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Tito Clique Lacks Support Of Yugoslav People

By I. Livanov

THE exposure of the Tito clique as a storm detachment of international imperialism has sharply changed the attitude of the Yugoslav people toward it. "Enemies of the Soviet Union and of the people's democracies are our enemies, too," say the peace-loving people of Yugoslavia, in whose name the fascist band of Belgrade rulers falsely claimed and still claims to be speaking.

The present Belgrade Government is as alien to its people as the people's interests are alien to it. Nowhere else, if you please, is there a government so hated by the people as is the Tito clique in Yugoslavia, and everything points to the fact that the gap yawning between the usurpers and the people is unbridgeable.

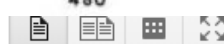
What, then, is the social base on which the Belgrade gang, beset as it is by the hatred of the people, leans for support? Anyone who is at all familiar with the situation in Yugoslavia will say straight out that the band has no social base, that the Tito clique has no support whatever among the people. One would hardly call a social base the few-score thousands of rural rich para-

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sites with whose help it robs and oppresses the country's toiling peasantry.

Vojvodina, for instance, has eight so-called co-operatives which are headed by kulaks and have been converted into landlords' estates; in them, under the guise of voluntary labor for the People's Front, corvée is exacted from the local peasants. As a matter of fact, the kulaks are doing quite well in other villages too. On joining the co-operatives they received large amounts of money for their farm implements, and last year they made fortunes speculating in currency. This privileged stratum of rich peasants, former gendarmes, Chetniks and collaborationists has again become the master in Yugoslavia's villages. This is the Titoites' only support in the countryside.

Among the urban population it is the profiteering merchants connected with high government officials who un-

derstand that such people will carry out any order to please the boss.

With this in view, the Tito clique frees from jail all those who during the occupation collaborated with the German or Italian fascists and gives them jobs. Thus, before the recent elections to the Narodna Skupshtina, 7,000 hardened war criminals were released from jail long before the expiration of their sentences. These people, who assimilated the German fascists' methods in murdering Yugoslav patriots, are just the men for Rankovic. One of these is Sergeant Sergeni Sima. Formerly he served in the gendarmery, then he was with Mikailovich's Chetniks, and he collaborated with the Germans. After releasing him from jail, Rankovic gave him a police job and an officer's rank. To please his bosses Sima does his best to terrorize and annihilate the populations of Kosovo and Metokhia.

ing people, to fan chauvinism and religious discord, that is, to do everything possible to suppress Yugoslavia's peoples' growing resistance to the Belgrade gang's fascist regime.

An "undercover" organization of this kind has been established in Sarajevo under the name of "Mladi Musilman" (Young Moslems), with branches in Skoplje, Bitolj and other cities. The membership consists of demoralized elements, who collaborate with Rankovic's secret police. This organization devotes itself to the spreading of religious strife to divert the attention of Moslems from the fight against Tito's fascist dictatorship.

Another "undercover" organization of this type is "Seljacka Serp" (Peasant Sickle), with headquarters in the city of Nish and branches in Pancevo, Belgrade, and other cities. Its task is to alienate the peasants from the workers

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hold the Tito clique and its anti-popular policy.

The workers, however, as well as the toiling peasantry and the best sections of the intelligentsia detest the fascists, who gained power through deceit and pushed the real representatives of the people out of the country's Government. Suffice it to state that in the so-called Narodna Skupshtina there is not a single worker at present employed in a factory, or a poor peasant working on a farm or in an industrial co-operative.

Without any social base or support among the people, the Tito band maintains itself in power solely with the aid of Rankovic's police. That is its only "real" bulwark. That accounts for the excessively swollen ranks of the secret police, and that is why Tito has so befriended Police Chief Rankovic. Himm-

Muhar Jazendzhiu saw service in the Royal Guard at Rome, and later in the gendarmery in Korcha, Albania. When the people of Albania took power into their own hands he fled to Greece. When he learned that a new Hitler had appeared in Yugoslavia, he made up his mind to go there. Of course, he was welcomed with open arms and was "appointed" to work under Rankovic.

Such are the people who make up the Yugoslav secret police—the UDB. This is the Tito gang's support, with whose help the Belgrade imposter un-

Rankovic's mercenaries scour about the country eavesdropping and faking attempts on the lives of government officials which they use as an excuse to kill completely innocent people on the spot. That is the way Rankovic and

and to set them against each other. En-

rolled in its ranks are the wealthy sec-

tions of the rural community. The urban

rich, people who have held and now

hold leading posts in industry, are united

in still another, the third, "undercover"

organization, the so-called "For Mother-

land and Tsar Party," with headquarters

at Zagreb. The aim of this organization

is to put King Peter back on the throne

in Yugoslavia.

Incidentally, according to *Weltpresse*,

a Vienna newspaper controlled by the

British, Peter told press representatives

that should he return to the throne he

would not be averse to keeping Tito

as head of the monarchical government.

"There would be no essential difference

between myself and Tito," the ex-king

admitted to a correspondent of the

French reactionary newspaper *Combat*.

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ler's Belgrade pupil and bloody ex-

ecutioner of the Yugoslav people. Tito

dares not show himself without being

surrounded by Rankovic's mercenaries,

and his Government could not have

lasted a single day had it not had their

protection.

The venal spies, agents provocateurs,

and murderers, whom Gestapo man

Rankovic recruits for his secret police,

are men of his kidney. By and large

they are suspicious characters with

criminal pasts, ranging from common

criminals to former Ustashi. Rankovic

deliberately picks people whose place

under other circumstances would be in

jail, for he knows from his own ex-

his suite hunt down Yugoslav patriots

who are distasteful to Tito, his chief.

Not infrequently people suspected of

disloyalty to Tito's fascist regime (and

mere suspicion is quite enough for

Rankovic) get a bullet in the back

right on the street of a city or village.

But open terrorism is not the only

method used by the Tito clique as a

substitute for the lack of support among

the people and as a means for main-

taining hangman Tito in power. With

guidance by Rankovic, "undercover

organizations," so to speak, have been

set up in Yugoslavia, whose task is to

disrupt the militant unity of the work-

The identity of views of the retired

monarch and the incumbent fascist ruler

of Yugoslavia is a touching spectacle.

All that needs to be added is that the

whole thing is a counterpart of the

monarcho-fascist regime in Greece. And,

exactly like the latter, Tito's fascist

regime has no social base in his country.

As is the case in monarcho-fascist Greece,

the Tito clique relies on the support of

the country's reactionary forces—Ran-

kovic's Gestapo band and the corrupted

top leadership of the army. Before long

this insecure support will crumble before

the onslaught of the masses of Yugo-

slavia.

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Tito's Yugoslavia, Country of Prisons And Concentration Camps

By P. Zyablov

THE Tito-Rankovic fascist clique has betrayed Yugoslavia's national interests and done away with the independence of the republic.

The switch-over of the Tito clique to fascism is no accident. This move was carried out on orders from its bosses—the capitalist-imperialist warmongers, whose hirelings this clique has long been. The basic outcome of the transformation of the Tito-Rankovic clique into direct agents of imperialism and accomplices of the instigators of a new war is the virtual liquidation of the people's democratic system in Yugoslavia. Federative People's Republic of

democracies have revealed the Titoites to the entire world as enemies of peace, democracy, and socialism, as a storm detachment of the warmongers.

Lies and slander have always been the weapons of traitors. And the Belgrade rulers are committing monstrous acts of provocation against Bulgaria, Albania, and Hungary. The Titoites wail about the "aggressiveness" of the neighboring people's democracies, alleging that these countries lay claim to parts of Yugoslavia. While the Belgrade bandits—Tito, Pijade, Stambolic, Djilas, and the others—are provoking border incidents with these countries without let-

gressive citizens including the prominent Macedonian revolutionary, Petre Peruzeva-Maiski.

The Tito fascist gang is also subjecting the Albanian national minority of 900,000 to cruel terror. Before the war the Greater Serbia chauvinists mercilessly exploited the Albanians, seized their lands, and did not give them the opportunity to live in one place. During the war Albanians took an active part in the national liberation struggle, hoping that Yugoslavia's liberation from the fascist invaders would bring them a happy life and freedom. With the seizure of power by the Tito-Rankovic fascist clique, how-

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The Yugoslav People's Struggle
Against the Tito Clique

By P. Zyablov

DAY by day the struggle of the working people in Yugoslavia against the fascist Tito regime is growing more intense. It is gaining a greater mass following, becoming better organized, and finding expression in new forms. All sections of the Yugoslav people, workers, peasants and intellectuals, youths and girls, men and women, are taking part in the heroic struggle.

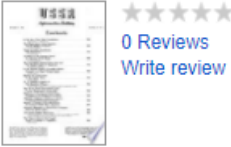
There are facts bearing witness to the popular character of the struggle. For instance, despite stern repressive measures taken by Rankovic's mercenaries on the eve of the so-called elections to the Skupshtina to compel the

and export of strategic raw and other materials wanted by the instigators of a new war. The response of the unmercifully exploited miners, lumberjacks, and workers in a number of other industries to the Titoites' motto "all for export" is to leave their jobs by the thousands. Thus, the fascist, Stambolic, officially admitted that of the 628,000 workers driven to work in Serbian industry, 430,000 or nearly 70 per cent ran away during the first 10 months in 1949. More than half of the miners refuse to dig coal. At the Racko Pavlovic Chemical Works in the city of Zemun near Belgrade, it is not

The Kulpin Canning Factory in the city of Novi-Sad with a working force of 300 women has a labor turnover of 25 per cent per month.

In Croatia, about 20 per cent of the workers in heavy industry plants and mines stay away from work daily in protest against the policy of the Belgrade rulers; in the building trades the percentage is 28, and in the timber industry it is 23 per cent. Leather goods workers are regularly decreasing their labor productivity too. To cite one example, the workers of the Proleter Shoe Factory in Belgrade carried through a slow-down strike, reducing the daily

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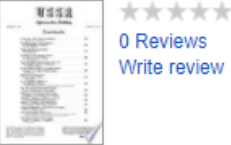
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workers to vote for the Tito candidates, 80,000 persons did not go to the polls and 650,000 voted against the Tito candidates right under the noses of the election commissions whose functions were rather those of the police. These are the official figures. But there is no doubt that all true Yugoslav patriots voted against the fascist dictatorship of the Tito gang.

Yugoslavia's working class decidedly refuses to put its head under the yoke to sweat out profits for foreign monopolies and riches for the Belgrade rulers. The Titoite's attempts to force the workers to accept conditions of slavery by carrying on a campaign to have them sign so-called "labor contracts," are meeting with constantly increasing resistance. Notwithstanding threats, arrests, loss of food ration cards, and other forms of coercion, the campaign is obviously a fiasco. For instance, at the Constructor Works in Maribor only 20 per cent of the workers signed the contracts, and at the Impol Factory in Slovenska Bistritsa, no more than 10 per cent; at the Orahovici quarries, out of 146 workers a mere six signed.

Yugoslavia's toilers are not confining themselves to resisting the coercion and arbitrary acts of the present fascist rulers; they are doing everything in their power to disrupt the production

uncommon for as many as 80 per cent of the workers to stay away from the plant. According to obviously doctored official figures Belgrade's factories lost 2,300,000 man-hours during the first four months of this year as a result of workers quitting their jobs. In Slovenia's timber industry the Titoites are losing 17,000 man-days per month due to workers' boycotts and resistance, the result of which is a sharp drop in timber output.

Rallying to the slogan: "Let's Undermine the Economic Foundation of the Tito-Rankovic Fascist Regime," the workers of Yugoslavia are everywhere cutting down the productivity of labor, thus disrupting the fulfillment of plans. Output at mills and factories is constantly dropping. The following is an excerpt from a letter received from a woman textile worker in Belgrade by the paper *Under the Banner of Internationalism*, published in Romania by Yugoslav revolutionary refugees in that country: "Productivity of labor in the textile mills, where the working force is in the main made up of women, is down 20 to 30 per cent on the average. We are also successfully employing another form of sabotage in our factory," the writer of the letter stated, "and that is staying away from work. The factory lost 10,000 man-hours this way in March alone."

output from 900 pairs of shoes to from 400 to 500. Another form of struggle employed by the workers is to increase the proportion of defective products, the percentage of which sometimes is as high as 30 per cent. Still another form is to spoil materials, as, for instance, is practiced by the workers of the Acen Balkanski Leather Goods works in Nisa where leather to the value of 14,000,000 dinars has been ruined.

The Titoites are no longer able to hide the constantly increasing resistance of wide sections of the population. Although the Belgrade fascists try to avoid using such words as strikes, resistance, or struggle, preferring to use the expression "loss of labor time," nevertheless hangman-in-chief Tito had to admit in his speech made in the Skupshchina on April 24 that in 1949 virtually a third of all workers in Croatia had been out on strike.

The Titoites' "plans" for the forced mobilization of manpower are also failures. Thus, the office for manpower mobilization for the uyezd of Varazdin dispatched 57 men to that area to "recruit" workers, but after a five-day "hunt" the whole group returned to their headquarters without a single "recruit."

In their endeavor to squeeze the last bit of strength out of the workers

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the Titoites are resorting to the cruelest exploitation under the guise of a "standards system." This system is so brutal

The working people of Yugoslavia are doing their utmost to hamper construction of military objects and produc-

comrades. We will turn our weapons against the Titoites, the hangmen of our people."

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Tito-Rankovic Clique Has Established Fascist Regime in Yugoslavia

By A. Kalinin

THE Tito fascist clique is an abominable product of the darkest forces of international reaction. The imperialists rightly regard Tito as Hitler's successor. It is no accident that when the fascists captured power in Germany the Tito-Rankovic clique was in the service of the Hitlerite Gestapo which later turned over the Yugoslav traitors to the secret services of other imperialist powers.

Irrefutable facts revealed at the trials

Leko Rankovic, one of the leaders of the Communist Party. Both the prosecutor and the judge were certain of a negative answer but, contrary to their expectations, Becharovic told the truth. "Yes, I knew," he replied. "Two of my assistants and I knew it. The passport in the name of engineer Persic was given Rankovic by my employee."

This is how Becharovic exposed Rankovic and upset the entire comedy trial of their confreres staged by the Titoites.

Soviet Union and the entire camp of democracy and socialism.

Fearing exposure, the Titoites constantly expanded and reinforced Rankovic's Gestapo machinery, exterminating Yugoslav Communists who adhered to the positions of internationalism and all true patriots of the country. Every free expression of progressive, democratic thoughts endangers one's life and freedom. Party organizations which came out against the Belgrade rulers

of Koche Dzodze, Laszlo Rajk, and Traicho Kostov showed that while thousands of Yugoslav patriots were brutally put to death in the torture chambers of the Gestapo, the ringleaders of the Titoite gang, including Rankovic, were at liberty because they were already at that time agents of the imperialist secret services. This is also confirmed by other voluminous data.

A trial was recently held in Belgrade of Bojidar Becharovic, who was in charge of the department fighting communism in Nedic's police, Svetozar Vukmanovic, chief of a camp in Bozice, Nikolai Guborev, and their hangers-on. The Titoites were forced to organize this trial of their former adherents under the pressure of the masses who were outraged by the fact that these butchers not only suffered no punishment but even served as instructors in the UDB, the State Security Administration. By

The Tito clique was forced to cut short the trial and shoot the defendants, not for their sanguinary deeds but in order to conceal their traces, in order to avoid more exposures.

While serving the Gestapo, the Tito clique betrayed many Communists and patriots. Thus Vukmanovic (Tempo) betrayed the Communist Party and Young Communist League organization in Sarajevo in 1941. Hundreds of young patriots were then cast into prison and concentration camps, many of them were killed. In the same year Tito's colleague Velebit denounced members of the Central Committee of the Croatian Communist Party who met at his villa.

Thus the Belgrade hirelings of imperialist reaction, even before coming to power, destroyed by various means the finest sons of the Yugoslav people.

Seeking to behead the Communist

were dissolved, and Communists who do not want to become traitors to their country are cast into prison by Rankovic's janizaries, where they are brutally tortured and killed. Recently 24 Communists in Sarajevo condemned the fascist policy of Tito. They were immediately arrested and turned over to Rankovic's butchers.

Tito and Rankovic seek to crush the struggle of Yugoslav patriots by vicious terror. At a meeting of the party organization in the State Control Commission of Vojvodina, Iso Jovanovic, a member of the Central Committee of the so-called Communist Party of Yugoslavia, openly threatened "to cut off the head of anyone who disagrees with the line of Tito." Slobodin Penesic, Minister of the Interior of Serbia, issued a directive at a meeting of officers of the UDB "not to feel constrained and to kill everyone you think necessary."

organizing this trial, the Yugoslav rulers pursued at the same time the object of distracting the attention of the working people of the country from the trials of Laszlo Rajk and Traicho Kostov which exposed the Tito clique as guilty of treachery, espionage, and the organization of assassinations. But things turned out differently.

At the trial Prosecutor Juric, thinking that he knew in advance the answer of the defendant, asked Becharovic if he knew that the man who had been in the prison hospital of the Gestapo under the name of engineer Persic was

and labor movement in the country, the Titoites have pursued a policy of the mass annihilation of the finest proletarian forces. Thousands of Yugoslav patriots have fallen victim to treacherous directives and orders. The treachery of Tito, Rankovic and Djilas in the valley of the Pivo, Tire, and Suteski rivers alone in March, 1943, claimed the lives of thousands of patriots.

On gaining power under the guise of friends of the USSR, the fascist Tito clique, on orders of the imperialists, from the very first days pursued its foul, subversive activity aimed against the

The London *Economist*, journal of the British industrial circles, wrote in an article discussing American help to Tito that the American Government, while rendering ever-growing help to Tito, entertains no illusions as to the dictatorship and lack of democratic freedom in the country.

Spies and assassins are in power in Yugoslavia. The Tito clique now openly fascistizes all links of public and governmental life in the country. People's power has been liquidated in Yugoslavia and only the old shingles remain—"People's Front," "People's Com-

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As far back as the first months after the war, comfortable camps were established in resort areas of Western Germany for Yugoslav Ustasi, Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists-Banderites' and Petliura men-and former S.S. men: war criminals saved by American imperialists from deserved retribution. American imperialism bought the Gestapo agent Tito and his clique for a low price. The American intelligence service and the capitalist magnates of the USA do not spare dollars for financing all kinds of Jewish bourgeois nationalist, Zionist organizations ...

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE POWER OF MURDERERS & SPIES

The Information Bureau, consisting of representatives of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Rumanian Workers' Party, Working People's Party of Hungary, United Workers' Party of Poland, Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks), Communist Party of France, and the Czechoslovak and Italian Communist Parties, having considered the question: "The Yugoslav Communist Party in the power of murderers and spies", unanimously reached the following conclusions:

Whereas, in June 1948 the meeting of the Information Bureau of the Communist Parties noted the change-over of the Tito-Rankovic clique from democracy and Socialism to bourgeois nationalism, during the period that elapsed since the meeting of the Information Bureau, this clique has travelled all the way from bourgeois nationalism to fascism and outright betrayal of the national interests of Yugoslavia.

Recent events show that the Yugoslav Government is completely dependent on foreign imperialist circles and has become an instrument of their aggressive policy, which has resulted in the liquidation of the independence of the Yugoslav Republic.

The Central Committee of the Party and the Government of Yugoslavia have merged completely with the imperialist circles against the entire camp of Socialism and democracy; against the Communist Parties of the world; against the New Democracies and the USSR.

The Belgrade clique of hired spies and murderers made a flagrant deal with imperialist reaction and entered its service, as the Budapest trial of Rajk-Brankov made perfectly clear.

This trial showed that the present Yugoslav rulers, having fled from the camp of democracy and Socialism to the camp of capitalism and reaction, have become direct accomplices of the instigators of a new war and by their treacherous deeds are ingratiating themselves with the imperialists and kow-towing to them.

The change-over of the Tito clique to fascism was not fortuitous. It was effected on the order of their masters, the Anglo-American imperialists, whose mercenaries, it is now clear, this clique has been for long.

The Yugoslav traitors, obeying the will of the imperialists, undertook to form in the People's Democracies political gangs consisting of reactionaries, nationalists, clerical and fascist elements and, relying on these gangs, to bring about counter-revolutionary coups in these countries, wrest them from the Soviet Union and the entire Socialist camp and subordinate them to the forces of imperialism.

The Tito clique transformed Belgrade into an American centre for

espionage and anti-Communist propaganda.

When all genuine friends of peace, democracy and Socialism see in the USSR a powerful fortress of Socialism, a faithful and steadfast defender of the freedom and independence of nations and the principal bulwark of peace, the Tito-Rankovic clique, having attained power under the mask of friendship with the USSR, began on the orders of the Anglo-American imperialists a campaign of slander and provocation against the Soviet Union, utilising the most vile calumnies borrowed from the arsenal of Hitler.

The transformation of the Tito-Rankovic clique into a direct agency of imperialism and accomplices of the warmongers, culminated in the lining up of the Yugoslav government with the imperialist bloc at UNO, where the Kardeljs, Djilas and Beblers joined in a unit front with American reactionaries on vital matters of international policy.

In the sphere of home policy, the chief outcome of the activity of the traitor Tito-Rankovic clique is the actual liquidation of People's Democratic system in Yugoslavia.

Due to the counter-revolutionary policy of the Tito-Rankovic clique which usurped power in the Party and in the State, an anti-Communist, police State—fascist type regime—has been installed in Yugoslavia.

The social basis of this regime consists of kulaks in the countryside and capitalist elements in the towns.

In fact power in Yugoslavia is in the hands of anti-popular, reactionary elements. Active members of the old bourgeois parties, kulaks and other enemies of People's Democracy, are active in central and local government bodies.

The top fascist rulers rely on an enormously swollen military-police apparatus, with the aid of which they oppress the peoples of Yugoslavia.

They have turned the country into a military camp, wiped out all democratic rights of the working people, and trample on any free expression of opinion.

The Yugoslav rulers demagogically and insolently deceive the people, alleging that they are building Socialism in Yugoslavia.

But it is clear to every Marxist that there can be no talk of building Socialism in Yugoslavia when the Tito clique has broken with the Soviet Union, with the entire camp of Socialism and democracy, thereby depriving Yugoslavia of the main bulwark for building Socialism and when it has subordinated the country economically and politically to Anglo-American imperialists.

The State sector in the economy of Yugoslavia has ceased to be people's property, since State power is in the hands of enemies of the people.

The Tito-Rankovic clique has created wide possibilities for the

penetration of foreign capital into the economy of the country, and has placed the economy under the control of capitalist monopolies.

Anglo-American industrial-financial circles investing their capital in Yugoslav economy are transforming Yugoslavia into an agrarian-raw materials adjunct of foreign capital.

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As a result of the fascist terror of the Tito gangs against the healthy forces in the Yugoslav Communist Party, leadership of the party is wholly in the hands of spies and murderers, mercenaries of imperialism.

The Communist Party of Yugoslavia has been seized by counter-revolutionary forces, acting arbitrarily in the name of the Party. Recruiting spies and provocateurs in the ranks of the working class parties is, as is well-known, an old method of the bourgeoisie.

In this way the imperialists seek to undermine the Parties from within and subordinate them to themselves. They have succeeded in realising this aim in Yugoslavia.

The fascist ideology and fascist domestic policy, as well as the perfidious foreign policy of the Tito clique, completely subordinated to the foreign imperialist circles, have created a gulf between the espionage fascist Tito-Rankovic clique and the vital interests of the freedom-loving peoples of

Yugoslavia.

Consequently, the anti-popular and treacherous activity of the Tito clique is encountering ever-growing resistance from those Communists who have remained loyal to Marxism-Leninism, and among the working class and working peasantry of Yugoslavia.

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On the basis of irrefutable facts testifying to the complete change-over of the Tito clique to fascism and its desertion to the camp of world imperialism, the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers' Parties considers, that:

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2. This espionage group expresses not the will of the peoples of Yugoslavia but the will of the Anglo-American imperialists, and has therefore betrayed the interests of the country and abolished the political sovereignty and economic independence of Yugoslavia.

3. The "Communist Party of Yugoslavia", as at present constituted, being in the hands of enemies of the people, murderers and spies, has forfeited the right to be called a Communist Party and is merely an apparatus for carrying out the espionage assignments of the clique of Tito-Kardelj-Rankovic-Djilas.

The Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers' Parties considers therefore, that the struggle against the Tito clique—hired spies and murderers—is the international duty of all Communist and Workers' Parties.

It is the duty of Communist and Workers' Parties to give all possible aid to the Yugoslav working class and working peasantry who are fighting for the return of Yugoslavia to the camp of democracy and Socialism.

A necessary condition for the return of Yugoslavia to the Socialist camp is active struggle on the part of revolutionary elements both inside the Yugoslav Communist Party and outside its ranks, for the regeneration of the revolutionary genuine Communist Party of Yugoslavia, loyal to Marxism-Leninism, to the principles of proletarian internationalism, and fighting for the independence of Yugoslavia from imperialism.

The loyal Communist forces in Yugoslavia, who, in the present brutal conditions of fascist terror, are deprived of the possibility of engaging in open action against the Tito-Rankovic clique, were compelled in the struggle for the cause of Communism, to follow the path taken by the Communists in those countries where legal work is forbidden.

Resolutions of the Communist Information Bureau Condemning Titoite Revisionism

Resolution of the Information Bureau Concerning the Situation in the Communist Party of Yugoslavia

June 1948

During the second half of June, a meeting of the Information Bureau was held in Romania. The meeting was attended by the following representatives:

Bulgarian Workers' Party (Communists), Comrades T. Kostov, B. Chervenkov; Romanian Workers' Party, Comrades G. Georgiu Dej, V. Luca, A. Pauker; Hungarian Workers' Party, Comrades M. Rakosi, M. Farcas, A. Gero; Polish Workers' Party, Comrades J. Berman, A. Zavadski; Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks), Comrades A. Zhdanov, G. Malenkov, M. Suslov; Communist Party of France, Comrades J. Dados, E. Fajon; Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Comrades R. Slansky, V. Siroky, B. Geminder, G. Bares; Communist Party of Italy, Comrades P. Togliatti, P. Secchia.

The Information Bureau discussed the situation in the Communist Party of Yugoslavia and unanimously adopted a resolution on this question.

The Information Bureau regards as disgraceful such actions as the expulsion from the Party and the arrest of the Central Committee members, Comrades Djuiovic and Hebrang because they dared to criticize the anti-Soviet attitude of the leaders of the Yugoslav Communist Party, and called for friendship between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

Unable to face the criticism of the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U.(B.) and the Central Committees of the other fraternal Parties, the Yugoslav leaders took the path of outrightly deceiving their Party and people by concealing from the Yugoslav Communist Party the criticism of the Central Committee's incorrect policy and also by concealing from the Party and the people the real reasons for the brutal measures against Comrades Djuiovic and Hebrang.

5. The Information Bureau considers that the bureaucratic regime created inside the Party by its leaders is disastrous for the life and development of the Yugoslav Communist Party. There is no inner Party democracy, no elections, and no criticism and self-criticism in the Party. Despite the unfounded assurances of Comrades Tito and Kardelj, the majority of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia is composed of co-opted, and not of elected members. The Communist Party is actually in a position of semi-legality. Party meetings are either not held at all, or meet in secret -- a fact which can only undermine the influence of the Party among the masses. This type of organization of the Yugoslav Communist Party cannot be described as anything but a sectarian-bureaucratic organization. It leads to the liquidation of the Party as an active, self-acting organism, it cultivates military methods of leadership in the Party similar to the methods advocated in his day by Trotsky.

Recently, even after the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U.(B.) and fraternal parties had criticized the mistakes of the Yugoslav leaders, the latter tried to bring in a number of new leftist laws. They hastily decreed the nationalization of medium industry and trade, though the basis for this is completely unprepared. In view of such haste the new decision only hampers the supply of goods to the population. In a similar hurried manner they brought in a new grain tax for which the way is also not prepared and which can, therefore, only dislocate grain supplies to the urban population. Finally, only recently the Yugoslav leaders in loud declarations declared their love for, and devotion to, the Soviet Union, although it is known that in practice they are pursuing an unfriendly policy toward the Soviet Union.

Communist Party of Yugoslavia in the Power of Murderers and Spies

November 1949

The Information Bureau, consisting of representatives of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, Rumanian Workers' Party, Working People's Party of Hungary, United Workers' Party of Poland, Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks), Communist Party of France, and the Czechoslovak and Italian Communist Parties, having considered the question: "The Yugoslav Communist Party in the power of murderers and spies", unanimously reached the following conclusions:

Whereas, in June 1948 the meeting of the Information Bureau of the Communist Parties noted the change-over of the Tito-Rankovic clique from democracy and socialism to bourgeois nationalism, during the period that has elapsed since the meeting of the Information Bureau, this clique has travelled all the way from bourgeois nationalism to fascism and outright betrayal of the national interests of Yugoslavia.

Recent events show that the Yugoslav Government is completely dependent on foreign imperialist circles and has become an instrument of their aggressive policy, which has resulted in the liquidation of the independence of the Yugoslav Republic.

The Central Committee of the Party and the Government of Yugoslavia have merged completely with the imperialist circles against the entire camp of socialism and democracy; against the Communist Parties of the world; against the New Democracies and the U.S.S.R.

The Belgrade clique of hired spies and murderers made a flagrant deal with imperialist reaction and entered its service, as the Budapest trial of Rajk-Brankov made perfectly clear.

This trial showed that the present Yugoslav rulers, having fled from the camp of democracy and socialism to the camp of capitalism and reaction, have become direct accomplices of the instigators of a new war, and, by their treacherous deeds, are ingratiating themselves with the imperialists and kow-towing to them.

The change-over of the Tito clique to fascism was not fortuitous. It was effected on the order of their masters, the Anglo-American imperialists, whose mercenaries, it is now clear, this clique has been for long.

The Yugoslav traitors, obeying the will of the imperialists, undertook to form in the People's Democracies political gangs consisting of reactionaries, nationalists, clerical and fascist elements and, relying on these gangs, to bring about counter-revolutionary coups in these countries, wrest them from the Soviet Union and the entire socialist camp and subordinate them to the forces of imperialism.

The Tito clique transformed Belgrade into an American center for espionage and anti-Communist propaganda.

When all genuine friends of peace, democracy and socialism see in the U.S.S.R. a powerful fortress of Socialism, a faithful and steadfast defender of the freedom and independence of nations and the principal bulwark of peace, the Tito-Rankovic clique, having attained power under the mask of friendship with the U.S.S.R., began on the orders of the Anglo-American imperialists, a campaign of slander and provocation against the Soviet Union, utilizing the most vile calumnies borrowed from the arsenal of Hitler.

The transformation of the Tito-Rankovic clique into a direct agency of imperialism, and accomplices of the war-mongers, culminated in the lining up of the Yugoslav Government with the imperialist bloc at U.N.O., where the Kardeljs, Djilas and Beblers, joined in a united front with American reactionaries on vital matters of international policy.

In the sphere of home policy, the chief outcome of the activity of the traitor Tito-Rankovic clique is the actual liquidation of the People's Democratic system in Yugoslavia.

Due to the counter-revolutionary policy of the Tito-Rankovic clique which usurped power in the Party and in the State, an anti-Communist police State -- fascist type regime -- has been installed in Yugoslavia.

The social basis of this regime consists of kulaks in the countryside and capitalist elements in the towns.

In fact power in Yugoslavia is in the hands of anti-popular, reactionary elements. Active members of the old bourgeois parties, kulaks and other enemies of People's Democracy, are active in central and local government bodies.

The top fascist rulers rely on an enormously swollen military-police apparatus, with the aid of which they oppress the peoples of Yugoslavia.

They have turned the country into a military camp, wiped out all democratic rights of the working people, and trampled on any free expression of opinion.

The Yugoslav rulers demagogically and insolently deceive the people, alleging they are building socialism in Yugoslavia.

But it is clear to every Marxist that there can be no talk of building socialism in Yugoslavia when the Tito clique has broken with the Soviet Union, with the entire camp of socialism and democracy, thereby depriving Yugoslavia of the main bulwark for building socialism and when it has subordinated the country economically and politically to Anglo-American imperialists.

The State sector in the economy of Yugoslavia has ceased to be people's property, since State power is in the hands of enemies of the people.

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