworthy thing about the presidential primaries this year is the controversy being stirred up around the use of the word "detente", and the debate over whether or not the United States is still the number one world power. The reality behind the lies and doubletalk coming from the bourgeois politicians on these issues is that the contention between the two superpowers for world domination is sharpening, and leading in the direction of world war. The masses want to know the truth about these issues. They definitely do not want another world war with all its suffering, and yearn for a basic change in U.S. society. But the presidential candidates of the monopoly capitalist class have nothing to

offer except empty rhetoric.

### SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM, "DETENTE", AND THE THREAT OF WORLD WAR

The U.S. imperialists stepped into the shoes of the German, Japanese, and Italian fascists at the end of World War II. They gained control of the colonies and neo-colonies of the defeated fascist powers, and of the weakened "democratic" imperialist countries of Europe to a large extent. Furthermore, the U.S. gained dominance in the economies of most of the formerly "great" powers themselves. With Ft. Knox filled with gold, and while waving the atom bomb, the U.S. imperialists interfered in Greece, backed the fascist Chiang Kai-shek in China, committed aggression in Korea, stepped into French shoes in Indo-China, intervened in Lebanon and the Congo (K), launched a vicious war of aggression against the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, invaded the Dominican Republic, attacked Cuba, and backed the Israeli Zionists's aggression. see page 10

## People's Canada Daily News Opposes U.S. Imperialism's Plot to Raise Ross Dam and Flood the Skagit Valley

(The following article appeared in the Feb. 6, 1976 issue of People's Canada Daily News under the heading: "Skagit Valley Flooding Scheme-- Colossal Sellout to U.S. Imperialism." Seattle Worker fully supports the content of this article and reprints it below in its entirety.)

Three days after the defeat of the NDP government in BC, Social Credit party president Peter Hyndman brought the issue of the U.S. imperialist annexation of the BC Skagit Valley back into the limelight. For 59 years Seattle City Light Company has planned to raise by 122 feet the level of the Ross Dam on the U.S. portion of the Skagit River. The subsequent flooding will cover over 8 miles and 5,000 acres of BC land in the

Skagit Valley, in order to generate approximately \$3 million worth (1970 market value) of electricity for Seattle per year. In an interview with the Seattle Times, Hyndman predicted that the new Socred government would likely approve the flooding.

The Skagit flooding scheme is a good example of the nature of the U.S. imperialist-dominated Canadian state, which assists foreign (mainly U.S.) imperialism to annex vast amounts of Canadian land and resources. In particular, the Skagit sellout means supporting U.S. imperialism in its contention with Soviet social-imperialism for world hegemony, for its war preparations and aggressions.

Seattle's main industry is war production for U.S. imperialism's arsenal. The aircraft makers, Boeing Company, employs one in every five Seattle workers, and requires a substantial portion of the power generated

by Seattle City Light. Boeing produces war planes, such as to supply the U.S. aggression in Indochina when Boeing-built B-52 bombers and other vicious weapons which were used to try in vain to defeat the small nations, or to supply the Zionist aggressors against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples. In addition to Boeing, there are huge naval shipyards in Seattle which demand great power input.

### History of Skagit Sellout

The history of the flooding scheme dates back to 1909, when the signing of the Boundary Waters Treaty established procedures for the sellout of Canadian water resources to U.S. imperialism. The Treaty set up the International Joint Commission, an "independent" body to study the "joint" use of "boundary" and "international waters". By 1917 the first application for the Skagit River flooding by Seattle City Light was made to the U.S. authorities, with plans to develop three dams on the U.S. side of the border, and the last of which (the Ross Dam) would flood eight miles into Canadian territory. The actual bargaining with the BC government was struck up in the late 1920's, when domination of the Canadian state was shifting out of the hands of the British imperialists and into the sphere of U.S. imperialism. In 1928, the then Liberal government in BC stated publicly that it had no objection to the scheme, suggesting see page 5

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## Support The Foundry Workers' Strike

Three thousand foundry workers of Washington, Oregon and Northern California are moving into their second month of determined strike struggle against the metal companies. The International Moulders and Allied Workers Union is negotiating in Washington for 1,100 workers, working for 12 different foundries. The union's main economic demands are increased wages, (\$2.50 across the board), more comprehensive health coverage, increased pension, better contract provisions for job posting, vacations and holidays.

The foundries in particular, are notorious hell-holes of monopoly capitalist exploitation. The working conditions are such that it is a frequent occurrence for workers to get their toes and fingers smashed, to be burned by hot metal and to get metal in their eyes. It is impossible for even the most conscious workers to avoid some accidents.

One worker reported that the average wage at the Olympic Foundry in Seattle for melters, chippers, grinders, helpers and crane operators is \$4.60-\$5.25/hr., barely enough for these workers to

support their families. The employers association is only offering the workers a 23% raise over the next 3 years, 9%-7%-7%, and some cost of living clause. This employer offer is far below what the workers are demanding. As the economic crisis continues, the monopoly capitalists increasingly shift the burden of this crisis onto the workers. In capitalist society wages reflect the average amount of labor power which a worker must sell in order to buy the necessities of life and to bring up a certain number of children who will replace him on the market. With unemployment approaching 10 million in the U.S. today, the capitalists have more leverage to drive wages even below this bare minimum in order to maximize their profits.

Seattle Worker warmly supports the just struggle of the foundry workers for increased wages, benefits and working conditions. Theirs is part of the struggle of the entire working class against monopoly capitalist exploitation.

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## Postal Workers Militantly Oppose Mandatory Overtime

Outrage at the general process of decay of the US Postal Service boiled over in Seattle recently among some of the postal workers. On Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, members of the Seattle local of the American Postal Workers Union picketed the Queen Anne postal station. They carried signs protesting mandatory overtime, cutbacks in employment, and deteriorating service. They handed out leaflets explaining how the US Postal Service is ruining the delivery of mail, damaging parcels at the new automated bulk delivery centers, misdirecting mail and creating greater inefficiency and waste all in the name of budget cuts. Several of the workers wore clown costumes, indicating that "the postal service management is making clowns out of the postal workers, so we might as well look the part", as one worker said.

Over the last four years, since the postal service became a "quasi-public" institution, the price of a first-class stamp has gone from 6 to 13¢ and recently special delivery mail

reached 80¢ and registered mail reached \$1.25. One might ask where all of this money is going, since it far outdistances inflation and there have been no large jumps in wages. The answer is that top officials have raised their own salaries, used the surplus from first-class mail to pay the cost of business "junk mail", and invested in costly and inefficient technology which will cut postal workers' jobs. Recently, a bill allowing federal workers to engage in political activity was vetoed; the bill would have also restricted management attempts to coerce or influence workers politically. All of these matters have led to a high level of feeling among postal workers, and even though a strike is illegal, a vote will be taken on May 2 about taking such an action. During the last large postal strike in 1970, the monopoly capitalists called out the National Guard to scab on the workers.

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## Superpowers' War Preparations...from page 11

Ours is an era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to world-wide victory. In such a situation the workers in the heart of the superpowers are in an excellent position to unite with the oppressed nations and peoples of the world in wiping U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism off the earth. Led by its Marxist-Leninist Party, they must overthrow the imperialist state machine by force of arms and smash it up. In its place the working class, the overwhelming majority of the population and the producers of the wealth that the capitalists have accumulated for generations, must organize their own state, a proletarian dictatorship over the imperialist plunderers. Socialism, (the dictatorship of the proletariat), eliminates private ownership of the socially produced products of society. The immense wealth produced by the masses becomes their own property and is no longer the private property of the capitalists. The goal of the working class under socialism is to eliminate classes altogether and achieve communism.

In short, the monopoly capitalists, through the demagoguery of the bourgeois politicians, are attempting to mobilize the workers to unite with them in preparation for waging a robbers', thieves' war against Soviet social-imperialism for world domination and against the oppressed nations and people of the whole world so as to maintain and expand U.S. spheres of influence.

The working class has no interest in taking up the imperialist program. Its interests lie in the proletarian program of class war, revolutionary civil war, to overthrow the monopoly capitalist class and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Chairman Mao teaches: "War is the highest form of struggle for resolving contradictions when they have developed to a certain stage, between classes, nations, states, or political groups, and it has existed ever since the emergence of private property and of classes".

Socialism abolishes private property and through a protracted struggle eliminates classes. It thus eliminates war. This is why it is necessary for the workers in the capitalist and revisionist countries to fight a war--a revolutionary civil war against their own bourgeoisie in order to achieve lasting peace.

This is what the imperialists have nightmares about. This is the stage of world history we are in and why the future is infinitely bright for the working class.

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## Expose the Monopoly Capitalists' Plan to Destroy the International District Community!

The Seattle Worker's Movement enthusiastically reprints the following article from **THE PATRIOT**-newspaper of Afro-Asian Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Forum (Seattle)--

For the past year and a half, the AALAPSF(S) has pointed out that in order to fight the destruction of the International District, the International District must unite and struggle for low-income housing.

It is even more urgent today, as the local capitalists are exposing and putting into action plans intended to drive out the present community of residents.

These plans of the local capitalists to destroy the International District are part of a larger process of (1) a shifting of the burden of the economic crises of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class onto the shoulders of the American working and oppressed people, and, (2) a bold-faced example of racial discrimination against the Asian community in the International District.

This is nothing new, as the capitalists have leveled attack after attack upon the International District, from 1885, when the capitalists incited mobs to try and drive the Chinese out of Chinatown to 1965 when the monopoly capitalist government constructed the Interstate 5 Freeway through the middle of it.

Today, the U.S. monopoly capitalists are in deep trouble. Besides suffering economic crisis, the U.S. imperialist-monopoly capitalist class is finding it more difficult to plunder and exploit Africa, Asia, and Latin America under the blows of national liberation struggles. The rabid expansion of the Soviet social-imperialists is forcing the U.S. imperialists into huge war preparations. The U.S. monopoly capitalists are trying to find new ways to shift the burden of these crises onto the working and oppressed people, including the Asian national minorities. This results in even more vicious attacks upon their communities by the monopoly capitalists.

The latest and most destructive attack was the construction of the \$60 million King County Domed Stadium ("Kingdome") right next to the International District. The attack is focused at the International District's low income housing.

Frederick Engles explained almost 100 years ago why the capitalist class destroys communities such as the International District. He pointed out that as cities expand in size that land values in the central part of them skyrocketed. The buildings on them, particularly if they contain housing for the working and oppressed people, who can afford to pay only a certain amount of rent, are torn down to make way for buildings which would be much more profitable for the capitalists (ie. shops, office buildings, expensive apartments etc.). As a result, Engles pointed out, working and oppressed people are forced out of these areas. Living space that they can afford becomes more and more scarce, as construction capitalists can then make much more profit building expensive dwellings rather than low income housing.

It is the monopoly capitalists' desperate search for profit which is behind the destruction of the International District community.

But this attack on the International District is only part of a larger scheme by the capitalists to develop the entire central core of Seattle into an immensely profitable, giant entertainment-business-high income residential complex. The Pioneer Square, Domed Stadium and International District are at the southern end, Denny Regrade is the northernmost section, with the I-5

freeway to the east of this complex. The City of Seattle, government arm of the monopoly capitalists, are working hand in glove to help the capitalists create their dreamland, and rid the area of the "troublesome" residents.

We can look at a brief sketch of the development in the central core to get a picture of this "paradise" the capitalists are planning for themselves:

---Several large skyscrapers in the downtown area have sprung up in the last few years, with several still under construction.

---Many more old buildings are being considered for, or have undergone, "historical preservation", ie. renovating them and marketing the space for a high rent. A large number were originally low rent housing. This has proved profitable as construction fees have gone up, and the capitalist profit margins have narrowed, so that renovation of old buildings for far less than constructing new, and selling space at the same rate as in a newly constructed building is good capitalist business sense. The capitalists were so pleased at the success of the "historical preservation" that they called a national conference on it in Seattle last July.

This is occurring wherever there are an abundance of old buildings, ie. Pioneer Square, First and Second Avenue, Denny Regrade, etc. ---A number of parks have sprung up in this area: Waterfront (Downtown), Westlake (Downtown), Freeway (Downtown), Occidental (Pioneer Square), Kobe (International District), and Hing Hay (International District). The Westlake project entails redevelopment of the surrounding area. The Freeway Park is a several million dollar project which consists if a "lid" on the I-5 Freeway with a park and parking garage big enough for 600 cars. The Waterfront Park is part of a general redevelopment of the waterfront (see below).

---Redevelopment of the waterfront along Downtown, including some huge projects: (1) a marine aquarium costing \$5 million at Pier 60 (2) renovation of the Pier 66 Port of Seattle headquarters and construction of a dock for the Victoria ferry Princess Marguerite (3) a huge \$40 million complex on Pier 50 and 51 including a 400 room luxury hotel and a 12 story office building with 100,000 square feet of office space (Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 1/30/76)

---A plan for developing a boulevard through Downtown from the Seattle Center to the Domed Stadium with landscaping, fountains, widened sidewalks, etc. (Proposed Downtown Concept Plan).

---A plan for connecting the Waterfront Aquarium to the Pike Place Market by constructing a \$1.2 million stairway and elevator. (Seattle Times, 1/25/76)

---A campaign begun to promote "in-city living" by downtown businessmen-- not for working and oppressed people but for other businessmen who can afford to pay several hundred dollars for living space. Especially promoted as a future residential area is Denny Regrade which the Seattle P-I business editor said "could emerge as a kind of new bedroom area rivaling Bellevue". (Denny Regrade has had attention from HUD and the City of Seattle in building new housing.) The local capitalists have even gone to the extent of proposing that branches of the already overextended public school and community college systems be established in the Denny Regrade to make the area more appealing to "in-

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city living". (Seattle Times, 1/19/76)

---Moves to improve transportation connections all over the central core. Investigation is being done by the City on, among other things, linking what it calls the "entertainment crescent"-- Lake Union, Seattle Center, Waterfront, Pioneer Square and-- the International District (Proposed Downtown Concept Plan, City of Seattle).

This list is far from complete. But all this is enough to make the capitalists' mouth water with delight. The criminal role of the Capitalists in redeveloping the area and destroying communities is easily seen.

But standing even more exposed is the City of Seattle, who is nothing but a partner in crime along with the capitalists. Making many empty promises to the residents of the International District since 1972 (which they have not kept), in the meantime the City of Seattle has done many rotten things to help the process of destruction of the International District. A partial list of projects, taken from the above list, which shows how much they are helping the local capitalists build up Downtown into an area which would lure huge numbers of tourists, and creating millions in profits:

- \$2 million in city funds into Pioneer Square in order to help "preserve" it-- that is, to help build expensive offices and shops in what used to be low-rent hotels.
- \$5 million for the Aquarium on the Waterfront.
- Tens of millions of dollars to build the numerous parks in the area.
- \$1.2 million for the elevator-walkway connecting Pike Place Market with the waterfront,
- plus undetermined millions of dollars for creation of a downtown boulevard and increased transit services.

Besides these projects, the city government has put together their idea of what changes the downtown Seattle area should undergo--the Proposed Downtown Concept Plan.

In it are the general and specific policies by which the City will help "develop" Downtown. Only three items out of the 78 total policies the city has set have anything to do with helping the International District preserve its community--the City would "encourage" new low, middle, and high income housing construction, and give "financial assistance" to "support" rehabilitation of low and moderate housing. Also, the City would "do whatever is feasible" to lessen the negative impact of the Domed Stadium on the International District community.

There should be no illusions about the nature of the plan, despite the three vague items of "good will" on the part of the City. The other 75 items deal very specifically with making the central core into a busy place where tourists and others can spend money. The International District is included in this scheme, as one of the

items points out:

"Functionally, visually and psychologically link the center of downtown to its adjacent areas, i.e. the Denny Regrade, First Hill, International District, Lake Union, Seattle Center, Stadium and Central Waterfront."

There is no reason for "linking" the International District with Downtown except to include it as part of the entertainment-business complex which would not include the present residents.

To see how the city intends to destroy the central communities, all working to preserve the International District must pay attention to the lessons of Pioneer Square. The City has already played a big role in destroying and dispersing the Skid Road (Pioneer Square) community. After encouraging "historical preservation" by forming a city office (Office of Urban Conservation) putting up city funds, and encouraging new businesses and offices to be built there, residents were eventually forced to move out because of rents which have increased fourfold over the past five years. Now, the original small businesses are dying out, and recently the city virtually cut off all money for social services, insuring the death of the community, and an open door for further profit making development.

International District residents know that for years the City has come to them with big promises and no action on low income housing. But the City can no longer cover up the fact that millions of dollars of the money they take from taxpayers is flooding the downtown area for projects which in no way serve the residents in the area, but only the capitalists. The Bare facts show that the city government is nothing but an arm of the monopoly capitalist class, who are building up Seattle as a business and trade center for this region, and are promoting tourism as a major section of the local economy. Both the city government and the U.S. monopoly capitalists are not in the least interested in the welfare of the resident.

Residents, small businesses and activists of the International District: We must have no illusions that the City of Seattle will be "reasonable" and will come to their senses" before it is too late! The City has made enough empty promises! We must not "beg" them any more to serve our need for low income housing!

In 1972, the City was stopped in its plan to close all the low income hotels in the area when the International District community united, stood up and resisted the City. We must again unite as a community and demand that the city government replace the low income housing they have robbed from the International District!  
**OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!**  
**UNITE AND FIGHT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING**  
**TO PRESERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT!**

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only that a ranch owner occupying the only private piece of land in the valley should be consulted. Seattle bought the ranch in 1929. Hence we have the first illustration of the sellout nature of the Canadian state in the Skagit issue — "no objection"!

By 1937, the second Dam on the U.S. Skagit was completed, but did not yet extend into Canada. In 1941, in the midst of the Second World War and pressure from the Seattle war industry being placed on hydro-electric power supplies, Seattle applied with the IJC for permission to raise the Ross Dam to its full height. Again there was no objection from any level of the Canadian state. The IJC accepted Seattle's application, with the provision that Seattle pay compensation to BC for the flooded land and that the BC government agree to the terms.

An agreement was scratched out between Seattle City Light and the province of BC in 1952 for a lump sum payment of \$225,508 and an annual tax of approximately \$2,000. However, the Liberal Coalition government in BC was defeated by the Socreds before the agreement was signed. The new government was dissatisfied with the deal and reopened negotiations.

However, it was not until 1967 that the BC government, run by the W.A.C. Bennett regime, finalised terms with Seattle City Light. The BC government was to receive the paltry sum of \$3,500,000 over the next 99 years in compensation for the flooding, or approximately \$5.50 per acre per year. Dr. Gordon Shrum, head of BC Hydro at the time and notorious for negotiating the Columbia River Dams on behalf of the Socreds, came out in full support of the Skagit flooding. In an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the Canadian people, Seattle City Light consultants and other pro-Skagit 'experts' released extensive studies on the recreational value the Skagit reservoir would create for Canadians. They assured us that "the reservoir will have the appearance of the natural seashore on the Pacific Ocean when the daily tide is out" and "would be as attractive as any inland lake", a virtual paradise for Vancouver boaters and pleasure-seekers.

#### **Alignment of Forces — Massive Opposition to Sellout Makes Errand Boys of U.S. Imperialism Sing and Dance**

However, by 1970, the people of BC were expressing massive opposition to the annexation of the Skagit Valley by U.S. imperialism, forcing federal and provincial politicians to delay the flooding. In October 1970, a demonstration of over 2,500 people converged on the threatened valley in a protest against this outrageous sellout. Even the fabrication of the U.S. imperialists and their monopoly capitalist lackeys in Canada that the flooding would provide a "boaters' paradise" became completely transparent. It was exposed that their proposed 'lake' will be surrounded by mud flats. While the "recreational area" in the Canadian Skagit will be a virtual muddy wasteland for most of the year, at maximum drawdown (its lowest level) the Ross reservoir will 'retreat' eight miles into the U.S. This will mean that, while the U.S. currently faces a similar problem of low recreational value on the U.S. side of the Skagit, with the flooding of the Canadian Skagit this problem is literally 'exported' to Canada, since the reservoir will then form a permanent lake below the 49th parallel! In addition to \$3 million worth of hydro-electric power per year accrued by Seattle, and a guaranteed recreational area year-round, the levelling of the Skagit Valley will yield the U.S. imperialists \$5 million worth of merchantable timber, only 10% of which would be paid to the BC government in royalties! There can be no other word for this than barefaced annexation of Canadian land and

resources, outright violation of Canadian sovereignty.

Jumping on the bandwagon of protest were all the opposition politicians in BC and some others federally. The BC Liberal leader at that time, Dr. Pat McGeer, labelled the flooding a "monstrous sellout" and called for the "impeachment" of W.A.C. Bennett. In a blustering caricature of 'nationalism', McGeer declared, "I'm sick and tired of sellouts of Canada by Canadians...I don't know what they are waiting for, to me you can decide in 15 seconds if you're a Canadian." McGeer, a recent turncoat from the Liberals, is now Minister of Education and head of ICBC in the new Socred government he once so valiantly chastised. Jack Davis, another defector from the Liberals and the new Socred Minister of Transportation, Communications and Energy, held the federal cabinet posts of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment during the Skagit controversy. He openly opposed the flooding at the time, and assured the Canadian people in December 1972 that the flooding "won't occur". NDP opposition leader Dave Barrett accused BC Liberals of not putting enough pressure on their federal counterparts and suggested that they threaten to resign from the Liberal party, declaring "Let them stand up and be counted". In December 1970 Barrett sent a letter to U.S. president Richard Nixon begging him to personally intervene to save the Skagit Valley from flooding. Even Pierre Trudeau lent his name to the 1970 uproar, telling the people of BC to "get rid of Bennett" in order to save the Skagit Valley. In the same month, Conservative party leader Robert Stanfield personally visited the Skagit Valley by helicopter in order to oppose Trudeau by saying: "I believe the federal government has a responsibility on behalf of the people of Canada and BC to tell the U.S. government that it is determined to save the Skagit Valley." By the end of the year even the Social Credit government was refusing to defend their 1967 deal. W.A.C. Bennett stated that the agreement can only be changed by the federal government and "if they want to change it, they will find no opposition from the Social Credit government in BC." The next two years features "further study" of the project by the IJC and haggling over whether it is the responsibility of the federal or provincial authorities to stop the flooding. Epitomising the bluff of all this opposition to sellout to U.S. imperialism by the bourgeois politicians, in 1973, Vancouver Conservative MP John Fraser introduced a motion in the House of Commons opposing the flooding of the Skagit, and it was passed unanimously. However, it was revealed several months later that this 'nationalist' message was never passed on to the U.S. authorities.

#### **NDP Exchanges One Sellout for Another**

The NDP Party led by Dave Barrett was installed as the government in BC in 1972, in the wake of all this opposition to the Skagit sellout. Resources Minister Bob Williams quickly jumped up to vilify the former Socred government for "taking a cheap price" on the Skagit deal. However, the NDP scheme for the Skagit sellout left much to be desired in terms of "equity". The NDP government attempted to circumvent the opposition to the Canadian people to the sellout of the Skagit Valley by pursuing another form of sellout — offering to "buy back" the agreement from Seattle City Light for a cash payment. In return for **not** flooding Canadian soil, the Barrett government offered the U.S. imperialists a package of 1. \$3.42 million in cash, 2. buying back Seattle-owned land in the valley at "full market value", 3. help to develop an "international recreational area" in the Skagit Valley, and 4. unspecified "assistance" in "overcoming" the repercussions on Seattle's energy supply.

After the defeat of the NDP in the recent provincial elections, Bob Williams made public NDP's complete sellout scheme. He announced that the NDP government had made an offer to the Seattle City Light Company on November 10, 1975 of not only the neat package outlined above but a promise of some alternate source of power generated directly from BC generators as a substitute for the Skagit supply. According to a Vancouver Sun article on March 25, 1975, a new BC Hydro Dam, on the Pend d'Oreille River near the border and costing \$500 million to develop, might be the supplier of this "alternate source" of power to Seattle. When in 1973 the U.S. state department agreed to cancel the Skagit deal if an alternate supply of electric power from BC could be provided, the Barrett government made a saintly refusal, stating it "is opposed to energy export in general". The recent announcement by Bob Williams tips off this political deception. The NDP government, like all the others before it — the Liberals in 1928, the Socreds in 1967 and today — act as lackey administrators for the sellout of Canadian land and labour to U.S. imperialism. The NDP's proposed deal would only shift the annexation from the Skagit to the Pend d'Oreille. Specifically, it would shift the burden of development costs from the U.S. monopoly capitalists directly onto the shoulders of the Canadian people through massive state loans borrowed from U.S. finance capital.

#### **The Skagit Scheme Means U.S. Imperialist Domination of Canada and Superpower Contention**

The issue with the Skagit flooding is not, as McGeer stated in December 1970, "putting our province under water for neon lights in Seattle". Nor is it the present interests of "1,000 anglers" versus the future interests of "20,000 boaters in the Vancouver area" as Hyndman recently stated. The issue is also not a "choice" between the Skagit or some other piece of land in BC, as the NDP would have us believe. All of the bourgeois politicians, lackeys of U.S. imperialism, obscure the main point. The issue for the Canadian people is the annexation of Canadian land and resources by U.S. imperialism for its war preparations.

The entire history of the Skagit scheme illustrates the drive of U.S. imperialism to seize and exploit Canadian territory in its striving for world hegemony. As the contention between U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism sharpens, and the possibilities of these two superpowers launching a third world war intensifies, the Skagit issue is once again coming to the fore with Peter Hyndman's lackey declarations. U.S. imperialism is in a period of rapidly consolidating its hold over Canadian land and resources such as the Skagit which it has held technical claim to for decades. Comrade Lenin pointed out in his great work **Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism** that "...finance capital strives in general to seize the largest possible amount of land of all kinds in all places, taking into account potential sources of raw materials and fearing to be left behind in the fierce struggle for the last scrap of undivided territory or for the repartition of those that have already been divided." (Foreign Languages Press, Peking 1970, p.100) The establishment of the Boundary Waters Treaty in 1909 reflected this striving "in general". Now the fruit has ripened, U.S. imperialism is in deep crisis, and the newly elected Social Credit government in BC, as part of the U.S. imperialist dominated Canadian state, has no alternative but to support the consolidation of U.S. imperialist stranglehold over the Skagit Valley.

During the 1970 massive opposition to the Skagit scheme, another group of charlatans, treacherously calling themselves "com-

# ZIMBABWE

## VICTORY TO ZIMBABWEAN REVOLUTION!

A spirited public meeting in support of the Zimbabwean peoples revolutionary struggle against the fascist settler regime in "Rhodesia" was held on February 27, 1976. Sponsored by the Seattle Branch--COUSML and Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Forum (Seattle), this meeting occurred at a time when the British and U.S. imperialists were in a complete frenzy attempting to push the white-racist Ian Smith "Rhodesia" government to hand over political power to neo-colonial "African" puppet forces. The meeting clarified the history of Zimbabwean revolution and the facts about the surging armed struggle led by ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union). This armed struggle has landed the fascist settler-colonialist regime and the imperialists of the U.S. and Britain (as well as the racist apartheid regime of Vorster in "South Africa"--just south of Zimbabwe) in a difficult position. Secretary of State Kissinger left for a two week tour of African countries on April 23 in order to "stress the urgency of resuming negotiations between Rhodesian black leaders and the white-minority government". (Seattle Times) But the ZANU liberation fighters, who have the support of the overwhelming majority of African Zimbabweans, is resolutely determined to pursue Chimurenga (the war of national liberation) until complete political and economic independence is achieved. Nothing that Kissinger, or other imperialist forces, tries to do can prevent the success of the revolution, including feeble attempts to establish a government of imperialist-backed black African puppet forces through negotiations.

The meeting began with a speech by a comrade from AALAPSF (S). She outlined the following points about the history of Zimbabwe:

The African country of Zimbabwe received the name "Rhodesia" because the British colonialist Cecil Rhodes led in colonizing and subjugating Zimbabwe from his position as prime minister of the Cape Colony (South Africa). This process began in 1888 when the British colonialist government granted a charter to the British South Africa Co. to exploit the new territory. By 1893 the native Lobengula people had risen up in armed struggle against the invaders and were joined by the Mashona people in 1896-97. After fierce battles, British superiority in arms and men succeeded in giving a temporary setback to the anti-colonial struggle. In the 1950s and early '60s several Zimbabwean political parties were founded. This process was capped in 1964 with the formation of ZANU under the leadership of Ndabaningi Sithole. ZANU opposed reformist illusions and took up a revolutionary orientation right from the beginning. Under the slogan "We are our own liberators" ZANU has resolutely persevered in the armed war of national liberation and won brilliant victories.

A speaker from COUSML then followed with a lengthy talk. Printed below are some excerpts:

The two main industries for a long time were farming and mining. Today, many U.S. corporations are active there alongside British imperialist interests. There are General Motors, Union Carbide, Ford Motor Co., General Electric, and many others. They are there to be close to the sources of raw materials for industrial purposes and to amass huge profit from the exploitation of cheap labor. 82% of Africa's wealth is south of the equator. Angola is known for its riches including oil, iron ore, diamonds, and uranium. Zambia is known for its copper. Azania ("South Africa") is famous for its wealth in many minerals. And Zimbabwe too is wealthy. As far as cheap labor is concerned, Tapson Mawere, ZANU representative stated in Chicago last year that:

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"The average wage (for workers in these corporations) is \$386 a year. Workers on the farms receive an average wage of \$186 a year. (U.N. statistics state that families of four in Zimbabwe need \$100 a MONTH to live on.)"

From these few figures it should be clear that the former British colony Rhodesia, which is now a neo-colony of British and U.S. imperialism, is groaning under the rule of capitalist profiteers.

The really hideous features of the white settler regime of Ian Smith are revealed in the racist and fascist social system through which this capitalist exploitation is administered.

The basis for racial discrimination lies in the capitalist system. The black Zimbabweans are 6 million in population while the European in origin settlers are 270,000. In Zimbabwe this European element is the elite. They are the upper classes, land owners as well as owners of industry and administrators for foreign imperialism. A large number are skilled professionals. The Europeans are wealthy and control the state machine.

The black masses are the working classes, both on the white settler farms but mainly in the industries in the urban areas. Vast numbers are small scale farmers. A very few are professionals. So the major class division in Zimbabwe, the division between exploiter and exploited, is also a national division between European and African, or what is called the color line between black and white. And the working classes are systematically discriminated against on the very easily distinguished color line basis as a way to administer ruthless capitalist exploitation.

Notorious in this regard is the Land Apportionment Act of 1930. About this Act, Tapson Mawere stated:

"The Land Apportionment Act, which delineates certain areas as European areas and other areas as African areas, is the basis of all discrimination in Rhodesia. If you are Black, you can't live here, you live there. If you are Black you go to this school, you can't go to that school. This is a racial situation. This is the fundamental issue upon which our revolution was launched. We wanted to overthrow the white minority rule. And we are fighting to overthrow white minority rule."

A British imperialist author states the following: "The outstanding feature of Rhodesian society today is the division between the races, not so clear or formalized a division as in South Africa"

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# ANGOLA

## GENUINE AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FOR ANGOLA! OPPOSE SOVIET INTERVENTION!

Over 60 progressive people attended a rally in Seattle calling for "Genuine and total independence for Angola" on April 3. This meeting, sponsored by AALAPSF (S) and the Seattle Branch --COUSML, was conducted in direct opposition to the politics of international opportunism and revisionism (centered in the Soviet Union) which has been quite busy trying to drum up support for aggression in the name of "socialism". The meeting was held in staunch opposition to Soviet social-imperialist Cuban intervention and, in addition raised the slogans: "Oppose the collusion of the two superpowers! All foreign troops out of Angola!" A film taken in 1973 at a base area of UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) was shown, depicting some of their activities in waging armed struggle against the Portuguese colonialists. Despite the fact that numerous apologists for Soviet aggression have been crawling out of the woodwork in recent months, this meeting showed that the lies of the revisionists and other opportunists cannot hide the truth for long. A good atmosphere of discussion prevailed after the speeches were concluded, and discussion ceased only when the meeting hall was closed late in the evening.

A brief synopsis of some of the political points made by the speakers follows:

It must be pointed out that all of this social-imperialist talk of an "MPLA victory" is a lot of nonsense. MPLA is not the main force fighting UNITA and the patriotic masses of Angolans, but primarily it is Soviet-backed Cuban mercenary troops. Further, these Cuban mercenaries have not won any "victory" at all. The Angolan people fought for five centuries against Portuguese colonialism and finally defeated them. To think that the Angolan people will give up their struggle for total independence and allow Soviet social-imperialism (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds) to subjugate their country, is completely out of accord with the facts. If 60,000 Portuguese troops were sent packing by the Angolan fighters, certainly 15,000 Cuban troops will also meet the same fate sooner or later. In reality, this "MPLA victory" is simply a description of the fact that the Angolan people under the leadership of UNITA have switched from conventional, positional warfare to guerrilla warfare tactics in order to cope with the massive onslaught of Cuban troops equipped with modern Soviet weaponry of all descriptions. And right this minute, Angolan people are continuing the fight against Soviet intervention and aggression. UNITA still controls 50% of the land area and 60% of the population, has justice on its side, practices self-reliance, does not receive the crippling "aid" of the superpowers and their lackies, and is bound to lead

the Second Anti-Colonial War of the Angolan people to victory. Such are the irreversible laws of history in the era of the complete defeat of capitalism and imperialism.

Why do we say that this is the Second Anti-Colonial War of the Angolan people? The first national liberation war was against Portuguese colonialism. This lasted 5 centuries and was climaxed in the 1961-74 armed struggle which ended in victory. Portugal's defeat was primarily a defeat for U.S. imperialism as the U.S. monopoly capitalists have controlled and exploited Portugal and its colonies since WW II.

It is necessary to look into the details of the defeat of Portugal and the planned transition to independence over the last 1 1/2 years to grasp the really insidious nature of Soviet social-imperialism and to pinpoint the New Czars of the USSR as the main target of the Second Anti-Colonial War.

In 1974 Portugal was forced to throw in the towel and grant independence to Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Angola, after long years of armed struggle in each colony. Under the leadership of UNITA, all three Angolan liberation organizations united to negotiate with Portugal the Alvor independence agreement in January, 1975. This agreement recognized all three organizations as the legitimate representatives of the Angolan people and provided for a transitional government until independence was to be proclaimed on November 11, 1975. At that time, a government of national unity was to be established consisting of representatives of the three organizations.

These developments toward genuine independence would have been successful had not the Soviet Union single-handedly provoked civil war. Prior to the Nov. 11, 1975 independence day, during the summer of 1975, the USSR began shipping massive amounts of military hardware to one liberation organization as well as some puppet Soviet troops and advisors. For what purpose? Why such lavish military gifts to one liberation organization, gifts of such magnitude that had never been received when the Angolan people were actually fighting the war against Portugal? It really isn't too difficult to see that these "gifts" brought into Angola amidst an avalanche of lies and slanders against the other liberation organizations, were designed to provoke a civil war between the organizations so as to facilitate Soviet intervention in Angola's internal affairs. It is in this way that the new-style, more treacherous colonialism of the Soviet state-capitalist bureaucracy seeks to infiltrate into oppressed nations as the people are throwing U.S. imperialism out.

As for the Soviet lies that they are in Angola to "assist the fight against South Africa"--

1.) The Soviet Union provoked the civil war and interfered in Angola's internal affairs long

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(Photos taken at April 3rd meeting)

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Africa--but a division which largely dictates the range of jobs open to a man, the education his children will receive, what wages he is paid, where he can live and how he behaves to his fellows and to men of another race. There are almost no social contacts between Africans and Europeans. The main contact is in working relationships in which Europeans hold all the top posts while Africans provide all the manual and menial labour. In between, some jobs are shared between the races; there are African doctors and schoolteachers, lorry drivers and nurses, clerks and foremen, but normally Africans are given authority only over Africans. Where there is direct contact between the races the European is master and the African servant."

Take racial discrimination in politics. There is a "Parliament" in Rhodesia. There are elections. There is democracy. There is democracy for the racist white settler regime and no democracy for the masses of people. This situation in Rhodesia is an exceptionally clear illustration of what essentially exists in all so-called bourgeois democratic countries. Democracy for the capitalists--dictatorship over the masses of working people. It is the peculiar and particular history of Zimbabwe that sheds so much light on what is confused so much in the U.S. What democracy? Where is it? In fact, there is none for the people. Fascism, rule based on violence down the line, this is the case in Zimbabwe and also in the U.S. In fact, fascism exists today everywhere in the world except in the genuine socialist countries. The limited democratic rights prevalent in the countries of rising capitalism, the industrial revolution of the 1800s--no longer exists anywhere. Once again, Rhodesia is a clear example of fascist rule. For instance, trade unions are illegal and there is no right to strike. Nevertheless, the workers must strike for higher wages and they do so. And the racist Rhodesian state often reacts violently, killing 10, 12, 17 or more workers at a time. The racist and fascist situation in Zimbabwe does not stem from some "inherent" evils of whites in general. Quite obviously--this social system serves the capitalist exploiters who in Rhodesia are white, while the workers are black. Capitalist exploitation is the basis for the racist and fascist ideology and social system of Ian Smith and his gang.

The history of the Zimbabwean people's revolutionary struggle against settler colonialism is that majority rule can not be gained through discussions with the fascists. For years reformist agitations for more black voting rights dominated the mass movement. "One man, one vote" was never granted however. Attempts to achieve a "blocking one third" in the Rhodesian Parliament also were not achieved--and wouldn't have changed the situation anyway. ZANU emerged on the scene totally committed to (1) armed struggle; (2) self-reliance; (3) overthrow of Smith's regime and the whole colonialist-capitalist and semi-feudal system. ZANU never had any illusions that Ian Smith's racist regime was prepared to turn over power to the African masses through constitutional talks.

Smith, Vorster and their backers, U.S. and British imperialism resorted to the whole detente scheme because of the advances of the armed struggle in Zimbabwe which has resulted in the liberation of an area the size of the state of Mississippi. Things were truly getting hot for them. So, while calling for a "ceasefire" which would have amounted to surrender, they also stepped up their bloody fascist attacks on the revolutionary people.

Nevertheless, ZANU is persisting in the armed struggle. Its training camps are overflowing with recruits and they are preparing to launch the biggest offensive ever. This offensive will counter the present sell-out constitutional schemes being negotiated by Ian Smith and a splinter faction from

the united front led by Joshua Nkomo. In exchange for a position in the racist government and a promise of majority rule "in the future", Nkomo has been mobilized to play the role of splitter and liquidator of the armed struggle. In exchange for promises--Nkomo is trying to get the Zimbabwean masses to lay down their arms. This treacherous attempt to achieve sham black majority rule is nothing but a new-style colonialism. A colonialism that leaves untouched the exploitation by foreign monopoly capitalism, but made more palatable by the existence of black politicians in the government.

Nkomo is the brainchild of Smith and Vorster. Zambia's Kenneth Kaunda is also sponsoring his nefarious activities. And here also we can see the sinister role of the Soviet social-imperialists who have financed Nkomo to the tune of \$50,000 and are supporting him politically. Like in Angola, the Soviet social-imperialists are attempting to weasel into Zimbabwe under the guise of "assistance" to a liberation movement.

Michael Mawema has stated: "So far as the people of Zimbabwe are concerned, the continuing support by the Russians of ZAPU and Nkomo, is an act of aggression to the people of Zimbabwe, particularly to the armed forces of ZANU." Regarding Nkomo's sell-out maneuvers, Mawema has said: "ZANU is not fighting a racial war. It is fighting a war against racism, exploitation and discrimination. So those who have connived and collaborated against the people of Zimbabwe, ZANU will destroy them resolutely, regardless of their color."

All-sided analysis of the contemporary world situation confirms the correctness of Comrade Lenin's thesis that this is the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution, the era of the defeat of imperialism completely. Zimbabwe is a good example. But there are many other examples too, such as Cambodia, all of Indo-China, the Philippines, as well as the consolidation of socialism in China and Albania. And one shouldn't think that Angola also is not evidence of this too. The Soviet social-imperialists are puffing themselves up acting like victors, but I want to stress that all they have done is landed themselves in a swamp of people's war from which they will not escape without being badly maimed, like U.S. imperialism was maimed in Indo-China. So we would view the situation in Zimbabwe as part of the overall world revolution (presently focused in the Third World countries) which is dealing very significant blows at the two superpowers and their preparations for world war, and is dealing blows at various other lesser reactionary forces. This struggle will end in victory over imperialism in the not-too-distant future. In addition, it is erroneous to think that revolutionary war, such as ZANU's, threatens to bring about world war that much sooner. The opposite is true. Revolutionary war against the superpowers pins them down and exhausts them. It destroys their appetite. Khrushchov's thesis is entirely wrong.

It is entirely necessary that we grasp the overall situation so that we in the U.S. can also raise our sights high and wholeheartedly participate in destroying the old world of capitalist exploitation and enthusiastically build the new world of socialism. What is more, it is by rising up in revolutionary struggle in the U.S. that the American working class and oppressed people can give concrete support to national liberation struggles such as the heroic fight being waged by the Zimbabwean people." (end of excerpts from the speech by COUSML)

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before the South African racist's involvement. S. African troops would never have been able to commit this aggression if the Soviet social-imperialists hadn't stirred up the chaos and confusion in the first place;

2.) The Soviet forces are not fighting South Africa anyway, they are fighting black Angolans under the imperialist policy of "make Angolans fight Angolans". Over 150,000 Angolan people have been killed by Soviet social-imperialism since the civil war began.

It is plain to see that the target of the Second Anti-Colonial War is the Soviet Union and its puppets, and that in addition, South Africa and the United States and other imperialists will be given no leniency by the liberation fighters either. That is why we also raised the slogan: "All foreign troops out of Angola."

We also raise the slogan "Oppose the collusion of the two superpowers!" This is because while they are fundamentally in conflict trying to seize and maintain control of the Angolan people, their natural wealth and militarily strategic ports, they are also cooperating to a certain degree. Both superpowers are opposed to the emergence of a genuinely independent Angola. From the point of view of the U.S. imperialists, one cannot "make deals" with a genuinely independent and revolutionary government--but if the old Portuguese colonial government must be thrown out, a Soviet social-imperialist colonial government would be the next best preference. A government of national betrayal propped up by Soviet bayonets--deals can be made with such a government. And this is precisely what the U.S. monopoly capitalists have begun to do, recently concluding an agreement whereby Gulf Oil Co. can continue its operations on payment of royalties to MPLA officials.

In pursuing the establishment of a government of national betrayal, both superpowers have followed the slogan "get UNITA", as this liberation organization is dedicated to genuine independence.

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munists" but actually a public relations firm for Soviet social-imperialism -- the Revisionist party of Canada -- surfaced to attempt to paralyse this movement against U.S. imperialist annexation of the Skagit. Rather than clarifying for the Canadian people that it is U.S. imperialist domination of Canada and the Canadian state, and superpower contention for world hegemony, which is the source of the problem, the modern revisionists raised every diversionary issue to confuse the anti-imperialist struggle. "Saving the environment", and pleading that Trudeau and Bennett defend Canada's national sovereignty were the 'issues' concocted by the revisionists. What ever happened to the motion of 2,500 people demonstrating their opposition to U.S. seizure of Canadian territory lock, stock and barrel? The answer lies with the betrayal of these revisionist charlatans. It is clear that the "Communist" party of Canada, spokesman for Soviet social-imperialism and in collusion with U.S. imperialism, are disruptors of peoples' movements, treacherously skulking behind 'grassroots' rhetoric to emasculate the mass movement of scientific analysis. The revisionists and their brothers did their best to liquidate the struggle by spreading the maximum amount of mystification as to what was taking place. They totally obscured the fact that the Canadian state is by its very nature subservient to and serves the imperialists and instead presented it as an independent state which was merely following some mistaken policy.

Such illusions hold little water with even the most cursory glance at the realities of the facts regarding Canadian territorial integrity. For example, one sixth of Quebec, best known as the James Bay Project, is to be inun-

dated with water to serve the electrical power needs of U.S. imperialism, and not unlike the Skagit scheme, to serve U.S. war preparations. In the process, many native Indians will have their centuries-old hunting and fishing grounds literally annexed from under their feet for the price of a few million inflated dollars. Not only has the Canadian state not intervened to halt this annexation: the provincial and federal governments have introduced vicious anti-labour legislation (the Cliche Commission) to suppress the construction workers on the project in order to ensure the minimum risk to the investment of U.S. finance capital in this naked plunder of Canadian territory; have filtered into the project large sums from the state coffers in the form of loans and subsidies; and as well have worked tirelessly to suppress the struggle of the native population in the area to defend their hereditary lands and rights. Another example is the vast territory of land in Alberta called the Athabaska Tar Sands, which is presently a virtual private reserve of Imperial Oil, Gulf and Shell and a handful of other U.S. monopoly capitalists. Not only is our land alienated by the monopoly drive for control of all raw materials, not only is the Canadian taxpayer robbed in order to finance the risky business of extracting oil from sand, but he will also end up for his troubles by paying the present price for oil, gas and oil products because of the "high capital cost" of tar sand oil extraction. The same is true for 'development' of Arctic natural gas, which will alienate not only the gas producing lands but also thousands of acres for gas pipelines and pumping stations. The Skagit scheme is but one more in the long list of absolute alienations of Canadian

Thus we saw the same lies about UNITA, that it is financed by the CIA, S. Africa, etc., being pushed from the Soviet-revisionist and U.S. press. We also saw Cuban troops advance upon UNITA from one side while U.S.-backed South African troops were attacking UNITA from the other side.

Thus, while the superpowers contend with each other for world domination--they also cooperate in pursuance of their common interests against the masses of people. Angola is a vivid example.

(The meeting clarified many other questions including (1) the neo-colonial economic base of Cuba which is the fundamental explanation of its lackey role to the USSR; (2) the history of Portuguese colonialism over five centuries; (3) analysis of the accomplishments of UNITA and several factors distinguishing it from the other organizations during the war against Portugal and after; (4) the paper-tiger essence of both U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism--strong in appearance/weak inwardly, and heading for complete destruction; (5) the principled foreign policy of the People's Republic of China and its consistent support of the Angolan people; (6) denunciation of the lies of International revisionism including various local opportunist pundits.)

The speech ended with the following points:

The foreign aggressors will be cut to pieces. Soviet social-imperialism wants to use Angola as a springboard to dominate Africa, but the African people are uniting against both superpowers. The nature of the era in which we live is the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism and social-imperialism.

Here in the U.S. we also face revolutionary tasks. No organization has yet really consistently tried for a number of years to overthrow the U.S. monopoly capitalist class. They are rotting alive and fouling up the atmosphere. The American working class and people however, once united in a revolutionary way, are quite strong. Surely we will succeed and make a contribution to the world revolution.

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resource-rich territory from the Canadian people.

The Canadian people are not taken in by the past and present sellout schemes of the Social Credit governments, nor the incredible subterfuge of the former NDP government which offered to pay U.S. imperialism vast sums of money not to flood Canadian territory and instead 'accept' the power from BC dams built by exacting tremendous tribute directly from the Canadian people. The single just demand of the Canadian people must be that the entire Skagit flooding scheme must be scrapped with not one cent of compensation to U.S. imperialism. On the contrary, it is U.S. imperialism which must pay for its crimes of seizing and exploiting Canadian land, resources and labour in order to achieve its own aggressive aims for world domination. The massive opposition of 1970 to the Skagit sellout demonstrated the spirit of the Canadian people against U.S. imperialist domination of Canada and the monopoly capitalist system itself. The only way to stop the U.S. imperialist annexation of Canada's land and resources is for the Canadian people to build the Party of the proletariat, the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), prepare for revolution and against war, and organise to **Make the Rich Pay** by kicking the U.S. imperialists out of Canada and overthrowing the monopoly capitalist class and its moribund system once and for all, and build People's Canada based on self-reliance and genuine territorial sovereignty.

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sion in Palestine and the Middle East in general. Everywhere they have committed subversion, toppled legitimate governments and armed anti-popular cliques and governments in order to seize markets for their goods, seize natural resources and generally enslave the peoples. Wherever they have gone, they have earned the bitter hatred of the people.

Today a new superpower, hell-bent on surpassing the ugly record of the U.S. imperialists has arrived on the scene. The Khrushchov-Brezhnev revisionist clique has fully restored capitalism in the Soviet Union and taken-off in pursuit of world domination. The modern production apparatus built up by the Soviet workers and peasants under nearly four decades of socialism have been seized by the new czars and is being used to exploit and oppress the people for the benefit of the handful of state-monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie. The various nationalities are once again ruthlessly oppressed and the Soviet Union is a dark fascist dictatorship complete with secret police, concentration camps, alcoholism, drugs and prostitution. Graft and corruption exist everywhere among the new bourgeoisie while millions wander from place to place searching for jobs. The social-imperialists have arrived on the scene when the world of the imperialists is already going down to defeat but they are bound and determined to go against the tide of history. Hungry for markets, sources of raw materials, exploitable resources, they are frantically preparing to go to war for them. The U.S. imperialists will never give up their colonies and spheres-of-influence without a fight, hence the growing danger of World War III breaking out. Look at the record of the social-imperialists to date: they have economically enslaved many countries of Eastern Europe, occupied Czechoslovakia by force of arms, dismembered Pakistan, instigated the Indian reactionaries to attack People's China and attacked China themselves; they have been busy in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, and the Middle East; making naval maneuvers in the waters off northern Europe and elsewhere; they are trying to infiltrate Asia and Latin America--everywhere seeking domination and contending with the other superpower. Most recently they have sent their puppet troops to Angola, provoked civil war, and now have the blood of 150,000 Angolan patriots on their hands. And Brezhnev has been shouting about "detente" all of this time. Does he take the world's people for fools?

The Soviet national income is 65% that of the U.S., yet military expenditures were 30% more than the U.S. in 1975. The proportion of military expenditures to the Soviet Union's gross national product surpasses that of Nazi Germany on the eve of World War II. Soviet troops have soared from over 3 million to 4.2 million in recent years. Their ICBMs are 15 times those of 10 years ago; overall naval tonnage nearly twice that of 10 years ago. The U.S. military budget continues increasing as well, and in fiscal 1977 is expected to reach \$113 billion (which greatly adds to the burden of taxes and inflation that the working people must endure). What are all these weapons for if not for war?

The threat of having its youth sent to fight yet another imperialist war of aggression against the oppressed nations and peoples of the third world and the threat of world war between the two superpowers (U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism) are concrete realities facing the American people today.

When the imperialists prepare for war, they invariably cry "peace" and "friendship". History is not lacking in examples. Early in the 20th century when the imperialist powers were engaged

in a bitter arms race, they carried out feverish diplomatic activities for "goodwill" and "peace". In 1913 the imperialist powers of Germany and Britain reached a series of "peace" agreements and World War I broke out the following year. In 1938-39, before launching armed aggression against a neighboring country, Hitler regularly harangued for peace. The ink on the Munich agreement was hardly dry before World War II started on the western front.

"Detente" is nothing but rhetoric designed to lull unwitting souls to sleep in order that they may be more easily devoured. But it has other aspects as well. Both superpowers make secret agreements and deals with each other over spheres of influence and in opposition to genuine national liberation struggles in the Third World. Both maintain the hoax that the Soviet Union is still a socialist or communist country. Further, imperialists in both countries want to make profitable business deals with each other.

By restoring capitalist relations of production and lopsidedly militarizing their economy, the new czars have thrown agriculture into a mess. They have been forced to buy 36.55 million tons of grain from the U.S. alone since 1971, allowing them to continue their arms build-up and in the process, giving certain U.S. monopoly capitalists immense profits. U.S. imperialism is thus nurturing a tiger which is out to devour it. Brezhnev and co. are receiving industrial technology, technical know-how, funds and materials from the West as well. Merchant ships purchased from the West have given the Soviet shipbuilding industry the ability to concentrate on producing warships and submarines. This is how "detente" serves the interests of the social-imperialists. This is another trick resorted to by Hitler in the 1930s. Hitler borrowed over 10,000 million marks from Britain, France and the U.S., and bought huge amounts of munitions, millions of tons of scrap steel and other strategic materials in a desperate effort to expand his military strength for unleashing World War II.

What do the candidates have to say? All the "hopefuls" are talking alot about "detente" while President Ford has declared that he is not going to use the word anymore. Jackson has for some years been railing against "one-way detente", while Reagan has been trying to make it his big issue--charging that Ford as led the country into a position of military inferiority. Reagan has lately accused Kissinger of thinking of the U.S. as only "No. 2". Kissinger then responds, beating his breast, saying that indeed the U.S. is still "No. 1".

These debates reflect the real predicament the U.S. imperialists find themselves in. Like the social-imperialists, the U.S. imperialists want to sing the unsuspecting to sleep with the lullaby "detente" while sinisterly preparing for wars that will "protect national interests" (i.e. the interests of the monopoly capitalist class). But in order to fight a war they need to raise finances for it, crush opposition and win support. This is what Ford is trying to accomplish with his slogan "peace through strength". In addition, under the imperialist system, the monopoly capitalists have to maximize profits or face being eaten up by the other monopolies. They are ruled by their short-term interests. They all yearn to make profitable deals with the Soviet Union even if it means suicide in the long-run.

Besides "detente", the U.S. imperialist politicians are using other psychological tricks such as fear, in an attempt to brow-beat the masses into submitting to even bigger military budgets. The spectre of nuclear holocaust is raised. "The Russians have outstripped us" is another theme. "We must honor our commit-

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ments" is another. Peace can be achieved only "through strength" or by "hard bargaining" are still others. The over-all imperialist line is that the workers should be "patriotic" and cast their fate with the imperialist slavemasters.

Through such deceit, the U.S. ruling class attempts to persuade the workers and oppressed nationalities to passively shoulder the burden of increasing taxes and inflation caused by war preparations. They would also like the working class to forget about its own, class interests and unite behind the so-called "national interest". They would prefer that the working class willingly bear the burden of the economic crisis, such as high unemployment, job insecurity, and declining real wages. Instead of uniting as a class to fight these manifestations of the economic crisis and to fight against the capitalist economic system that spawns these problems--they would like the working class to see the source of these problems as "the Russians", "Arabs", and the "starving millions" in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In this way they try to hoodwink the working class into giving up its own class interests and to become willing slaves and war tools of the capitalists--all in the "national interest".

**IMPERIALISM MEANS WAR AND AGGRESSION**

U.S. society is a class society ruled by the monopoly capitalist class. They obtain their vast wealth through the systematic exploitation of working people at home and abroad. Between the American workers and their exploiters, there can be no common, "national" interests. What is good for one is necessarily bad for the other.

All of the presidential candidates are front-men for this handful of bloody imperialists. Lies and deceit are standard practice for them in order to cover-up their crimes from the vast majority of honest, hard-working people. None of the capitalist politicians will speak the truth that imperialism means war and aggression and that war and aggression will end only when the imperialist system is smashed up on a world scale. V.I. Lenin, great leader of the working class, points out:

"Capitalism has developed concentration to such a degree that whole branches of industry have been seized by syndicates, trusts and associations of capitalist billionaires, and almost the entire globe has been divided up among the 'lords of capital,' either in the form of colonies, or by enmeshing other countries in thousands of threads of financial exploitation. Free trade and competition have been superseded by the striving for monopoly, for the seizure of territory for the investment of capital, for the export of raw materials from them, and so forth. From the liberator of nations that capitalism was in the struggle against feudalism, imperialist capitalism has become the greatest oppressor of nations. Formerly progressive capitalism has become reactionary; it has developed the forces of production to such a degree that mankind is faced with the alternative of going over to Socialism or of suffering years and even decades of armed struggle between the 'great' powers for the artificial preservation of capitalism by means of colonies, monopolies, privileges and national oppression of every kind."

The U.S. imperialists want "their" workers to willingly spill blood anywhere in the world in order to prop up the rotten imperialist system. From Reagan's "it's ours" in reference to the Panama Canal zone to Jackson cohort Moynihan's references to the Third World at the U.N. as "tyranny of the majority" to Jackson's racial

slurs against the Arab people--all of the candidates foment great nation chauvinism.. Great nation chauvinism, the ideology that America is "inherently good", "more enlightened", more generous", "better" than the "backward, ignorant, ungrateful and self-seeking hordes" of Asia, Africa and Latin America, is an ideology of the imperialists. It serves their bloodstained plunder and enslavement in the Third World. They desperately want to win a large enough section of the masses to this world outlook in order to continue their foul policies overseas. This will never succeed. Great nation chauvinism goes against the basic interests of the workers and oppressed masses in the heartlands of the superpowers. The American working class and the hundreds of millions of workers and peasants in the oppressed nations are both exploited and oppressed by the same gang of imperialist robbers. They share a common interest in overthrowing them and in uniting as brothers to build a bright new world. World revolution can succeed only if the U.S. proletariat supports the struggles for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonies and neo-colonies and sees these struggles as their own. The American working class has a rich revolutionary history and will inevitably do so. The working class of Russia also has a rich revolutionary history and it too will side with the oppressed nations and peoples. The great nation chauvinism of the imperialist superpowers will be smashed up by the proletarian internationalism of the workers, and the fate of imperialism sealed. The barrage of "patriotism" and national chauvinism from the imperialist candidates in "Election'76" is alien to the working people, which explains why these ideas must be repeated so often by the bourgeois politicians.

**BOTH U.S. IMPERIALISM AND RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM ARE PAPER TIGERS AND ARE CERTAIN TO BE DEFEATED**

Look at the U.S. imperialists. They gave all-out support to Chiang Kai-shek and his 8 million man army in China, but were defeated. They invaded Korea and were defeated. They invaded Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos and were defeated. They backed Portuguese colonialism in Africa and were defeated. They possess the Atom bomb, Hydrogen bomb, ICBMs, lasers, electronic battlefields, fusion bombs, poison gas, etc., and yet small and weak countries have risen up and defeated them. The Soviet social-imperialists are outwardly strong as well, but look: they have sent their mercenary troops to Africa and have already become bogged down with long supply lines to maintain. The more atrocities they commit the more cut off from the people they become and the faster they are surrounded and wiped out.

The fate that awaits both superpowers at the hands of the world's peoples was previewed on the battlefields of Indo-China. The two superpowers are doing everything to develop lethal weapons, but they become more isolated from the people of the world each day. Their military concepts boil down to the bankrupt theory that "weapons decide everything". In reality, it is people with revolutionary consciousness, and not weapons, that decide history.

Whom fears whom in the world today? The arms build-up of the two superpowers signals their gloomy end. Cut off from the people, they can only resort to more arms build-up and wars. Hitler met his doom in just a few short years and those bent on following in his footsteps will meet their doom just the same. In 1976 the peoples of the world are awakened. The Third World has stood up. Socialist China and Albania are leading all the world's people in opposition to world war.

# Hail African Liberation Day - May 25, 1976!

Victory to the national liberation struggles!  
U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism--get out of Africa!

## FOUR MEETINGS

1. Friday May 21, 1976  
Long live the Afro-American people's revolutionary struggle!  
Carry on the revolutionary spirit of Malcolm X!  
Long live the militant unity of the African and Afro-American peoples!  
Hail African Liberation Day!
2. Tuesday, May 25, 1976 UW campus  
Hail African Liberation Day!
3. Thursday, May 27, 1976 SCCC campus  
Hail African Liberation Day!
4. Saturday, May 29, 1976 Grand Rally

Long live the heroic struggle of the African people against imperialism, social-imperialism, racism, colonialism, zionism and all reaction!  
Down with Soviet social-imperialist intervention in Angola!  
Long live the militant solidarity between the African and American peoples!

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exact time and place for the FOUR MEETINGS to be announced later by:  
COMMITTEE FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY

## HAIL MAY 1st INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS DAY!

READ WORKERS' ADVOCATE! (newspaper of the COUSML, PO Box 11942, Ft. Dearborn Stn., Chicago, Ill. 60611)

The May issue of Workers' Advocate will contain an important statement to the American working class and people on the occasion of MAYDAY 1976. Workers' Advocate is available from Seattle Worker distributors and from several left-wing book stores in Seattle.

## MAYDAY SLOGANS

- 1) Oppose the shifting of the burden of the economic crisis onto the workers -- Make the Rich Pay!
- 2) Oppose the fascist anti-busing movement!
- 3) Oppose the two superpowers and their war preparations!
- 4) Down with the U.S. monopoly capitalist class -- common enemy of the workers, oppressed nationalities, and progressive people!
- 5) Denounce International Opportunism -- especially including the pro-Soviet social-imperialist front!
- 6) Support the National Liberation Struggles of the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America!
- 7) Hail the first anniversary of the Liberation of Cambodia and Vietnam!
- 8) Hail People's China -- Bastion of World Revolution!
- 9) Hail the continuing and deepening of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution!
- 10) Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought -- ideology of the modern proletariat!
- 11) Long Live Chairman Mao!
- 12) Workers, Oppressed Nations and People of the World -- Unite!