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RACISM AND CLASSISM--THE DEADLY TWINS

The motley collection of dictatorships, leavened by a diminishing remnant of democratic countries, which is misnamed the United Nations, has recently passed a motion affirming that Zionism is a species of racism. Israel and the friends of Israel within the United States and throughout the world are alarmed and outraged. They suspect, with justification, that this classification is designed to establish the ideological foundation for the destruction of Israel and the Israelis. Since racism has been responsible for multiple tragedies throughout history, many would believe that the exterminators of racists were doing mankind a favor.

Racism is the belief that one race is superior to others. It is not the mere belief that one race is different from others. Racial differences are obvious and undeniable. The malignancy of racism derives from the ideas of superiority and inferiority. If one race is superior to others, it appears natural, and therefore moral, for that race to rule over others. This lays a foundation for "righteous" racial discrimination and exploitation. The oppressor feels he is serving humanity.

In the final analysis, the elimination of the inferior race is seen as enhancing the quality of mankind and, therefore, as a humane act. Thus oppression, discrimination, cruelty, and mass murder are sanctified.

Christianity is anti-racist. Christianity teaches that all men are sinners and are equal before God. Since all men are sinners, all races manifest these sinful characteristics and none can be trusted to exercise power over other races. True Christianity is liberating both to the individual and the nation.

Classism

It is paradoxical that many who profess to abhor racism are enamored with another doctrine which is equally malignant and destructive of human well-being and happiness. This doctrine is classism. Classism has led to more cruelty, oppression, and mass murder in the past 58 years than has racism.

Classism is the doctrine that one class of individuals is inherently superior to other classes. This superiority gives that class the right to rule, repress and "liquidate" inferior classes.

Membership in the superior class is obtained by being born into it. Thus, dignity and worth are derived from the accident of birth.

Communism

Communism is the distilled essence of classism. It believes, teaches and practices the doctrine that those born into the class of industrial workers, which is called the proletariat, are superior and have the right and duty to dictate over the inferior classes, specifically the business class or bourgeoisie. This duty extends as far as extermination or "liquidation of the bourgeoisie".

The opening chapter of the basic communist document, the Manifesto of the Communist Party, written by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, is headed "Bourgeois and Proletarians". The opening sentence is: "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of the class struggles." (Page 30, Edition: Foreign Languages Press, Peking, China)

Discussing the development and roles of the bourgeoisie and proletariat, the Manifesto states: "Of all the classes that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class." (Page 44)

The inevitable victory of the proletariat is categorically stated: "The development of modern industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie, therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable." (Page 46)

Having discerned the existence of classes and class struggle, Karl Marx proceeded to predict a violent revolution by which the proletariat would overthrow the bourgeoisie and set up a dictatorship to rule over the residue.

This idea of a ruling class dictatorship became the dominant idea of Lenin, the conqueror of Russia.

Lenin repeatedly stressed that only those who extended the idea of the class struggle to the Dictatorship of the Proletariat were genuine Marxists.

Lenin stressed the need for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat as follows:

"We in Russia [in the third year since the overthrow of the bourgeoisie (1918)] are going through the first steps in the transition from capitalism to Socialism, or the lower stage of Communism. Classes have remained, and will remain everywhere for years after the conquest of power by the proletariat. Perhaps in England, where there is no peasantry (but where there are small owners!), this period may be shorter. The abolition of classes means not only driving out the landlords and capitalists--that we accomplished with comparative ease--it also means abolishing the small commodity producers, and they cannot be driven out, or crushed; we must live in harmony with them; they can (and must) be remoulded and reeducated only by very prolonged, slow, cautious organizational work. They encircle the proletariat on every side with a petty-bourgeois atmosphere, which permeates and corrupts the proletariat and causes constant relapses among the proletariat into petty-bourgeois spinelessness, disunity, individualism, and alternate moods of exaltation and dejection. The strictest centralization and discipline are required within the political party of the proletariat in order to counteract this, in order that the organizational role of the proletariat (and that is its principal role) may be exercised correctly, successfully, victoriously. The dictatorship of the proletariat is a persistent struggle--bloody and bloodless, violent and peaceful, military and economic, educational and administrative--against the forces and traditions of the old society. The force of habit of millions and tens of millions is a most terrible force. Without an iron party tempered in the struggle, without a party enjoying the confidence of all that is honest in the given class, without a party capable of watching and influencing the mood of the masses, it is impossible to conduct such a struggle successfully. It is a thousand times easier to vanquish the centralized big bourgeoisie than to 'vanquish' the millions and millions of small owners; yet they, by their ordinary, everyday, imperceptible, elusive, demoralizing activity, achieve the very results which the bourgeoisie need and which tend to restore the bourgeoisie. Whoever weakens ever so little the iron discipline of the party

of the proletariat (especially during the time of its dictatorship), actually aids the bourgeoisie against the proletariat." [V.I. Lenin: 'Left-Wing' Communism, An Infantile Disorder -- April, May 1920] (Peking Review, October 31, 1975, pages 26-27)

The Chinese Communists are stressing that their regime is Socialism ruled by the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. A vast program is in operation throughout the whole country to study the writing of Marx, Engels, and Lenin on this issue. Every edition of the PEKING REVIEW currently includes an extensive article on this subject.

In practice, the dictatorship is exercised by a small minority who comprise the Communist Party. The communist party defines itself as the vanguard and sometimes as the brain of the proletariat. Thus, the dictatorship of the communist party becomes the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Actually it is the dictatorship of a disciplined, privileged elite over the proletariat.

Class Liquidation

In the final analysis, guilt and innocence, personal value and the right of survival are determined by the class of social origin. Khrushchev revealed that this remains standard communist doctrine by his speech detailing the crimes of Stalin. He tells how Stalin exterminated the majority of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union who were elected in 1934. He states: "Of the 139 members and candidates of the party's Central Committee who were elected at the seventeenth congress, 98 persons i.e. 70 per cent were arrested and shot (mostly in 1937-8)." (The Dethronement of Stalin, page 10)

To adjudicate the guilt or innocence of those shot, Khrushchev reverts to the question of their class of social origin. He states: "What was the composition of the delegates to the 17th Congress? It is known that 80 per cent of the voting participants of the 17th Congress joined the party during the years of conspiracy before the Revolution and during the Civil War; this means before 1921. By social origin, the basic mass of the delegates to the Congress were workers (60 per cent of the voting members)."

"For this reason, it was inconceivable that a Congress so composed would have elected a Central Committee, a majority of whom would prove to be enemies of the party." (The Dethronement of Stalin, page 10)

The doctrine of the diseased nature of the bourgeois class leads to programs for their extermination. In practice, this has resulted in mass slaughter.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee investigated the numbers of those killed by the Communists after their seizure of power in Russia and China. The following tables tell the dreadful story:

Casualties Under Soviet Rule

Executed or died in prison camps during the postrevolution period (1919-23)	500,000
Executed during the Stalin terror	2,000,000
Died in camps during the pre-Yexhov period of Stalin's rule (1930-36)	3,500,000
Died in forced labor camps during the Stalin-Yexhov terror (1936-38)	12,000,000
Died in the politically organized famine during the forced collectivization of the thirties	3,500,000
	<u>21,500,000</u>
TOTAL	

(The Human Cost of Soviet Communism, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 1970, 51-366 O, page 1)

Casualties to Communism in China

	Range of Estimates	
1. First Civil War (1927-36).....	250,000	500,000
2. Fighting during Sino-Japanese War (1937-45)	50,000	50,000
3. Second Civil War (1945-49).....	1,250,000	1,250,000
4. Land reform prior to "Liberation".....	500,000	1,000,000
5. Political Liquidation Campaigns (1949-58)..	15,000,000	30,000,000
6. Korean War.....	500,000	1,234,000
7. The "Great Leap Forward" and the Communes	1,000,000	2,000,000
8. Struggles with minority nationalities, includ- ing Tibet.....	500,000	1,000,000
9. The "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" and its aftermath.....	250,000	500,000
10. Deaths in forced Labor camps and frontier de- velopment.....	15,000,000	25,000,000
TOTAL	<u>34,300,000</u>	<u>62,534,000</u>

(The Human Cost of Communism in China, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 1971, 63-549 O, page 16)

It is right and proper to denounce racism. Racism has been responsible for much suffering and death. Classism has also been responsible for much suffering and death.

While racism is condemned by most organizations and by most educated people, classism is extolled and revered. This situation should be intolerable to all who believe in individualism and personal dignity. They should concentrate their energies and resources on an exposure of the malignancy of classism and its political incarnation, communism.

U.S. Communist support for the U.N. motion classifying Zionism as racism is illustrated by the following editorial in the DAILY WORLD, October 28:

Zionism and racism

"Obscene" is what Daniel Moynihan, chief U.S. delegate to the UN, called a UN committee's condemnation of zionism as "equivalent to racism and racial discrimination.."

But it is really racism which is "obscene," not its condemnation. And the political ideology of zionism is racist.

The Israeli ruling class makes use of zionism to voke Jewish people throughout the world to its racist, neo-colonialist, imperialist policies.

Denunciation of zionism is not anti-Semitism, not a denunciation of Israel or its people. The reactionary ruling class political ideology of zionism is not synonymous with Israel, Judaism or world Jewrv.

Zionism stands at the opposite pole from international working class solidarity. Zionism is a barrier to united struggle against national and racial oppression.

The UN committee's resolution is not harmful to the workers and masses of the Israeli people. It is, in fact, beneficial to them, as an expression of world-wide disapproval of the Israeli ruling class' splitting, anti-working

class policies.

The Israeli ruling class conducts a racist policy not only against Arabs within its borders but in the conquered territory.

The Israeli ruling class also conducts a repressive racist policy against the dark-skinned Sephardic Jews, who come from Yemen, Iraq and North Africa, and who are forced into the position of second-class citizens, although they comprise 60 percent of Israel's population. As many other capitalist nations Israel has a rigid caste and class system strictly maintained by its ruling class.

Another expression of the racism of Israel's ruling circles is their ties with racist white minorities in Rhodesia and South Africa. In those nations non-zionist Jews are actively engaged in the national liberation and working class struggle but have been persecuted by Israel's "ally," the racist Vorster government. The political, economic and military ties have been maintained since 1948 and strengthened.

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COMMUNISM AND THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The attitude of the communists to the E.R.A. is confusing. After much hesitation and fence-sitting, the U.S. Communist Party has reached the definitive conclusion: "We cannot recommend that you vote for the Equal Rights Amendment." On the other hand, Trotskyist communists are fervent advocates of the E.R.A. and they criticize the failure of the U.S. communists to support it as a betrayal of communism.

How do we account for this difference within the communist ranks? Both the Stalinists and Trotskyists act in accordance with the principle: "Find out what people want; promise it to them; go to work to get it for them so that you can come to power over them."

The conflicting communist policies are the result of a division within the women workers of America. The women who work can be divided into two groups:

1. There is a small elite of college-educated women who find their jobs pleasant and rewarding. They are college professors, journalists and members of the professions. Their smaller stature and lesser physical strength do not place them at a disadvantage in their jobs relative to men. Their salaries are substantial and their work interesting.

This group of women would derive ego-satisfaction from the passage of the E.R.A. and possibly some professional advantage.

2. The great majority of women who work do so because they need the money. Their jobs are laborious, monotonous and exhausting and provide little self-fulfillment. The woman who cleans the rooms in a motel or hotel would sooner be tending to her own home and children, while the woman who stands all day in an assembly line, endlessly repeating the same task, longs for the day to end so that she can return to her real interest, her home. Her family is important to her and she works to support them. Her body contains reproductive organs and reproductive hormones which impose physical and emotional consequences while her stature is smaller and strength less than that of the male. These facts, which make the woman different but not inferior, create a need for differential treatment and differential legislation.

The passage of the E.R.A. would abolish all differential legislation on the grounds that it is discriminatory. It would open a Pandora's box and place the hard-won special rights of women at the mercy of the ruling of some judge who could consider a phrase more important than the well-being of a woman's magnificent body and her family responsibilities.

The passage of the E.R.A. would be a disaster for this group which comprises the great majority of working women.

The major appeal of the Trotskyist communists is to the first group. Their youth organization, the Young Socialist Alliance, is relatively strong on the university campus. Naturally, they seek to exploit the perceived self-interest of the college-trained women by wholehearted support of the E.R.A.

While the U.S. Communist Party also wishes to secure the support of the first group, it is making a genuine attempt to recruit workers from the second group. Too many of these are becoming aware that the E.R.A. threatens their protection and their families. As the full implications of the E.R.A. become clearer, these women will become increasingly hostile to it. The U.S. Communist Party

realizes that they will risk alienating them by supporting the E.R.A. Being forced to choose between the two groups, they have chosen the latter and hence their conclusion: "We cannot recommend that you vote for the Equal Rights Amendment."

A condensed version of the statement of the Communist Party, U.S., is reprinted and the attack on this statement by a Trotskyist spokesperson:

"Many in the leadership of women's groups and organizations view the ERA as a chance to establish 'equality' nationwide. To them the ERA represents an advance in the struggle for equality.

"At the same time, it must be recognized that the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce, and the most vigorous anti-labor spokesmen for monopoly capital are supporting ERA in a drive to eliminate the protective legislation which has advanced the rights of working women.

"It is also obvious that certain ultra-Right elements, who are given top spots on television debates, are opposing ERA for demagogic and reactionary political purposes.

"We reject any association with such elements who spout that 'women's place is in the home' and who do not serve the struggle to advance the fight for women's rights.

"While, to certain sections of professional and middle class women, the ERA may appear to be a step toward equal rights, the ERA may be a backward step for the overwhelming majority of working-class women.

"In addition, it requires, more than ever, special laws protecting women workers including weight lifting maximums, overtime limits so families will not suffer, and child care provisions for family safety and security, in addition to safety and health measures which would protect the specific reproductive capacities of women. These measures mean basic legal rights for women as a beginning to guarantee their safety and security on the job, and they must be extended to men where appropriate.....

"The proposed ERA amendment to the Constitution states: 'Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of sex.' This is limited to what cannot take place. But it does not deal with what must be done to make up for past inequalities long suffered by women in the U.S. It leaves the courts a basis for determining that hard-won protective legislation is 'discriminatory' since it applies only to women. Thus protections beneficial to women under present law could be wiped out, and passage of special compensatory laws relating to women or men may be declared illegal by the ultra-conservative members of the Supreme Court.....

"A number of women with positions of leadership in the labor movement support the ERA without reservation. This has resulted in a default in leadership and capitulation to big business interests who oppose affirmative action programs for women. They make no fight on preferential hiring to allow women and nationally oppressed women in particular to join the labor force and keep their jobs. They make no fight to convince the labor movement as a whole of the need for maternity disability legislation and child care legislation as a service for the entire working class. They make no fight against disproportionate layoffs of women.

"In many ways the ERA presents a contradiction. On one hand, its passage would help create an overall atmosphere of equality. It would be a factor for equality in certain areas of life.

"But on the other hand, it would create some obstacles to equality. Many constitutional authorities fear that such an amendment would become a constitutional bar to all future legislative reforms that are needed to establish equality. And this is especially the case with working-class women.

"In view of the serious problems and contradictions, we cannot recommend that you vote for the Equal Rights Amendment." (Daily World, October 25, 1975, page 8)

THE TROTSKYIST CRITIQUE

Women In Revolt

Linda Jenness



A stab in the back from the CP

At the convention of the Communist party last June, party chief Gus Hall announced that the CP leadership had not yet been able to figure out their position on the Equal Rights Amendment. "The controversy over the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) continues—including in the ranks of our party," he said.

The "controversy" was referred to a study task force instructed to "try to come up with a resolution."

Four months later, on October 21, a notice appeared in the *Daily World* promising that a statement would finally be printed on October 23. On October 23 what appeared in the *Daily World* was another announcement saying that the statement wouldn't be published until October 25.

Since October 25 was one of the days that several thousand members of the National Organization for Women gathered in Philadelphia for their convention, I thought perhaps the CP timed the statement so they could distribute it to the NOW members. After all, ratification of the ERA is one of NOW's priorities, as it is a priority for most of the women's liberation movement.

I attended the NOW convention (a report will appear in next week's *Militant*) and expected to pick up a copy of the October 25 *Daily World*. But there wasn't a *Daily World* in sight. Not anywhere. Not one. And it's no wonder!

Following an entire page of convoluted, contradictory, and antifeminist reasoning, the CP finally states: "In view of the serious problems and contradictions, we cannot recommend that you vote for the Equal Rights Amendment."

The Communist party is campaigning *against* ratification of the ERA and urging people to vote

against the state ERAs that will be on the November 4 ballots in New York and New Jersey.

What's the CP's rationale for this reactionary, backward stance? Here's a small sample of their muddled thinking:

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How the creation of an overall atmosphere of equality would be an *obstacle* to the women's struggle is not explained.

The fight over the ERA has become a clear-cut contest between supporters of equal rights for women and those who want to keep women in second-class status. The CP's position puts them in the camp of the latter—and that doesn't make them too comfortable.

But like it or not, the CP is in the enemy camp. The November 3 *Newsweek* notes in an article that "a diverse group of ERA foes—including fundamentalist Protestants, parish priests, John Birchers and the Communist Party—has effectively prevented a handful of other key state legislatures from considering the measure."

Although *Newsweek* may be overstating the CP's influence on state legislatures, supporters of women's rights shouldn't make the mistake of underestimating what the CP is doing. By opposing the ERA the Communist party is confusing many people, aiding the right-wing assault on the ERA, and stabbing the movement for equal rights in the back.

COMMUNIST REJOICING

The communists are delighted with the dismissal of Dr. James Schlesinger from the position of Secretary of Defense. Typical of their reaction is this front page article from the DAILY WORLD of November 5, with the title "Detente Hopes Upped by Schlesinger Exit:"

By **TIM WHEELER**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 — Fighters for peace said today that the ouster of James Schlesinger as Defense Secretary is a "propitious moment" to demand completion of the SALT II disarmament talks.

They pointed out that completion of a new agreement in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks would open the way for the long delayed visit to the U.S. of Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Peace circles warned against concepts that the firing of Schlesinger, an advocate of nuclear war, is only an "internal power struggle," or that Ford is "rearranging his furniture," as an ABC commentator asserted last night. The danger, they said, is that this opportunity could be frittered away by a passive "wait-and-see" attitude towards the dramatic developments here in the last two days.

Mass pressure

Patrick Tobin, Washington Representative of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, pointed out that it was mass pressure of anti-war forces here in the U.S. and around the world that forced President Ford to fire Schlesinger.

"We did it!" Tobin asserted, citing mass opposition to Schlesinger's "limited nuclear war policy."

He added, "This is a sign of the deterioration of the position of the anti-detente forces. The campaign against detente is not over, but Schlesinger's firing lays very good grounds for the SALT II talks."

Mobilized anti-detente fight

A researcher on the staff of Members of Congress for Peace through Law pointed out that Schlesinger was the kingpin of the anti-detente campaign, since he was carrying on his anti-detente instigations from within the administration. Schlesinger, he said actively mobilized attacks on detente, relying on ultra-right elements, including the American Security Council, to spread views which were directly contrary to the official position of the Ford administration.

He pointed out that Ford, who had supported Schlesinger's positions, was finally compelled to dump Schlesinger because his Presidential election campaign was in deepening trouble with voters opposed to his right-wing course.

"Ford needs a SALT II pact," he said. "He needs the press to laud him for new progress in detente, and Schlesinger would not let him have it."

More than in-fighting

These comments underline the point that powerful pro-detente pressures on the administration forced Ford to act. The firing therefore was not simply an internal political maneuver.

At the same time, it was pointed out here that Ford's apparent "tilt toward detente is not voluntary but is part of the process of "forced retreat" from cold-war anti-Soviet policies.

During his press conference last night, Ford repeatedly asserted that he would push for support of his military budget.

One theory about Schlesinger's removal was that he had antagonized key members of Congress when he lashed out against "deep, savage, arbitrary" cuts by the House Appropriations Committee and Ford's military budget request.

Arms struggle intensified

But Tobin predicted that the firing of Schlesinger, far from passifying demands for a reduction in military spending, will stimulate the demand for reordering of priorities.

He predicted a stepped up struggle to eliminate funds for the B-1 bomber, which some legislators have warned would ultimately cost \$92 billion.

"Ford will continue to attempt cuts in funds for social needs," Tobin said. "But these programs simply cannot be cut. . . The only place you can cut is the military."

The fact that Schlesinger car-



JAMES SCHLESINGER

ried on his attacks on the official foreign policy of the administration which he ostensibly served gave his attacks on detente a distinctly fascist-like character.

Significantly, Lt. General Daniel Graham, chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency, resigned his post yesterday, citing his sympathy with Schlesinger's anti-detente views.

The resignation took place less than a month after the DIA had produced a seditious pamphlet, "Detente and Soviet Strategy," which argued that detente is beneficial only to the Soviet Union, a line that contradicts U.S. policy, which holds that detente is "mutually beneficial."

Schlesinger, generally credited with the writing of this pamphlet, turned to the ultra-rightist "America Security Council" to distribute this report.

Schlesinger's ties to the ultra right and the CIA, and his flouting of the official policy on detente, indicated that he was a menace to constitutional safeguards on civilian control of the military, and posed the danger of a fascist-like military police takeover of the U.S. Government. His removal, therefore, is seen not only as a victory for peace but as a victory for democratic rights.