Nixon to Peking: ‘journey to peace’ or to new alliance for world war?

by Raya Dunayevskaya, National Chairman
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The Nixon speech that didn’t rate headlines was his July 6th address to newspaper editors in Kansas. Since no one knew that this was Nixon’s chief National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, was secretly flying to China with just his July 6th address to newspaper editors—had been pulled than the Vietcong and North Vietnam. Mme. Binh tried how long it would last. Never before have 90 seconds so that would determine the world “economic future and... 

Whether or not what is now mere talk, will, in fact, be a global turning point of “the century,” there is some of all that the alleged super-revolutionary, Mao, has taken the actual super-reactor Nixon off the hot seat on which he was placed by the Vietnamese most of them by the massive US anti-Vietnam war movement as well as the Black Revolution. None of the millions on July 15th who were listening to Nixon’s 1/2 minute talk that took hours of meticulous doubletalk to work out could have been more shocked than the Vietcong and North Vietnam. Mme. Binh tried bravely whistling in the dark. China would never, she said, settle with Nixon over the heads of the Vietcong. But Nixon’s terror of a doublecross showed through. For how long can one cover up terror at betrayal when unmasked events fall into place?

Thus clearly, (1) the reason Nixon hardly winced when his only “patriotic” covering on the hot seat—demanded by Charles Denby, Editor

ILWU strike: workers fight containerization

Los Angeles, Calif.—The latest Strike Bull­

I t of the International Longshoremen’s Union

Local 13 reads—“31st day on the brinks.”

The month long strike may continue for many more days as the negotiator for the steamship compa­

nies, the Pacific Maritime Association, doesn’t even want to talk. The last time that west coast longshore­men had to strike was in 1945—and it lasted 90 days.

At stake are the jobs of hundreds of men on the docks, who want to be able to handle and “stuff” those containers with the products to be shipped or unloaded. To not have those jobs would mean even more men being lost from the docks. The (Continued on Page 2)

Civil war in North Ireland

As we go to press, the struggle in Northern Ireland has reached the stage of open civil war, following raids by British troops in the pre-dawn hours of Au­

gust 9. Over 300 citizens, including many socialists and civil rights activists not connected with the IRA, were arrested without charge, beaten and thrown into concentration camps or into indefinite periods under the hated Special Powers Act. The struggle is not Protestant against Catholic.

Women, children and adults as young as 10, have taken to the slum streets, hanging on garbage cans to warn of approaching troops, and showering them with rocks and petrol bombs. At the end of five days, with 25 dead and over 200 wounded, the British commanders have declared the situation “under control,” only to be confronted with new mass demonstrations.
Equal rights for women in East Europe a lie

By our East European correspondent

I do not know any words more appropriate to describe the situation of women in Eastern Europe than those uttered by a woman from the earth and thrown her into social activity in order to fight a battle, not for her own piece of bread, but to exploit her more savagely than any man.

During the fifties, in most of these countries—we exclude here the Soviet Union—there was a great pressure to turn out women to do tasks that had been done by men before. The drive parallel to the forced collectivization carried at each workplace a rush of people. Women suddenly got the right to hard work, with no regard for their "home duties" or for child bearing and rearing. In some countries, women got salaries than men for the same or similar positions.

"Women's Work the Worst"

At present women represent 40 percent of the labor force in the Soviet Union, 50 percent out of China, 40 percent in the United States. In China, 40 percent in Hungary, 48 percent in East Germany. Entire industries are feminized to an unusually high degree—mostly light industries like textiles, shoe production, and food processing. By coincidence, these industries have suffered most from the capitalistic laws of competition. Consequently they have the most obsolete machinery, the lowest wages, and the most ruthless demands from the women for more work for little money.

UNEMPLOYMENT HIGH

Poland is the only country within the Socialist bloc that has official unemployment records. According to recent figures, there are 22,000 women looking for work, while there are only 22,000 vacancies.

Czechoslovakia, a country that is really settled. Eighteen women remained laid-off, and they told me that they had to work for twenty-four hours a day. The cleaning workers, 90 percent of whom are older women, are facing a great deal of exploitation. Women from the Detroit Guerilla Theater Women's Liberation group organized the demonstration, which attracted women from many women's liberation groups, and lasted all night until daylight.

A Black woman writes...

I received a sample copy of your newspaper and was very much impressed. I am a Black woman and at first was dubious as to whether the issue of Women's Liberation was relevant to my life. I personally went to all the readings in your publication. I was pleasantly surprised. You see, as a Black woman, I believe that Black Liberation, the way it's being spelled out, will really and truly mean my liberation. I'm not so sure the Black Liberation comes, I won't then have to start my own liberation as a necessary and crucial co-existent style now and tomorrow; that's why I see Women's Liberation as a necessary and crucial co-existent style.

I want to be sure that when the great day of liberation comes, I can back up the old, own, and independence. I'm not going to write anything from the Black Liberation struggle, because any gains made by me in my hands, as so many of my Cuban sisters have. I am also looking at the possibility of life style now and tomorrow; that's why I see Women's Liberation as a necessary and crucial co-existent style.

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Detroit, Mich. — This year's five day long strike by Detroit's predominantly Black sanitation workers was the first this city has ever seen. The sanitation workers refused to give in to the city's policy of mass layoffs and forced overtime for the rest. They held a slow-down on the job for weeks after the strike, and refused to work the hated overtime. When their contract ran out, and all the city unions signed an agreement to continue working on a day-to-day basis, the sanitation workers refused to return to work. A DPW worker tells his own story.

The public was with us this time. This is something new that we never had before. The public knew they faced the same thing when they work.

We're supposed to be getting $4.00 an hour retroactively, to when the strike ended, starting August 20. We have a three-year contract this time. When you spread out the money we went over three years, it isn't anything. It's just enough to keep up, but no real gain. Our contracts never used to be three years. They were always one. It's the worst deal I've ever seen.

OVERTIME IS ENCOURAGED BY CITY

They're working for overtime ever since we got back to work. There are a few workers who will work more and will work less, and there's no test for that in the morning till 9:00 at night when the sun is down. They're crazy.

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich. — The week before we went down for changeover, a leaflet appeared all over the plant, signed by the Fleetwood Revolutionary Workers Committee.

It was everywhere, from the body shop to the sixth floor, and most workers thought it told the worker that what has happened to our local grievances and what the contract really says, nobody knows.

The one thing that the locals were demanding was to know when we were going to get our check. But the way it's worked out, almost everybody knows, nobody knows.

We went out because we knew it wasn't fair for the people to work and the company to make more money. There was no such thing as "too much work" when there were enough men to do it, and then there is no need for overtime. We know why we held the slowdown and this is why we struck.

"We can't do anything for you until after Labor Day" That's what the president of our local union says.

That's what the committeemen say: that's what the men say. They know because the International told them.

The men from the International came to the body shop, looked at the jobs for a few minutes and went back to their conditioned offices. Then you get the word: "Walk with the foreman, like you're walking on eggshells until after Labor Day." It's not just the body shop. We have just gone back to Fleetwood.

We have just gone back to Fleetwood. We have just gone back to work, and things are no better now than they were then. Here is what the leaflet said:

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Ford Rouge

Detroit, Mich.—Ford has said that we have to lose one of our committees in the Dearborn Assembly Plant because we don't have enough workers. In the contract it says that we get one committeeman for 250 workers, but in the foreman's office they say that the local 600 By-laws come first. In the By-laws of our union, the DAP is cut to one committeeman for 250 workers. In fact, all the predominantly Black units, including DAP, Engine Plant, Frame Plant, and the Stamping Plant, are to have their overtime, even if we are working less service. —N.Y. letter carrier

Detroit DPW

Workers save their vacations to get away from production and the factory. This reporter found out there is no way to hide from capitalism.

To reveal what I mean, while I was on vacation in Roanoke, Va., Bell Telephone workers struck nation-wide. The newspapers printed only the page ad asking for strike breakers. They stated in the ad that they were seeking temporary help. The article was under the caption: "Hiring Blacks, who were June graduates and unemployed.

Mister and Slave

Unions in the South are in need of help from the labor movement. There are families who own small shops. The relationship toward workers is still master and slave. Unions can help break this ungodly system.

A second strike was just ending, which was different from the first. The garbage men struck again, this time from the city of Roanoke. Most of the garbage men are Black, but there are a few whites.

They wanted a 100 percent raise. No one—not even the unemployed—wanted to take the job of the garbage workers. This made the difference. After a short work stoppage, the garbage workers won their demands.

And when you get back home, you see another side of the struggle to get more money. In Detroit, Chrysler makes huge profits and can afford the workers to get a 100 percent raise with a guaranteed annual wage has run out. Now the union, the sanitation workers, refuse to continue the strike until the company agree to give them their money back.
China: Voices of Revolt

Excerpts from the document "Whither China?"

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Put differently, extraction of ever greater amounts of unpaid human labor, the very basis of the productive force of production, while the method of production calls for ever greater machines and ever lesser amounts of human labor. When it comes to "affluence" notwithstanding, present-day capitalism is still fundamentally defined by how much labor is needed to produce a gallon of milk. The result is a generalized global state of economic stagnation which keeps the world in a state of chronic depressions, phenomenal militarization, actual wars, and back again the same path of crisis.

One little human act undermined more than the "systems" analysts took years to construct. It killed the myth of capitalist "truth."

The Pentagon Papers may seem not to have revealed anything new to revolutionaries in the recent past, but they were instrumental in the beginning of the Vietnamization of war material to the detriment of state-capitalist economy. Most of our current "counter-influence" the workers and peasants at the point of production.

NIKKOS, MAO, AND STATE-CAPITALISM

I don't know what will happen with Nixon and China, but I think it will be a good experience for some of the younger movement people to watch the Maoist experience. The Nixon trip, as the Stalinists did with Hitler-Stalin. A lot of political lines are going to be sharpened.

Correspondent England

Reader Illinois

Your committee is truly revolutionary.

The opportunity for a new theory exists. The primordialism of the Trotskyists and so-called New Left. Are there people in communications range in Texas?

We're planning a conference in fall, and part of that will be to look at what's happening in the public sphere and to make real influence.

New Supporter Texas

ISRAELI LEFT

There is a new group here called New Israeli Left which has organized the demonstrations against settlerism in Hebron, on Golda's lawn, against the Yitzhak Rabin government. It has participated also in the Israeli "Black Panthers" activities. Ideologically our people are very critical of both the U.S.A. and the USSR policies, both in the Middle East and in the world at large. But we should not forget that China plays a great power policy, too. A Left Humanism, like your views, probably most of our people will not agree with.

Correspondent Israel

DANISH LEFT

Democracy is the thing of today, all of Europe in wild-cat strikes. Strikes mushroom all over. If you stick your neck out these days you will be stoned. One organization (Arbejder Socialistisk Aktionskalas af Arbejdere og Studerende) has as its purpose of building a strike fine fund, and as this is illegal, the police are registering everyone involved in the action in order to prevent students who feel this is their cause. Since 1968 many student circles and organizations have sprung up among the workers. This has resulted in a realization among the managers that they don't know what's happening. Recently construction workers who are suffering over 30 percent unemployment in most cases have organized a demonstration, during which the Prime

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In Glasgow it is at the highest level since the Depres- sion, with over 36,000 out of a population of 125,000. The per- cent of the male work-force (which is how the statisticians count it; I suppose women out of work don't count). The threatened closing of the shipyards would affect 7,000 more workers directly, and an additional 30,000 indirectly. The workers countered by threatening to occupy the plants if the management didn't run them, themselves, and the papers today report they have done just that!

(Editors' Note: See letter from Harry McShane, below)

In Britain as a whole, expectations are that unem- ployment will top a million by this winter, adding to the woes of the workers of the Third World, of course. In only one year of Tory rule, inflation has risen by 10 percent, charges for children's school meals have been increased, free milk has been abolished, and medical prescriptions and dental care costs have been raised.

On top of that, the most vicious anti-labor legisla- tion, the Industrial Relations Bill has just been passed. This bill almost makes our Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Act look like pro-labor legislation. One key provision tells all that needs to be known: it will be against the law for a trade union to even advocate a strike! The bill requires unions which register to sign an agreement with the government not to strike. If a mem- ber of the union abandons the organization, he can be fined or jailed for contempt of contract.

It is also clear that British racism increases to ridiculous proportions. In one way there is the fear that the colonial immigrants—East and West Indians, Pakistanis, Africans—will become the scape- goats. Jerrard McShane, who was addressed in Dorking, did a beautiful job of exposing the lies of the racists. She pointed out the hundreds of appli- cants from her heavily working-class audience when she pointed out that before they had the blacks to blame for everything, they blamed the Irish. She tied all the need to labor for the immigration Bill as fervently as they are fighting the Industrial Rela- tions Bill. 

The most important thing which we were able to do is being greeted warmly by the audience when we extended socialist greetings to the rally from the Second America.

ONE THING we had expected to encounter at the meetings we had been invited to address (we spoke at the University of Edinburgh, as well as at St. Andrews), was the feeling that U.S. workers were backward, and that the European workers were far advanced because they had been on the march for the last 20 years. But this did not happen at all. Not once. As a matter of fact, everyone we spoke with was very eager to hear what our workers in the U.S.A., and many of the people attending our meetings, realized that the U.S. workers in their battles with Automation could learn a lot from the Europe workers—where there was more potential for them—unless their society was completely changed.

This was our experience in France, as well. We did find that the working people there talked with us, workers themselves, had had talks with both the more traditional Left press and with the New Left press. We found that they could not be co-opted into the system that we couldn't be considered a revolutionary force any longer. One reporter went so far as to ask if it is cor- rect to even speak of a working class in America? They were already doing that in the mushrooming number of newspapers that are talking about American workers are actually doing.

There has been a great amount of searching for answers since the near-revolution of May '68 in France. The publication of the French edition of Marxism and Freedom, itself, is part of that development. New groups have emerged, which are already finding that American workers had been so co-opted into the system that they couldn't have been considered a revolutionary force any longer. The left group that is trying to build a Trotskyist groups, on the other hand, do have workers in their ranks—but the relationship between the work- ers and intellectuals is not fundamentally any dif- ferent than that of the Communist Party.

THE SAME THING was true in Britain. We found that the activists we met in the Women's Liberation Movement were very struck with our pamphlet. Notes from the First Battle were spoken of as the best thing of its kind in Britain, and to keep their own lack of any links with the Black and Chicano workers fighting for freedom, by far.
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a veiled appeal to Fidel to resurrect the idealism of the Russian empire, with early plans for industrialization having been scrapped in favor of increased sugar production, how Cuba has been turned into an agricultural colony "because the relationship between man and society productive work daily, but then adding his explanation 1968) that Cuban workers average only four hours of Stokely Speaks: Black Power Back to Pan-Africanism, K. S. Karol's newest book on Cuba, Guerrillas in Power, has received international publicity, thanks to Fidel Castro's denunciation of Karol as "definitely a CIA agent"; the "implication" of Karol and other European intellectuals in the recent forced "confessions" of Cuban writers such as Herberto Padilla; and the whole international publicity surrounding the Padilla affair generated by the protests to Fidel by such left intellectuals as Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and Susan Sontag. THE EDITOR ACTS as apologist for Carmichael and explains that "Stokely remains silent" to the anti-Stokely attacks that proliferated out of the Black Power movement. To his credit, Karol does point out and document TO HIS CREDIT, Karol does point out and document that Fidel's book ultimately fails to offer any constructive way out for Cuba or other Third World nations because it ends, not with an analysis of state-capitalism, but with a call for Pan-Africanism. Yes, Karl points to the root of the problem in Cuba's revolution by quoting Gramsci's figures (1966, 1968) that Cuban workers average only four hours of productive work daily, but then adding his explanation that "one can replace any figure for Europe," has this problem "because the relationship between man and society remains defective.


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loration that "it is right to rebel." All one has to do to see the real conditions in China is to read "Whither China," 1956, by the Russian specialist on U.S. imperialism against Russia, it does disclose that China is ready to deceive the same game Russia has been playing with the U.S.

Why should the Movement be interested in games the rulers of the world are playing? Shouldn't it be all too obvious that to Big Powers, be they private capital or state-capitalist calling themselves Communists, the "endgame" is only a part of the "big game," which is to say, what they fear is that matter "take sides" in breaks within the ruling class, be they the right wing critics of Nixon who claim China is "losing face" by not making "a visible shockwave through the audience of Blacks and therefore, China feels it can do business with the U.S."

Any such concerns would only lead to the greatest delusion of all—the propagation of the view that China Chou En-lai is only "flirting" with Nixon, but his heart, soul and "principles" are all in Vietnam. The only thing of China, that is, the Vietnamese revolution. The single grain of truth that makes possible any willful delusion is that Vietnam is not the centerpiece of China's policy. Russia, which is saddled with a Counter-revolutionary war, can no price is too high to pay, including a sultination of Viet­ nam, if, in exchange, Mao can even achieve an alliance against Russia, or see Russia engaged in a two-front war.

This should have been clear early since U.S. im­ perialism started raining bombs on North Vietnam in February, 1965, and yet China refused a united front with Russia in defense of North Vietnam. Indeed, the aim he give was nowhere on the scale Mao's China gave Pakistan in its war with India when Chinese troops were moved to the border with India, and Mao is stick­ ing to that all the way. But his heart, soul and "principles" is not India, but the East Pakistani masses, against whom the fascistic generals, with much military help from the U.S. and Pakistan, are practicing genocide.

As for U.S. imperialism, it has no intention whatever of withdrawing all troops and arms from Vietnam unless the American people compel it to do so. From Truman who aided Fascist Imperialism, to try to hold on to Indo­ China, through Eisenhower-Kennedy-Johnson who created America's imperialist war in Vietnam by sending in a full­ scale American war, to Nixon who has to face the reality of the American defeat and the massive opposition at home by simply sending in "a residual force" and even "a little of Russian-oriented "Counter-revolutionary war," which is, in fact, the anti­ Vietnam war movement, they will come to naught, pro­ vide the movement now dedicates itself into the trap set by Mao's "Cultural Revolution", not by settling for a false "peace" at home, separates the anti-Vietnam war movement from the class struggles as "peace and Black Revolution," much less keeps the struggles separated from a total philosophy of liberation.

Therefore, the demand for total and immediate with­ drawal of American troops from Vietnam must show itself to be equally against any pole of world capital, East or West.

Therefore, the demand for national self-determi­ nation for South Vietnam must not be subordinated to North Vietnam. The anti-Vietnam war movement in South Vietnam fought many years before ever it got to know or understood to be a struggle for national self-determination. Angola's attorney's, and its grant prompt granting by pre-trial Judge Anderson, a "fair and reasonable" trial for Huey Newton was defended by Angola's attorney's, the personality of Magee is being de-emphasized everywhere except in the pages of the Black Panther paper.

This motion, made by Angola's attorney's, and its grant prompt granting by pre-trial Judge Anderson, was a "fair and reasonable" trial for Huey Newton was defended by Angola's attorney's, his hearth, soul and "principles" are all in Vietnam. He is the foe of U.S. imperialism, which is the chief enemy of world revolution. They are ignorant of the fundamentals of the fight for national self-determination for each country, China included, and ulo­ gically link those opposers, war and peace.

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The myth of Pan-Arabism: Sudan, Libya, Jordan

By Eugene Walker

Far from any new Pan-Arabism emerging, despite the efforts of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi to build a new Nasser, the divisions, feuds and King, Sudanese “socialists” and Sudanese military, our monarch and the monarchy, to mention a few, are very much in evidence.

On top of this comes the big powers who care nothing for self-determination either of nations or of people. U.S. supplies arms to Jordan and phenol to power called for the population to seize all “communists” and turn them over to the police.

The politics of the coup and counter-coup involve many parties inside the country, and in the Arab world perhaps further. Nimeiry had earlier purged a number of officers, some of whom had opposed any joining of Sudan to a federation of Egypt and Libya.

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Two Worlds

Scotland, England, France—and Marxist-Humanism

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the other hand, are all so permeated with the concept of the “masses” that some told us that the idea of having a worker as editor of our paper was “idolizing” workers.

These workers themselves do not only speak for themselves, but that they are the source of all theory as contrasted with the endless pursuit of the U.S. working class, and especially the revolutionary party.

THE BRITISH AND the French editions of Marxism and Freedom were never more needed. The need for theory, as contrasted with the endless pursuit of the...