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Hua leads imperialists

WHY is the gang ruling China at the present time making such fervent efforts to remove any opposition to their despotic rule? Is their authority so tenuous that they have to indulge in the settling of old scores as they harrass, arrest and murder those who fought for the right of the working class to maintain socialism in China? Kruschew took several years before he finally announced the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union. The present Chinese clique is like a wild beast finding itself in a corner and hitting out viciously at all around.

It is no coincidence that all this is taking place in a country which made such great advances in socialist construction. Neither is it a coincidence that it is taking place at a time when the proletariat throughout the world is making new advances in its struggle against imperialist ideology, domination and exploitation.

A characteristic of today's upsurge in worldwide struggle is the leadership of the working class in the industrial countries and especially in Britain. It was the British working class that first wiped out the insulting theory that it had benefited from imperialist exploitation abroad, the crumbs theory, intended to belittle the working class and damp down its revolutionary zeal. It was the first to denounce the equally poisonous theory of the "three worlds" and restored the question of revolution to the agenda. That clarity has found echoes throughout the world.

In Britain the working class is challenging the bourgeois state. In Iran the Shah, friend of Callaghan, Carter and Hua, trembles as the people rise in revolution.

In Nigaragua, the US installed puppet, fights for his life. The Vietnamese, having defeated the military might of the US, refuse to be dominated by their big neighbour, once socialist now imperialist China. In Albania socialist construction goes ahead in spite of constant threats and intimidation. In Zimbabwe, in Afghanistan, in Japan...

The imperialist powers are in disarray. Having lost in Vietnam, in Albania, presently losing in Iran, Zimbabwe, unable to contain their own working class, they see in the Chinese clique their best hope of doing what they failed to do with their armies, warships and napalm, with the threat of their atom, hydrogen and neutron bombs. The Chinese ruling clique are brazen enough to demand aloud what the imperialist powers dare not whisper - a Holy War in Europe to destroy the working class at the heart of the industrial world, the main danger to imperialism.

Hence the open door policy of the economic penetration of German, US and Japanese capital. Hence Britain's readiness to sell its most sophisticated weapons and aircraft to China. Gone are the days of self reliance and balanced economic development. Building a chain of Hilton-like hotels by US firms throughout China and promoting tourism is the policy by which the ruling clique will tie China once again to the imperialist economic system, which is the other side of the coin to their attacks on the Cultural Revolution, its leading elements and in particular Mao Tse Tung.

Mao Tse Tung said that the alternative to socialism in China is fascist rule. Once again he has been proved right.