

"BLACK POWER" - NEW IMPERIALIST HOAX

The call for "Black Power" is a hoax perpetrated by U.S. imperialism. The Johnson Administration, the chief representative of U.S. monopoly capital, will do anything to keep the proletariat in line and to maintain dominance over the U.S. colonies including the Negro nation in the South. For years, the bourgeoisie played the game of "integration" in an attempt to absorb the Negro national minority. Now they play the game of "Black Power" in an attempt to split the working class along color lines - in order to destroy the unity and strength of the proletariat by pitting one group of workers against another.

Reactionary nationalism is supported and sustained by the imperialists and their flunkys. Groups such as SNCC, CORE, SCLC, the Hall-Healey clique, PLP and the Trotskyites and their spokesmen try to push bourgeois ideology and to support bourgeois "democracy", "justice" and "freedom" in the guise of "Black Power". They call for changes in the state apparatus through the bourgeois elections, thus completely apologizing for the bourgeois state apparatus and covering up the real political relationships.

The Negro workers in the American nation are among the most oppressed and exploited sections of the American working class because the nation from which they came, the Negro nation in the South, is a direct colony of U.S. imperialism. The Negro national minority in the American nation will attain equal rights only under socialism and only when the Negro proletariat is free to determine for itself its own destiny in its own nation. The struggle of the Negro people is not one represented by the reformists of the "Black Power" movement who apologize for the bourgeois state apparatus. Their struggle must be directed against imperialism - against the bourgeois state apparatus - against U.S. imperialism's control of the Negro nation in the South.

The "Black Power" slogan as it is now being used is a reactionary nationalist slogan designed by the ruling class to set "black" workers against "white" workers. The Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist) must totally reject such a slogan as it will reject any slogan which is harmful to the proletariat.

If "Black Power" signified the call for the right of self-determination for the Negro nation through proletarian revolution, the Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist) would support such a slogan. An anti-imperialist liberation struggle in the Negro nation can only improve the life of the Negro people and aid the international proletariat. The only correct solution to the problems of the Negro people, as with all proletarians and with all oppressed peoples, is not "Black Power" but proletarian revolution - the overthrow of the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression.

To accomplish this end, the Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist) stands for proletarian internationalism between the proletariat of the Negro nation, the Puerto Rican nation and the American nation in the struggle against their common enemy - U.S. imperialism.

The Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist) will support all anti-imperialist aspects of "Black Power" but must reject all bourgeois, fraudulent aspects of the slogan that are put forward as traps by the ruling class in which to ensnare the Negro national minority, separate them from the rest of the proletariat and thereby weaken the struggle of the proletariat, i.e. strengthen the bourgeoisie, perpetuate capitalism and maintain all the injustices which now exist.

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