

Student Massacre Ushers In Phase III

SOCIALISM OR FASCISM



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Lest anyone had forgotten or dismissed Nixon's pre-election promises to end the "era of permissiveness" and return the nation to the forgotten glories of "every man for himself", all levels of government, taking up the Nixon banner, have moved to quickly remind us.

PHASE III "NEGOTIATIONS"

The murder of two black students in Baton Rouge, La. was the most brutal signal that Phase III had hit the U.S. -- that the atmosphere of negotiations, more appropriate before the elections, had now been replaced by the point of the gun.

Less dramatic, but even more indicative of things IMMEDIATELY on the agenda for the labor movement is the slashing of 240,000 welfare victims from their only means of support in N.Y. city and at the same time an increasing campaign of speed-up and layoffs for both municipal and industrial workers throughout the country.

Phase III can be best summed up in the terms in which the capitalist class intends to deal with its working class opponents -- the less powerful and more isolated segments will get the Baton Rouge / Welfare treatment while the more productively necessary segments of employed workers will be given the chance to "bargain" for "participation" in their own decimation. Just as the ecology issue is used as a humanitarian cover for capitalist wage gouging and "zero growth" of real productive investment in areas which could raise working class living conditions; the humanitarian cover of "worker participation" and "productivity bargaining" will be thrust forth to cover the onslaught of massive speed-up "productivity" drives.

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On August 15, at the onset of Phase I, the National Caucus of Labor Committees posed the question which will be answered within this decade, as that of socialism or fascism.

Unless the attacks of Phase III are met by a mass movement uniting employed and unemployed workers with their welfare, student, and GI allies around a common program of expanded production at capitalist expense; and thus actually become an organization expressing the interests of the working class-as-a-whole capable of becoming the government -- then the alternative course of history is the smashing of all working class organization by a capitalist funded fascist movement and its program of "zero growth" and "local control" of the poverty of capitalist depression.

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