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**Private Property Is Robbery,  
And A State Based On Private  
Property Is A State Of Beasts  
Of Prey, Who Go To War For The  
Division Of Spoils. - V. I. LENIN**



**China where private property  
has been completely abolished.**

**★ For a Workers Republic of Scotland ★**



# Facts Not Given In The Capitalist Press

Some of our readers probably will have read the report from America which appeared in the local gutterpress.

The report by the capitalist gutterpress was that a black worker had gone berserk at his place of work in a car factory and shot and killed his foreman. No reason was given for his action.

Below we quote from an article appearing in a black workers journal regarding this case.

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On Wednesday evening, July 15, James Johnson, Jr. responded to months of harassment and years of oppression and shot to death two (2) foremen and one (1) job setter at the Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant. Dead were Hugh M. Jones 44, a black production foreman; Gary L. Hinz 32, a white production foreman; and Joseph Kowalski, a white job setter.

Bro. James Johnson was a conveyor loader in Dept. 78, the Brake Shoe Dept., and had been so employed for the past three (3) years. Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant, the home of ELRUM, has some of the worst working conditions of any plant in existence. The plant is so unsafe that all of its 4,500 employees are risking their lives when they walk through the gates. In Dept 72, there is an inch and a half of oil covering the floor of the aisles. The oil comes up over the soles of the workers shoes. The entire ventilation system is inoperative. The jitney trucks have no brakes, lop sided tires, no horns and no lights. The aisleways are blocked by skid boxes, axles and scrap iron. Drill presses, cutters and grinders do not have safety guards. The management at Eldon is one of the most backward managements in town and totally nonresponsive to the just cries of black workers. The plant is the only gear and axle plant the Chrysler Corporation has and is key to continued production of the entire Corporation. Unlike assembly plants where lost production can be made up, overtime or lost time at Eldon means a slow down at assembly plants. Working conditions are so bad that black foremen have been employed for over 10 years in order to moderate racial conflict at the point of production.

All the hourly employees are represented by Local 961 of the U.A.W.-C.I.O. The union President is Elroy Richardson a former black Vice-President who rode the tide of black consciousness to the presidency in the spring of 1969. The local executive board consists of a group of loyal flunkies in the service of every quailm of the President. Local 961 is a backward local with none of the so-called reforms which some other locals have. It has no education department and no good and welfare fund and the union hall is locked more than open. Elroy Richardson is the only Local President out of over 3000 locals to attend the 22nd Annual Constitutional Convention as a Sergeant-of-Arms in Atlantic City in April of this year.

On Wednesday evening, July 15, James Johnson was taken off of his job as conveyor loader and replaced by a worker with two (2) weeks seniority. He was then placed on the brake oven job which consists of placing brake shoes in bake ovens which bakes the coating on the brake shoes. The entire operation is done in 120 degree heat. It was at this point that Bro. James Johnson spoke out in protest of being removed from his job. He was taken to labor relations office with his steward Clarence Horton and his

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## THE CLASS STRUGGLE - UNPRECEDENTED INTENSITY.

The leading article of our previous issue, contributed by Comrade Matt Lygate, brought out the basic facts and references upon which our Marxist-Leninist "Workers' Party of Scotland" was founded and developed. It is the ardent desire of our Party that our work should make the greatest possible contribution to the common aim, throughout the world, of all who accept the Marxist analysis of society and the reality of the final class struggle, today reaching unprecedented intensity. This implies comradely relations with corresponding Marxist-Leninist-Mao Thought Parties outside Scotland but on terms of equality and mutual respect.

The Workers' Party of Scotland functions in the midst of a situation where capitalist propaganda is all-pervading, subtle and deep and thus influential, even if perhaps more superficial in its effect than might be imagined. We have to overcome such a serious obstacle before we can even begin to make effective impact upon the thinking of the workers on the real political issues which immediately concern them. It is our main function to point the way to raising the level from mere 'Economism' to the essential political issues in the context of the never ceasing contest between themselves and the hostile class forces of the capitalists, but of course always on the principle of "From the Masses to the Masses".

Emphasis must be placed objectively upon the positive aspects of the conditions actually affecting the workers in their own environment of Scotland in the context of the 'British' capitalist State, just as it was and still is, essential for other peoples, China and Albania for example, to deal in the first place with their own home circumstances. This undoubtedly applies equally for England, Wales and Ireland.

There must be no distortion or exaggeration of the circumstances of the workers in Scotland, their economic conditions, militancy and achievements. As a party we are realistic and realise the shortcomings of our efforts, as distinct of course from the correctness of our theoretical understanding and basic policy. Sometimes we may fail to pay adequate attention to the application of the basic principles of our Marxist-



Leninist-Mao Thought in our political analyses and in dealing with the realities of the industrial and social problems affecting the workers, but, like all other Marxist-Leninists, we seek to rectify our mistakes in the struggles towards the revolutionary overthrowing of imperialism.

The importance for us of the most careful and deep study of all the implications of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and its unique and unprecedented impact upon the masses in China is essential. Of course we do not expect all the workers here in Scotland to assimilate immediately the advanced ideas prevailing amongst the workers and peasants of China, but as offering rich material which embraces important principles and lessons for all mankind and which it is our Party duty to publicise intensively. The confident and inspiring note running through the recent communique of the second plenary session of the ninth Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, especially its accurate assessment of the profound crisis of world and particularly United States Imperialism, and the healthy development of the revolutionary movement everywhere, is a most opportune post-script to the Great Cultural Revolution.

#### ON OUR OWN DOORSTEP.-

The political work of our party begins on our own doorstep. We cannot regard as in any way a substitute for our own efforts the successful struggles of the workers and peasants of other lands, the Vietnamese for example. The struggling peoples of the world, placing their bodies against USA imperialist weapons have so far had negligible help from our people-by positive physical actions which can and should be undertaken here against the U.S. military and commercial set-up in this country and which would be the direct and concrete co-operation which the Vietnamese and others are entitled to expect from genuine friends.

We stress the utmost importance and urgency of correct vanguard leadership in light of repeated failures of great mass movements, suffering from spurious leadership, adventurous and romantic, to achieve-success. Such Movements have often risen to great heights of mass self-expression and ardent enthusiasms, the 1926 General Strike and the recent mass movements of workers and



students in France-for example, but to be destroyed for lack of realistic revolutionary leadership.

The reactionary capitalist bourgeois leadership were thus enabled to retain their equilibrium, promptly recovering its absolute authority and reimposing still more rigorous police discipline. Thus are the workers denied the fruits of their valiant and worthy efforts.

In promoting the policy and practical work of our Party we note, sometimes with considerable-astonishment, the ardour with which "Marxist Authorities" outside Scotland condemn our stand on the National Question and the Class Struggle in our country, evidently quite regardless of the fact that we are getting on with practical work amongst the large proletarian population in which we are immersed. Meantime our critics have little or nothing to show in the practical application of their superior(!) thinking. We are not impressed by their selective quoting from Lenin and Stalin as such quotations are paralleled by us with more cogent quotations in support of our case. We insist that the all-important task of Marxists in this historical period is to apply Marxist principles to the circumstances, national and international, of today.

As pupils of the great theorists and practitioners of the teachings of Marx and Engels, Lenin, Stalin, John MacLean and their living successors, Mao Tsetung and Enver Hoxha, we are in a much better position to analyse and understand the application of scientific socialist theory to the circumstances of the workers in Scotland than any London coterie or individuals who so glibly arrogate to themselves superior ability to judge our standpoint and instruct us how to behave. If these conceited people could produce evidence of doing in England with its forty-seven million population, a fraction of the practical work for the spreading of Marxist-Leninist-Mao Thought, together with the accompanying organisational work which our still small but growing Party has done and is expanding in our population of five millions, their attacks might possibly carry some little weight by example.

#### GREATLY INFERIOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Scotland's greatly inferior economic and social conditions - worse housing, lower wages, higher unemployment, falling



population, world-record emigration, vast depopulation of the highlands and islands and the border counties - directly due to the dominance and oppression of the Imperialist State of England (not as part of the non-existent "Nation" of "Great Britain") of course eagerly assisted by the gross and unpatriotic small group of indigenous Scots capitalists, is self-evident to objective observers and informed thinkers. To ignore the fact of the widespread sense of grievance throughout the population of Scotland is absurd.

Nationalist feelings and desire for change are reflected not merely through the National Party of Scotland but also in the fact of the very much greater proportion of the workers of Scotland, by striking contrast with the position in England, who, for many years have consistently supported the Labour Party believing that thereby they were acting for Socialism. A high proportion of the membership of the Scottish National Party and the wider non-member support, comes from the ranks of the working-class as well as from the dissatisfied Highland Crofters and fishermen whose diminishing numbers eloquently emphasise the fact. At no time since the imposed Unions of Crown and Parliament has the Union been acceptable to the masses of Scotland who have been conscious of both economic and cultural disadvantages. For Marxists to ignore these facts would be folly.

We challenge all our critics to study carefully and to publish in full "THE MANIFESTO OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF SCOTLAND (M-5)" in which it is clearly indicated that the complete emancipation of the workers of Scotland is inconceivable without the co-operation of the workers of England, Wales and Ireland, but that on the other hand a triumphant working-class in Scotland would be the finest contribution they could make to the common struggle to overthrow the "British" capitalist State. How it could be otherwise it is impossible to see, as John MacLean pointed out in the early 1920's. Our concern is not to indulge in high-flying detached or semi-detached polemics, especially with individuals, doubtless well-meaning in their naiveté, who apparently spend most, if not all of their time, writing lengthy epistles to satisfy personal ego or self-designated genius.



## "SPLITTING THE WORKERS"

The sole concern of the Workers' Party of Scotland is to provide a Vanguard Marxist-Leninist-Mao Thought Party for the workers of Scotland, who like their comrades in other parts of the United Kingdom, are still immersed in Social-democratic mythology. How W.P.S. activities can be regarded as "Splitting the workers", it is impossible to see, particularly as it is perfectly obvious, to those who understand the facts, that the great mass of the workers of England are almost totally unaware of Scotland's economic and social circumstances as an oppressed Nation under "British" imperialism. Thus, there is a clear parallel between these circumstances and imperialist exploitation of other nations. It is evident that the great mass of the workers in England generally are scarcely conscious of the very existence of the northern territory of Scotland, known until recent years as "North Britain". It is the duty of all Marxist-Leninists south of the Border to make the facts of Scotland's workers' circumstances widely known in England and elsewhere. It is fundamentally the same case as that of Ireland only the form being slightly different.

The lamentable lack of knowledge of the facts of life for the workers in Scotland amongst the mass of the workers in England is due largely to the success of the mass media, press and radio, controlled entirely by and for the capitalist interests, whose centre is London and of course also reflecting the failure of social-democracy to counter with the truth. Sentiments, generally very sub-conscious we imagine, of Great Nation Chauvanism are deep rooted in wide sections of the population of England, as of course is always the case amongst the population of an exploiting imperialist State.

That the work of the WPS in Scotland can be regarded as in any way detrimental to the unfortunately negligible effort in England, reflects the absurdity and puerile arguments of those critics, so remote, both geographically and in thought from the W.P.S. In Scotland our friends will be impressed when they find that the numerous Groups and individual pundits and



scribes in England, mostly confined to London's parochial enclaves, who claim to be so intellectually superior to their poor brethren of the far north, are in fact doing the hard practical job of agitating, educating and organising so much better that the WPS, that a real basis for mutual respect can be established. How often have we seen that the negative can produce the positive and our Party can be pleased to have compelled attention to the National Question as related to Scotland, amongst many who were unaware that such a question even existed.

In dealing with the National Question we must keep in mind the experience of the Bolshevik Party when preparing the draft of a Constitution for the new Socialist State. Extraordinary arrangements had to be made to meet the realities of multi-nationalism. Lenin and his colleagues adopted the novel, brilliant and far-seeing plan of Stalin for a 'Supreme Soviet of the Nationalities' placed upon an equal footing with the 'Supreme Soviet of the Union'. Protagonists of the idea that the capitalist State of "Great Britain" is a Nation and that we have not a multi-national State had better re-educate themselves, if in fact they ever were 'Educated' not merely 'Schooled' on the vast question today in the context of National Liberation in the Proletarian-Peasant Revolution.

Would our critics have urged the Albanian Communist Party (Now Party of Labour) to accept the Jugo-Slav proposal that Albania should surrender her National identity and be integrated in a Balkan, or even a Jugo-Slav federated State? Presumably, yes!, according to the ideas they have for "Great Britain". They would probably have allied themselves with those quisling Albanians and Jugo-Slavs who "advised" that "The time is not ripe for a National Struggle against the Italian Fascist Invaders".

"IN THINGS ESSENTIAL UNITY -  
IN NON ESSENTIALS LIBERTY".

LET ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL THEORISTS IN SCOTLAND? ENGLAND, WALES AND IRELAND, WHO CLAIM TO BE MARXIST-LENINIST ANTI--REVISIONISTS GET TOGETHER, UNCONDITIONALLY, LAYING ALL THEIR RECORD



CARDS FACE UP ON THE TABLE- AND DISCUSS OBJECTIVELY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMON CAPITALIST ENEMY. PERHAPS, OUT OF SUCH DISCUSSION THERE WOULD EMERGE A CO-ORDINATING CENTRE TO STRENGTHEN VANGUARD LEADERSHIP FOR THE WORKERS IN EACH OF THE FOUR NATIONS. THIS IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE DESIRE OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF SCOTLAND (MARXIST-LENINIST).

T.M.

## LENIN

### CONTROL WITHOUT POWER

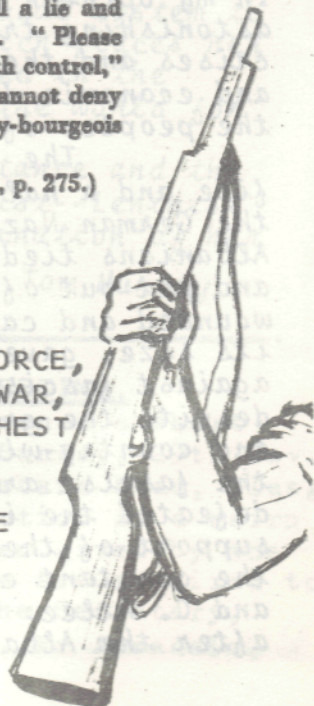
CONTROL without power<sup>100</sup> is an empty phrase. How can I control England? In order to control her I must capture her navy. I know that uneducated masses of workers and soldiers may naively and unintelligently believe in control, but it is sufficient to ponder over the fundamental element of control in order to realise that this belief is a retreat from the fundamental principles of the class struggle. What is control? If I write an order or a resolution, they will write one countermanding it. In order to be able to exercise control one must have power. If this is not intelligible to the broad mass of the petty-bourgeois bloc, one must have the patience to explain this to them, but under no circumstances must we tell them lies. And if I obscure this fundamental condition of control then I tell a lie and play into the hands of the capitalists and imperialists. "Please control me, but I will have the guns. You be satisfied with control," they say. They know that at the present moment they cannot deny the people anything. Control without power is a petty-bourgeois phrase. . . .—May 7th, 1917.

(Collected Works, Vol. XX, Book I, p. 275.)

## MAO

THE SEIZURE OF POWER BY ARMED FORCE, THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE BY WAR, IS THE CENTRAL TASK AND THE HIGHEST FORM OF REVOLUTION.

POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN.





Having just studied the fascinating first volume of the "HISTORY OF THE PARTY OF LABOUR OF ALBANIA", and recalling vividly impressions gained during a five weeks visit to that country a few years ago, I pen these few lines of warm commendation of this eloquent and well written first of three volumes of the Party History.

A mere handful of fifteen far-seeing pioneers founded the Communist Party of Albania (Now "Party of Labour") on November 8th. 1941. The first task of the Party was to co-ordinate and give political and military leadership to the groups of resolute partisan guerrilla fighters against the Italian Fascist invaders. The Party grew rapidly in numbers and in the affection and deep loyalty of the masses of the people. Today, travelling throughout Albania, as I did, one becomes aware of the continuance of this remarkable affection for the Party and its leaders. This is no mere eulogistic reference by a foreign friend of Albania but a fact which has been noted and remarked upon by other visitors. In my opinion it is the fundamental explanation of the astonishing triumphs over numerous military and political crises and the manifest post-war triumphs in cultural and economic development, unsurpassed I would assert by the peoples of any other country.

The National Liberation War lasted more than five and a half years against first the Italian and then the German Nazi armies. Entirely unaided from outside, the Albanians tied down more than fifteen enemy Divisions and put out of action seventy thousand enemy troops, killed, wounded and captured. This small Nation, relative to its size, gave enormous help during the mighty struggle against fascism. It is particularly noteworthy that despite the great sacrifice in the lives of its patriots and country-wide devastation in the fight against the fascist armies, they successfully attacked and defeated the internal quislings who not only had the support of the invaders but also, and diabolically the constant commendation of such 'allies' as W. Churchill and C. Atlee: British commandos were landed at Saranda after the Albanians had driven the German forces out of



the town. The Albanians had no illusions about the motive behind this British landing and immediately expelled them, declaring that they needed no uninvited help.

After repeated onslaughts by the 700,000 fascist soldiers who trod the soil of this small country over five years, killing, pillaging and destroying, Albania emerged victorious, part of their highly efficient army going beyond their own border at the request of the Yugoslav Liberation forces to assist with the final destruction of the German fascists in that country.

The leadership by Enver Hoxha, Mehmet Shehu and their colleagues was indeed a brilliant manifestation of the application of Marxism-Leninism coupled with the proud and determined National patriotism of a people determined to assert their independence.

The example of Albania is today an inspiration to all struggling peoples and proof of the ability of a small Nation to defeat apparently overwhelming enemy forces.

This volume must be read by all who wish to know the truth about the role of Albania at a vital period in recent history. The two volumes to follow will bring the story up to date and, I'm certain, will portray equally vividly the astonishing progress from a feudal system to the present cultural and economic level which places her high, very high, in the ranks of all engaged in the mighty struggle now proceeding throughout the world for National Liberation and Socialism.

Albanian triumphs prove the importance and the necessity of a Vanguard Revolutionary Marxist--Leninist Party without which the courage and determination of her people would have been in vain.

Signed: Tom Murray.

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#### JOHN MACLEAN MEMORIAL MEETING.

The "John MacLean Society" have convened a short memorial meeting to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 29th Nov. 1970, at (New) Eastwood Cemetery, Thornliebank Road, Glasgow

A site has been granted for the erection of a cairn to John MacLean's memory. Support has been given by the Scottish Trades Union Congress. Donations are required to meet costs and they should be sent to:- The Secretary, Mrs Nan Milton, Atholl Cottage, Westfield, Nr Armadale, West Lothian.



WHY THE SILENCE MR. BELL.?

Councillor William Simpson-Bell,  
13 Succoth Place,  
Edinburgh. EH 12. 6BJ.

20th. August, 1970.

Sir,

*"There was a certain amount of talk about what was happening in Viet Nam".*

(From your press statement)

Your experience in this respect is not unique. There can be few occasions in the history of man when such vast millions of people have had their minds rivetted on one subject with undiminished intensity over a period of years as the bloody struggle in Vietnam.

It may be that you are well-informed on the history of Vietnam, but perhaps you may have forgotten that in the Geneva Agreement of 1954, to end hostilities, the following points were included, viz.:

*"No military base under the control of a foreign*

*State may be established in the re--grouping*

*zone of either party; the two parties (i.e.*

*The north and south Vietnamese Governments)*

*shall ensure that the zones assigned to them*

*do not adhere to any military alliance and*

*are not used for the resumption of hostilities*

*or to further an aggressive policy." Also,*

*"That General Elections shall be held in 1956".*

It may also have escaped your memory that the USA Government, though not a signatory, noted these agreements, officially and,

*"--declares that it will refrain from the threat or the use of force to disturb them."*

You cannot have forgotten that, characteristically, the USA Government immediately broke its word. Through its spokesman, H. Stassen, on 17th. December, 1954, it declared that,

*"It is unlikely that there will be free General Elections in Vietnam."*

Also, you will recall, the same dishonest USA Government



transported from the United States a gangster agent of theirs, Ngo Dinh Diem, to Vietnam and made him "Head of State", their quisling number one. He in turn "invited" the US Government to send arms and military "advisers" to defend Vietnam "Freedom from Communist Agression", when in fact there was no sign or hint of any such aggression. They made sure, by force, that the people of South Vietnam would have no opportunity to express themselves by the general election provided for in the Geneva Agreement. Elections were held in North Vietnam however, resulting in the triumphant return of the Democratic Government of North Vietnam, headed by Ho Chi Minh.

The subsequent story of U.S.A. interference in Vietnam and elsewhere is widely known and the bloody consequences well understood and widely deplored, but perhaps not by you. Therefore, we present a few facts, all well authenticated and quite unchallengable. US troops and their puppet allies, last year slaughtered 4,790 civilians in one Vietnam province alone. Another detail the killing by Marines of the US 7th. Regiment of six civilians, including a 83 years old woman and four children in one village and eleven children and five women in another village, all on 19th. February this year. But of course all these figures represent mere chicken--feed to the American brigands. Since 'Peace-loving!! Nixon took office as President of the "The Greatest Power on Earth", his invading forces have made twenty thousand sweeps, many as atrocious as the fearful "Son My massacre." Of course you may not have heard of Son My unless your friend, with whom, to quote you, there developed a "A friendly chord between us", Le Ngoc Chan, another quisling, designated as Ambassador of South Vietnam, gave details to you and Mrs Simpson--Bell. However, if you trot along the short walk between George Street and Regent Terrace we are certain that the American Consul can give you the horrifying and gory details of the actions of G.I.'s - brave soldiers at war - shooting up a whole village, mostly women, children and very old men. Might we suggest that for a visual representation of what they have been and are doing in Vietnam you and your wife could spend an informative, if sickening hour watching the Edinburgh Film Festival showing of the West German Film "OK" on 25th. inst. in



the Cameo Cinema. Perhaps you could persuade Tommy Oswald, member of the Westminster Gas House, to go with you. He is reported as declaring that he has not seen the film and does not wish anyone else to see it. It hurts his feelings, poor chap, but above all he is afraid that it will offend the "Morally Rearmed" brasshats of the Pentagon. For G.I.'s to violate Vietnam women and mangle the bodies of their children is evidently of little account with Oswald M.P.

Some more facts for your education. During the first ten months of last year American bombs dropped on South Vietnam exceeded the total weight of bombs dropped on the whole of Europe during the second world war. Last year toxic chemicals were sprayed (1 part poison to 4 parts water compared with 1 in 20 for ordinary weed-killer), on over 2½ million acres poisoning 342,800 people. In addition on North Vietnam from January last year to April this year, 937 American air attacks were inflicted, despite claims by Nixon that bombing of the north would be suspended. You may recall that some of us protested when the Dow Chemical Coy., of America, came to Edinburgh to push their wares, This company was then making vast profits - ah yes, of course perfectly "legitimate" profits -- from Napalm for bombs which burned and tore the living flesh from the tender bodies of the latest born Vietnam babies and scorched the skin off their oldest grannies. In South Korea also, according to the greatly watered-down reports from that other puppet State of the USA, 3,400 outrages were committed by American troops over the period, Feby. 1967 to Feby. 1969. One later example. On May 10th this year at Hakik-dong-Kyonggi, over thirty G.I.'s knocked a Korean woman unconscious and then raped her in turn.

You are now the Honorary Consul of that phoney "Government" of South Vietnam, but you are also a City Councillor of Edinburgh and we note that as a City Father, according to the press, you are positively alarmed at the peddling of drugs in our pubs and in Princes Street Gardens. You want "A minimum of seven years sentence for first offences, for pushing and a flogging to boot".. Ah, now, Bill, our advice is "Be a bit cautious". Have you ascertained who are the "pot--pushers" in Edinburgh and where they get their



stuff? There are thousands of US Navy and other American personnel stationed in Scotland today. Are these chaps likely to be different from their contemporaries elsewhere? The Police Commissioner of <sup>BRITISH</sup> Hong Kong stated the other day that 70% of the barmaids there are drug addicts, "A great many of them induced to take Marijuana and LSD by U.S. Servicemen".

He estimated that amongst the 8,000 bar girls in HONG KONG, 60% had contracted Venereal Disease. According to another authority, U.S. Troops in Vietnam have been contracting venereal disease at the yearly rate of 700 per 1000 men. Jon Steinberg, of the military newspaper "Stars & Stripes" states:

"Pot smoking in Vietnam is a chronic problem among our younger troops",

and, Senator Dodd, says,

"It is prevalent in every area where American troops are stationed".

Dodd mentioned the case of four Strategic Air Command Pilots found with Marijuana, LSD and Barbiturates in their quarters and the possibility that such pilots could be in charge of giant nuclear armed bombers. So be careful Willie, your flogging lash might have to fall, on occasion, and too painfully for such soft material to thole, on a Yankee sailor's backside! And what would your other idol, Tricky Dickie Nixon, say to that?

However, to be strictly fair to the G.I.'s

it has to be noted that vast numbers of them, the more intelligent, are deserting from the forces, - all honour to them. According to an "Observer" report, a quarter of a million men (250,000) deserted last year alone in the States. It is also the case that a high percentage of those in Vietnam desert and numerous desertions occur amongst American forces overseas in Europe and elsewhere. All-honour to such sensible chaps who have been thrown into a war which few of them understand and fewer support. It is admitted that the morale of the American troops in Vietnam has generally fallen to zero. No wonder that a youth exclaimed, "What the hell am I doing here" when he awoke in a military hospital to find both legs gone.

We note also, that one of your jobs as a 'puppet' Consul is to promote trade with South Vietnam. But wait boy!! The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Operations has just revealed that



in Vietnam profiteering and corruption is widespread and rampant, that the currency black market is unrestrained that virtually the total expense of running the South Vietnam economy is financed from the U.S.A. Treasury, that the business men and profiteers who control South Vietnam's economy get richer and richer from US Dollars and that chaos in the South compares badly with the orderly economic circumstances in North Vietnam.

So Scotland's exporters had better listen with exceptional care to your 'siren song'. Of course we do not assume for a moment that corrupt mercenary motives are absent from interest in Vietnam's American Dollars amongst quislings outside of Vietnam and the USA.

Terrible retribution has come already to America. During the first half of this year alone the South Vietnamese Peoples' Liberation Armed Forces had remarkable successes, generally unpublished in the press and television of this country. They killed, wounded or captured nearly 230,000 US and satellite troops, destroyed 4,200 military planes, 10,000 military vehicles, including many tanks, sank 250 boats, wrecked 1,500 artillery pieces, destroyed 500 stores, and seized 8,000 firearms, large and small. The mighty USA Imperial Power brought to its knees by the patriotic forces of a Peoples' War, fighting to throw the foreign aggressor from their native land and re-assert full sovereignty for their Nation. For retribution, drastic and final, awaits all US aggressors and their quislings in Vietnam and elsewhere.

Your quisling job you declare to be "A tremendous honour to Scotland", but it is inconceivable that any independent patriotic Peoples' Government of Scotland, as distinct from the present Westminster fraud, would have tolerated the disgusting intrusion into Scotland of an agency of the ruthless invaders of the ancient, patriotic and highly cultured small nation of Vietnam. It will certainly be "A tremendous honour to Scotland" when our people have assisted the Vietnamese people by driving out of Scotland the US Polaris Submarines, Nuclear Missiles and all the other American installations and Service personnel in our country. This of course would include your so-called "Consulate" which is in fact only an alias "Pentagon Propaganda Agency". It is noteworthy and disgraceful that all such installations have been imposed upon the people of Scotland without their ever-



having been asked to approve.

We hope that the foregoing will re-ignite your better human nature by stimulating what spark of goodwill may still smoulder, even if buried deep in your narrow, mercenary and somewhat sadistic personality.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist), and we feel also that we must be expressing the finest sentiments of the patriotic majority of the people of Scotland.

Secretary. W.P.S. (M-L).

(T. Murray.)

P.S. I have to add that we shall welcome any considered observations you may wish to offer on the foregoing and especially if you wish to challenge any statement we claim as fact. T.M.

P.P.S. 21. 8.70: Since the foregoing was typed we have just learned that the Film Festival Film "OK" has been withdrawn from the Festival programme. How happy you, "Socialist" Oswald and all other Pro-Pentagon reactionaries must feel!!!! T.M.

WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ARE INEVITABLE IN THE EPOCH OF IMPERIALISM. THE DECISIVE, LONG, HARD STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION BEGINS.

IMPERIALISM IS THE PROGRESSING OPPRESSION OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD BY A HANDFUL OF GREAT POWERS; IT IS AN EPOCH OF WARS AMONG THESE POWERS FOR THE EXTENSION AND CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL OPPRESSION; IT IS THE EPOCH OF THE DECEPTION OF THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE BY THE HYPOCRITICAL SOCIAL-PATRIOTS, I.E., PEOPLE WHO UNDER THE PRETEXT OF "freedom of nations," "right of nations to self-determination," AND "defence of the fatherland," JUSTIFY AND DEFEND THE OPPRESSION OF A MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS BY THE GREAT POWERS.

From "The Revolutionary Proletariat and the Right of Nations to Self-Determination" (after October 16, 1915.)



A COMMUNIST PARTY FOR THAT PART OF 'ENGLAND'  
CALLED WALES OR SCOTLAND?

To The Comrade Thomas Bell.

(Lux I54.)

(EXCERPTS.)

Dear Comrade,

I thank you very much for Your letter, dated 7/8. I have read nothing concerning the english movement last months because of my illness and overwork.

It is extremely interesting what You communicate. Perhaps it is *the beginning* of the real proletarian mass movement in great Britain in *the communist sense*. I am afraid we have till now in England few very feeble propagandist societies for communism (inclusive the British Communist Party) but no really *mass* communist movement.

If the South Wales Miners Federation has decided on 24/VII to affiliate to the III International by a majority of 120 to 63,- perhaps it is the beginning of new era. (How much miners there are in England? more than 500,000? 25,000? how much in South Wales? how much miners were *really* represented in Cardiff 24/VII 1921?)

If these miners are not too small minority, if they fraternise with soldiers & begin a *real "class war"*, - we must do all our possible to *develop* this movement & strengthen it.

Economic measures (like communal kitchens) are good but they are not much important now, *before* the victory of the proletarian revolution in England. Now the *political* struggle is the most important.

English capitalists are shrewd, clever, astute. They *will* support (directly or indirectly) communal kitchens *in order* to divert the attention *from political aims*.

What is important, - is (if I am not mistaken.)

(1) to create a very good, really proletarian, really mass *communist party* in this part of England, -- that such party which will *really* be the LEADING force in *all* labour movement in this part of the country. (Apply the resolution on organisation & work of the party adopted by the 3 congress to this part of your country).

(2) To start a daily paper of the working class, for the working class in this part of the country.-

I should be very glad to have few lines from You concerning this theme & beg to apologise for my bad English.

With communist greetings, LENIN.



General Foreman Jim Rhoades at which point he was suspended for insubordination and told by his steward to go along with their decisions. Management had reached its long awaited objective, they had provoked Bro. James to speak out against his treatment. James Johnson was then escorted out of the plant by plant protection guards. He returned shortly armed with a 30 caliber carbine in a desperate search for his General Foreman Jim Rhoades. He supposedly asked all of his fellow workers to stand back for he was not going to hurt them. In route in pursuit of James Rhoades he encountered his foreman, Hugh Jones; a foreman in an adjacent dept., Gary Hinz; and a jobsetter who tried to disarm him. Johnson then supposedly threw his weapon down saying, "I'm satisfied", and walked back to the guard shack where he was apprehended by the Detroit Police Department.

QUOTE FROM THE STATEMENT BY COMRADE MAO TSE-TUNG  
IN SUPPORT OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN STRUGGLE AGAINST  
VIOLENT REPRESSION. (April 16, 1968.)

The storm of Afro-American struggle taking place within the United States is a striking manifestation of the comprehensive political and economic crisis now gripping U.S. imperialism. It is dealing a telling blow to U.S. imperialism, which is beset with difficulties at home and abroad.

The Afro-American struggle is not only a struggle waged by the exploited and oppressed black people for freedom and emancipation, it is also a new clarion call to all the exploited and oppressed people of the United States to fight against the barbarous rule of the monopoly capitalist class. It is a tremendous support and inspiration to the struggle of the people throughout the the world against U.S. imperialism and to the struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism. . . . .

Racial discrimination in the United States is a product of the colonialist and imperialist system. The contradiction between the black masses in the United States and U.S. ruling circles is a class contradiction. Only by overthrowing the reactionary rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class and destroying the colonialist and imperialist system can the black people in the United States win complete emancipation. The black masses and the masses of white working people in the United States share common interests and have common objectives to struggle for. Therefore, the Afro-American struggle is winning sympathy and support from increasing numbers of white working people and progressives in the United States. The struggle of the black people in the United States is bound to merge with the American workers' movement, and this will eventually end the criminal rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class.



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