

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 murders 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.

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espionage and anti-Communist propaganda.

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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.

The ever-growing slavish dependence of Yugoslavia on imperialism leads to intensified exploitation of the working class and to a severe worsening of its conditions.

The policy of the Yugoslav rulers in the countryside bears a kulak-capitalistic character.

The compulsory pseudo-cooperatives in the countryside are in the hands of kulaks and their agencies and represent an instrument for the exploitation of wide masses of working peasants.

The Yugoslav hirelings of imperialism, having seized leadership of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia, unloosed a campaign of terror against genuine Communists loyal to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and who fight for Yugoslavia's independence from the imperialists.

Thousands of Yugoslav patriots, devoted to Communism have been expelled from the Party and incarcerated in jails and concentration camps. Many have been tortured and killed in prison or as was the case with the well-known Communist, Arso Jovanovic, were dastardly assassinated.

The brutality with which staunch fighters for Communism are being annihilated in Yugoslavia can be compared only with the atrocities of the Hitler fascists or the butcher Tsaldaris in Greece or Franco in Spain.

Expelling from the ranks of the Party those Communists loyal to proletarian internationalism, annihilating them, the Yugoslav fascists opened wide the doors of the Party to bourgeois and kulak elements.

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:

1. The espionage group of Tito, Rankovic, Kardelj, Djilas, Pijade, Gosnjak, Maslaric, Bebler, Mrazovic, Vukmanovic, Koca Popovic, Kidric, Neskovic, Zlatic, Velebit, Kolishevski and others, are enemies of the working class and peasantry and enemies of the peoples of Yugoslavia.

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.

The Information Bureau expresses the firm conviction that among the workers and peasants of Yugoslavia forces will be found capable ensuring victory over the bourgeois- restoration espionage Tito-Rankovic clique; that the toiling people of Yugoslavia led by the working class will succeed in restoring the historical gains of People's Democracy won at the price of heavy sacrifice and heroic struggle by the people of Yugoslavia and that they will take the road of building Socialism.

The Information Bureau considers one of the most important tasks of the Communist and Workers' Parties to be an all-round heightening of revolutionary vigilance in Party ranks; exposing and rooting out bourgeois-nationalist elements and agents of imperialism no matter under what flag they conceal themselves.

The Information Bureau recognises the need for more ideological work in the Communist and Workers' Parties; more work to train Communists in the spirit of loyalty to proletarian internationalism; irreconcilability to any departure from the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and in the spirit of loyalty to People's Democracy and Socialism.

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COMRADES,

More than a year has passed since the publication of the historic Resolution of the Information Bureau concerning the situation in the Communist Party of Yugoslavia.

The course of events in Yugoslavia during this period, the Budapest trial and the provocative activity of the Tito delegation at UNO have fully confirmed the correctness of the Resolution and the value of this remarkable theoretical and practical document for the world revolutionary movement.

The Resolution exposed with particular force and profundity the anti-Soviet and anti-Communist nature of the Yugoslav leaders; and also the fact that they had nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism or the principles of proletarian internationalism.

With brilliant foresight it revealed the sources of subsequent events in Yugoslavia, pointing out that

“such a nationalist line can only lead to Yugoslavia’s degeneration into an ordinary bourgeois republic; to the loss of its independence and to its transformation into a colony of the imperialist countries.”

The same scientific insight we find in the elucidation in the Resolution of the question of the economic consequences of the demagogical and adventurous measures taken by Tito’s clique with the aim of compromising Socialism.

The Resolution gave powerful support to the healthy, revolutionary, internationalist- elements in the Yugoslav Communist Party in the struggle against the Tito-Rankovic fascist dictatorship.

The spirit of the Resolution has penetrated deeply and still makes itself deeply felt among the masses of the Yugoslav people who learned from their own experience the correctness of the estimation of the sanguinary butchers who gained control of the helm of State.

The Information Bureau Resolution was an historic turning point in the orientation and activity of the entire world revolutionary movement.

Thanks to its Marxist-Leninist ideological clarity and exactitude in relation to the class struggle under the conditions that took shape after War II particularly in the People’s Democracies—the Communist and Workers’

Parties were able successfully to combat nationalist deviations in their own ranks and consolidate their ideological unity.

The world revolutionary movement was directed with great determination along the line of proletarian internationalism.

Communists and the working class became imbued even more with the ideology of proletarian internationalism and with the sense that devotion to the homeland of Socialism—the Soviet Union—is the touchstone and criterion of internationalism.

The Resolution concerning the situation in the Yugoslav Communist Party provided the basis for numerous victories of the Communist and Workers' Parties.

With its help—the Communist and Workers Parties orientated themselves in the struggle against nationalist deviations and to strengthen proletarian internationalism, and outlined a clear and resolute policy on the issues of peace and war.

Comrade Stalin rendered great assistance to the international Communist movement. With brilliant insight he warned us of a number of ideological deviations and confusion and helped us to fight them successfully.

This help of Comrade Stalin was the salvation of many Marxist parties; it enabled them to avoid numerous mistakes in their practical and theoretical work.

In their declarations on the stand of the Communist Parties in the event of imperialist aggression against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, outstanding leaders of the international working class movement — Maurice Thorez, Palmiro Togliatti, Foster and others — expressed the readiness and determination of the working people of their countries to fight together with the liberating Soviet Army against imperialist aggressors.

The resolute stand against the Anglo-American warmongers met with a wide response throughout the world and was an important stimulus in the struggle of the masses for peace.

The Resolution of the Information Bureau resounded as a powerful call for revolutionary vigilance. It was a reminder of the danger attending those taking the path of bourgeois nationalism, 'those sinking into the mire of anti-Sovietism, a danger of which Comrade Stalin warned as long as 22 years ago:

“An internationalist is he,” says Comrade Stalin, “who unreservedly, without any hesitation and unconditionally is ready to defend the USSR because the USSR constitutes the base of the world revolutionary movement, and to defend, to advance this revolutionary movement is impossible without defending the USSR. He who thinks in terms of defending the world revolutionary movement without the

USSR, and against it, goes against revolution and inevitably finds his way into the camp of the enemies of revolution.” (J. V- Stalin, **Selected Works**, Russ. Ed., Volume X, p. 51)

How profoundly appropriate these words of our great teacher sound today. The dialectics of the class struggle are merciless.

The shameless and hypocritical attempt of the Tito clique to conceal its anti-Soviet and anti-Communist position from the world revolutionary movement and from the working class and working people of Yugoslavia, with phrases about building Socialism and about the so-called “independent line” in relation to the two camps into which the world is now split, has suffered complete failure and evoked the greatest disgust.

The Tito clique has openly switched over to the imperialist camp of the warmongers and is in the service of U.S. imperialists.

The logical consequences of this anti-Communist and anti-Soviet policy was the Tito clique’s change-over to fascism.

This clique has bartered Yugoslavia and the Yugoslav peoples to the U.S. monopolists; liquidated State sovereignty, national independence and the last remnants of freedom, establishing a brutal, gestapo-type regime.

The facts revealed at the Budapest trial, and in the People’s Republic of Bulgaria, in the Rumanian People’s Republic and in other People’s Democracies, clearly show that Tito Rankovic, Kardelj, Djilas, Pijade, Gosnjak, Maslaric, Bebler, Mrazovic, Vukmanovic, Koca Popovic, Kidric, Neskovic Zlatic, Velebit and others, and also Rajk, Brankov, Traico Kostov, Patrascanu and their ilk are the agents of Anglo-American imperialist intelligence services.

Even during World War II these despicable spies and traitors helped the Anglo-American imperialists to prepare footholds to realise the plan of world domination.

This gang of spies and traitors was brought like the Trojan horse into the ranks of the Communist and Workers’ Parties.

Carrying out the orders of their masters, they pursued the criminal aim of seizing leadership in the Party and in the State in countries where the working class came to power; of suppressing the revolutionary movement and securing the restoration of bourgeois domination.

In the Central and South-Eastern countries of Europe liberated by the Soviet Army, the bourgeois parties and bourgeois politicians emerged from the war seriously compromised.

The people’s revolutionary forces exposed them and destroyed them politically. World reaction fiercely defended its bourgeois agents in these countries.

But it did not restrict itself to this for the bourgeois parties and the

Right-wing Social-Democrats were no longer able themselves to fight against the people's forces led by the Communist and Workers' Parties.

The imperialists began to look for new reserves to restore the capitalist regime; to split the working class and democratic movement and to sow confusion in its ranks.

Lenin drew attention to the fact that the bourgeoisie, which has great political experience, tries to find, even in its most difficult moments when it seems exhausted, new and unexpected reserves to save itself from death.

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Even during the war, in 1943, the BBC which had supported Mihailovic and the émigré ex-King Peter's Government sharply changed its tone in favour of Tito.

Afterwards it became known that there was a British military mission attached to the Tito headquarters and that Tito appointed Colonel(now General) Velebit, an agent of the British intelligence service, as his representative in London.

The imperialist intrigues began to come to the surface.

At that period the leadership of the Yugoslav Communist Party issued a political declaration — nationalist in essence—in relation to Macedonia, calling upon the Macedonian patriots, at the height of the struggle, to desert the EAM and place themselves at the disposal of Tito.

Tito's emissaries, including Vukmanovic, immediately began in Macedonia subversive activities in the Greek Communist Party.

Churchill sent his son Randolph with a special mission to Tito. Later, the old reactionary and mortal enemy of the USSR met Tito personally. Even at that time Tito and his clique enjoyed the particular attention and confidence of the imperialists.

On the other hand, the exposure by the Yugoslav, General Popivoda, showed in a true light the conciliatory attitude of Tito, Rankovic and others with regard to the Hitler invaders and the Gestapo, and also to their foul betrayal of Yugoslav partisans during the most critical periods of the war.

All this fully explains the subsequent behaviour of the Tito clique. For

the experience of the working class movement teaches us that those who are once recruited by the bourgeois police are at its disposal for the rest of their lives.

The Anglo-American imperialists popularise the foul stand of the Tito gang, recommending it as an anti-Communist recipe on an international scale.

They also tried to bring the Communists of other countries under the influence of Tito. But the plan of the imperialists turned into a fiasco. The ears of the spies of international capital, protruded from beneath the "Marshal's" hat.

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All the endeavours of the imperialist bourgeoisie to extend the Tito anti-Soviet, anti-Communist, subversive policy beyond Yugoslavia collapsed before the iron will of the world revolutionary proletarian movement.

After the Resolution of the Information Bureau had been issued, the Belgrade fascist monsters began to complain that they were allegedly the victims of injustice.

But their sole aim was to conceal as long- as possible their shady past and their contact with Anglo-American imperialism. The Budapest trial came as a thunderbolt to the Tito clique.

The facts proved that the question was not one of mistakes but of a deliberate counter-revolutionary anti-Soviet, anti-Communist policy carried out by a gang of spies, professional informers and agents-provocateurs with a long record of service in the police and in the apparatus of the bourgeois intelligence service.

A large number of the present Yugoslav easers were sent by the Gestapo to Yugoslavia from concentration camps in France as long ago as 1941.

The exposure of the Rajk-Brankov gang, the trial and sentences, should be regarded as a serious success for the front of Socialism and democracy against the designs of imperialism.

The facts exposed at the Budapest trial completely stripped the mask from Tito and his clique revealing them before the peoples of Yugoslavia and of the world in their true colours as old spies and agents-provocateurs who penetrated the ranks of the working class movement as hired agents of the

U.S. and British imperialists.

The plans of the U.S. imperialists aimed at intimidating and undermining the People's Democracies; at creating an anti-Soviet bloc in Central and South-Western Europe—a bloc in which the Tito clique would play the role of storm detachment; these are part of the general strategical plan of imperialism aimed at fanning a new world war.

That is why the exposure of this plan was a tremendous- defeat for the warmongers and a victory for peace.

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The foreign policy of the Tito clique is an anti-Soviet policy of the most foul brand. The Belgrade counter-revolutionary agency carries out the tasks of the imperialist aggressors and the instigators of a new world war.

The fascist tyrants try to conceal the nature of the Atlantic Pact from the Yugoslav people—a pact they would like to join.

Their actions, exposed at the trial in Budapest, provide overwhelming proof of their active participation in the realisation of the military plans of the Anglo-American imperialists.

Analysing the tendencies in the foreign policy of the Tito clique, the Communist and Workers' Parties long ago pointed out that one should not be surprised if to curry favour with his masters Tito would shortly create a new theory whereby not capitalism and its contradictions nor imperialism but Socialism and Communism are the cause of wars in our epoch.

And indeed, this has now become the main slogan of the foreign policy of the Yugoslav Government, All foreign policy declarations of the Belgrade fascist gang pursue the single aim — to slander and smear the USSR and the People's Democracies.

There are no imperialists in the world for the Tito clique. Every assault of the Tito clique breathes hatred and malice against the USSR and the People's Democracies.

The Anglo-American masters demanded that their agent Tito should be more active at the recent session of UNO.

The immense prestige won by the Soviet Union worries the imperialists. The role assigned by the imperialists to the Tito emissaries in UNO is to try to discredit the main force of peace—the Soviet Union—and to create a smoke screen which would make it impossible to see that the Anglo-American imperialists are the instigators of war.

The subversive Tito emissaries spare no efforts to compromise the

mutual relations of a new type—the Socialist mutual relations between the USSR and the People’s Democracies, based on equality and community of interests.

These relations become a centre of attraction for all peoples who desire peace and freedom, for the peoples of countries now the subordinate vassals of U.S. imperialism.

But the raving Tito clique proves to be impotent when faced by facts.

It was thanks only to Socialist assistance from the USSR that

“the People’s Democratic Republics have entered that phase when the people, having experienced the joy of a free and independent life, feel themselves masters of their country and dedicate all their energy to promoting its strength and progress.” (G. M. Malenkov, **Report, November 6, 1949**)

At the same time the economy of the U.S. faces a catastrophic crisis which will drag down with itself all countries which cast their lot with it, including also Yugoslavia.

At the recent session of UNO the Tito clique fully revealed itself. It became clear who stands behind it and whom it serves.

Tito zealously carries out all orders of his masters. There are no national interests which Tito would not betray on the orders of Washington.

In an article entitled, “United States of America will demand political concessions from Tito”, the Belgrade correspondent of the *New York Herald Tribune* declared as long ago as last June that changes would take place in the stand of the Yugoslav Government on the question of demands to Austria, on Trieste and the Greek partisans.

The imperialist servant, Judas Tito, carried out the orders of his masters to the dot. He abandoned Slovene Carinthia and hampers a just solution of Yugoslav interests in Trieste.

As for Greece, Acheson in his speech at the opening of the UNO General Assembly, stressed the change in the attitude of the treacherous Yugoslav Government.

This compelled the London *Times* to point out that in his foreign policy, Tito had removed some obstacles which hampered the establishment of economic relations with the Western powers.

In the language of the capitalists this means that it is possible to send Tito the dollars requested by him.

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Tito and Rankovic wage a fierce terror in the country. Any free expression of progressive, democratic views brings with it a threat to freedom and life. All human rights are cruelly trampled upon.

Prisons are filled with Communists, with strikers, workers and peasants who refuse to carry out the compulsory, but so-called voluntary work.

Torture chambers, beatings and a regime of starvation in prisons evoke horror throughout the country.

Murders and shootings are endless. Yugoslavia today is a country of sanguinary extermination and a prison of the peoples.

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Comrades Djuiovic and Hebrang and many other Communist leaders in Yugoslavia, many generals, colonels and other officers—heroes of the anti-Hitler struggle—outstanding Party officials, university professors, representatives of the progressive intelligentsia, workers and working peasants, who love their country, who long to see it wrested from the clutches of imperialism and who also love the Soviet Union and Socialism—all have been thrown into prison and subjected to a regime of physical extermination.

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We send Communist, militant greetings to all Yugoslav comrades who courageously endure the blood-thirsty terror in torture chambers and concentration camps of the butcher Rankovic.

The economic situation in Yugoslavia is becoming increasingly difficult for the working people The State sector is not people's property; it is a sector

of State capitalism placed in the service of foreign capital.

A Yugoslav worker does not work for himself or for his people. The surplus value produced by him is appropriated on an increasing scale by foreign banks and trusts.

The strikes which broke out at various factories, such as the Stura foundry, the car-repair shops near Maribor and the Trbovle mines were bloodily suppressed by the Rankovic thugs.

The fascist terror dictatorship of the Tito clique against the mass of the working people is carried out for the benefit of foreign capital and for the national bourgeoisie, both rural and urban.

Simultaneously with the strengthening of the kulaks, the growth of the urban bourgeoisie is taking place.

The Belgrade fascist demagogues try to conceal the measures to restore capitalism with talk about the "liquidation of exploitation" or about the "triumphant march of Socialism."

A year and a half ago the traitor Kardelj, declared: "The days of all remnants of exploitation of man by man are numbered in our country."

Actually, capitalist exploitation has increased in the towns and countryside of Yugoslavia. Kulaks and other exploiters bless their benefactor—Judas Tito.

As a result of the hostile policy against the USSR and the People's Democracies, the Tito clique, having deprived Yugoslavia of the support of these countries, has doomed completely to failure the Five-Year Plan.

The working people of Yugoslavia increasingly realise what a base fraud is Tito's talk of "building Socialism" in Yugoslavia without and against the USSR and the People's Democracies.

In the countryside the conditions of the working peasants are more difficult than ever before. They are severely exploited by the kulaks and bear the burden of heavy taxes and compulsory labour.

The "producer cooperatives" forcibly set up and run by kulaks constitute a new form of exploitation of the working peasantry.

Kulaks who possess agricultural implements exploit the labour of poor peasants in the so-called cooperatives far more ruthlessly than on their own farms.

Recently the Tito clique resorted more and more to one of the most brutal forms of exploitation — unpaid, compulsory labour for the benefit of foreign capital.

It is called "voluntary work" in lumber camps, road building and so on. Thousands of people are forcibly taken to lumber camps.

The "voluntary work" to prepare timber for export to Britain and America, work carried out in the Bosnian and Herzegovinian forests, is

characteristic in this respect. Recruitment for “voluntary” work is made without warning.

Representatives of the State come during dinner time or at night and forcibly take away the people whose names are on specially lists.

Often these people do not fit the conditions outlined in the rules, that is, they are either too old (55 years) or are young (14 years).

Many of them are ill and disabled. The number of sick and old people reaches 20 per cent of the total number of people mobilised for work.

Even a medical certificate releasing a man from “voluntary work” is ignored. The working day is 10 to 14 hours.

Food is poor and consists of bean soup, 200 grammes of bread and 200 grammes of maize flour. People are not provided with clothing, they sleep on the ground in the forest, often in dirt and rain since there are not even hutments.

Apart from the people, draught animals, horses and oxen, together with carts are “voluntarily” taken away. This compulsory work meets with an increasingly fierce resistance from the masses.

The national policy of the gang of spies and murderers now in power in Yugoslavia is a national-chauvinist race policy of fascist type, a policy of monstrous oppression of national minorities, of depriving them of any right to free development.

Organisations of national minorities have been dissolved, their honest leaders arrested and exterminated in the prisons of the Yugoslav fascist butchers.

Since the press of national minorities in Yugoslavia like the entire press is in the hands of fascist elements, national minorities cannot freely express their aspirations in their native language.

The Yugoslav press has been placed completely in the service of U.S. imperialism and its agents—the Tito spies and murderers.

Yugoslavia has become a Marshallised country. Whereas in the beginning Tito and his clique trumpeted that they would manage without loans, and swore that U.S. dollars would not sully “their own forces” and their “specific road”, today these political scoundrels openly appeal to U.S. banks for help.

It is known, however, that U.S. bankers are not content with interest alone.

The American, Hoare, head of the commission sent to Yugoslavia by the International Bank of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, settled himself in Belgrade like a master.

He told journalists at a press conference that he would check how the credits supplied by the Bank were used. Yugoslav economic plans are

delivered to this monopolist to be ratified.

All this is accompanied by a number of misfortunes suffered by the people; misfortunes arising from Marshallisation. Foreign capital penetrates into Yugoslavia through numerous channels. Yugoslavia's economic independence has been eliminated.

The most foul role which the counter-revolutionary agent, Tito, took upon himself was to strike a blow at the Democratic Army of Greece. The hangmen of the Greek and Yugoslav peoples—Tito and Tsaldaris—reached complete agreement, arranging secretly to destroy the heroic Greek partisans.

While Tito issued instructions to his troops how to stab the Greek Democratic Army in the back, his henchman, Vukmanovic, wrote in *Borba* of the "mistakes" committed by the Greek Communist Party.

In these difficult days for the Greek patriots he basely and with unparalleled perfidy, attacked the leadership of the Party and Comrade Zachariadis.

Aware of the feelings of sympathy and solidarity which the Yugoslav peoples have for the Greek partisans, the Tito clique prepared a monstrous "justification" of its action.

The old provocateur, Vukmanovic, wrote that the battle "was lost due to an absolutely mistaken line of the leadership on vital questions (armed struggle, organisation and training of troops, the question of power, relations with imperialists, and so on)".

These articles cannot conceal the despicable action of the Tito clique, for of all the crimes committed by it, the assistance rendered to monarcho-fascists against the Greek partisans is one of its most monstrous crimes.

All these facts provide a full estimation of the Gestapo regime and the fascist policy of the Tito clique. But the day is not far off when the peoples of Yugoslavia will settle accounts with this gang of spies, provocateurs and murderers.

II

What conclusions should be made on the basis of this analysis of the situation in Yugoslavia?

1. The espionage group of Tito 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.

The struggle against instigators of a new world war is inconceivable without struggle against the Tito clique. Consequently, the international significance of this struggle is clear.

2. 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-Rankovic-Djilas.

The struggle against the Tito clique — hired spies and murderers — is the international duty of all Communist and Workers’ Parties.

3. The main task in fighting the fascist Tito dictatorship falls to the working class and peoples of Yugoslavia, headed by revolutionary Communists.

The people of Yugoslavia have genuine sentiments of love for the Soviet Union which liberated them, and they desire heart and soul to return to the great family of Socialism and democracy.

The people of Yugoslavia deeply hate the Tito espionage clique and its masters — the Anglo-American imperialists. The desire and struggle of Yugoslav people to overthrow the fascist usurpers is growing.

It is the duty of Communist and Workers’ Parties to help in every way the Yugoslav working class and the working peasantry, who struggle for the return of Yugoslavia to the camp of democracy and Socialism.

4. The struggle against the fascist regime of the Tito clique in Yugoslavia takes ever sharper forms: strikes, passive resistance (directed mainly against forcible mobilisation for work), circulation of illegal leaflets, opposition to carrying out production programmes at factories and against State agricultural quotas, and so on.

Yugoslav workers see more and more clearly that the growth of production serves the interests of the imperialists and they embark upon passive sabotage.

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.

5. The working class in Yugoslavia, and the Communists who march at the head of it, should enjoy the complete solidarity of the international working class in building their Party. The work of the Yugoslav Communists begins to acquire an active and more coordinated form.

It is necessary to continue with even more energy, the political and ideological campaign of exposing the Tito clique.

The anti-popular policy of this agency of imperialism should be unanimously condemned by world public opinion.

The Titoites clamour at every corner that they are being expelled from all international democratic organisations. They betray their fear that they will not be able successfully to continue their espionage work and will be sacked by the U.S. masters.

Let us be ruthless and intolerant with this foul agency. Let them find nowhere the slightest foothold.

6. Every Communist and Workers' Party is faced with vital tasks related to greater vigilance. The question is one not only of Party members but also of the mass of the working people who should be educated in the spirit of revolutionary vigilance.

The vigilance of the masses should take organisational forms. It is necessary to expose and eliminate bourgeois-nationalist elements and all kinds of agents of imperialism in our ranks, no matter what flag they use to cover themselves.

In the People's Democracies of particular significance is State vigilance—the vigilance of the State of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As is known in the People's Democracies the old State apparatus was not smashed at once, as was the case during the Great October Socialist Revolution. This means that the vigilance of Communists in this direction should be particularly sharp.

Communist and Workers' Parties must draw all conclusions from the Budapest trial of the spies Rajk and Brankov.

It is necessary to bear in mind that despite the heavy defeat suffered by them at the Budapest trial, the Anglo-American imperialists have not given up espionage and conspiratorial work in the Peoples Democracies.

The conference of U.S. Ambassadors of Eastern Europe, held recently in London, was aimed precisely at reviewing the work of U.S. agents in this part of Europe in connection with the Budapest trial.

According to the Western press, which no longer conceals the nature of the activities of U.S. diplomats, it was decided in London to establish an espionage centre in Belgrade.

At the same time the State Department commission presided over by Allen Dulles, the notorious chief of the U.S. intelligence service, drew up a programme of activities for the countries of Eastern Europe—a programme containing new methods.

There can be no doubt that the main role in this nefarious work will be assigned to the old spies and agents-provocateur of the Tito clique.

It will try to use people like Rajk, and use also the slightest weaknesses and opening in the ranks of the Parties and in the State apparatus, the disgruntled, nationalist elements and people with a doubtful past.

It should constantly be remembered, as Bolshevism teaches, that it is

necessary to put an end to opportunist complacency arising from the erroneous supposition that as our forces grow the enemy becomes more tame and harmless.

Such a supposition is essentially incorrect. It should be remembered that the more hopeless the position of our enemies, the more willingly they resort to "extreme methods".

We should make intensified educational work the basis of increased vigilance. In view of this *For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy*, synthesised the tasks of Communist and Workers' Parties in its article, "Strengthen Revolutionary Vigilance":

"Marxism-Leninism teaches that the Party of the working class can successfully get to grips with and beat the enemy always and everywhere, no matter what mask he dons, only if it engages in systematic work to raise the political and ideological level of its cadres; if it trains them in the spirit of irreconcilability to each and every deviation from the line of Marxism-Leninism; if it strengthens its ranks organisationally, resolutely rids the Party of alien elements, exposing and smashing in good time nationalist and revisionist deviations and by deepening the class-consciousness of the working class and all toilers".

The most important lesson arising from the experience of the great Bolshevik Party is that to increase vigilance it is necessary to have Bolshevik order in our own Party house.

The chief means in this respect is verification of Party membership. This was applied in a number of Parties in the People's Democracies and yielded positive results.

In our Party for example, as a result of verification which is still going on, hostile and alien elements who penetrated into the Party when its doors were wide open for admittance, are now being expelled.

This measure will undoubtedly 'make it much more difficult for the enemy to find a foothold in our Party.

Communist and Workers' Parties should strengthen the ideological vigilance of their members.

They should display real Bolshevik irreconcilability to any deviation from proletarian internationalism; should intensify ideological work to educate Communists in the spirit of loyalty to proletarian internationalism, irreconcilability to any deviation from the principles of Marxism-Leninism, in the spirit of faithfulness to People's Democracy and Socialism, to the international Socialist front headed by the USSR.

In science, painting, music and cinema a sharp vigilance and

irreconcilable attitude are essential to any tendency alien to the working class and in relation to the propaganda of cosmopolitanism.

Let us raise higher still the victorious banner of proletarian internationalism, increasing our devotion to the Soviet Union, the first land of Socialism, the base of the world revolutionary movement, the main bulwark in the struggle for peace and freedom of peoples; to the great Bolshevik Party, leading force of the world revolutionary movement; and to the brilliant teacher of toiling mankind and leader in the people's struggle for the cause of peace and Socialism—Comrade Stalin.