

WHY WE OPPOSED KENNEDY'S VISIT!

HOW WE UNDERSTAND THE STRUGGLE

In South Africa the struggle is against capitalism together with National oppression. Capitalism is a system which does not satisfy the needs of the majority of the people such as proper food, proper clothing, decent shelter, etc. It only satisfies the making of profits for a few. The capitalist system has created two main classes, the WORKERS and the BOSSES.

The bosses, small in number, own the land, farms, mines and factories.

The workers, large in number, only own their labour power. They have to sell this labour power to the bosses in order to survive.

In other words one class lives by owning, the other class lives by working. The interest of these two classes are opposed.

It is in the interest of the bosses to increase their profits and to keep their privileges and power.

It is in the interest of the workers to fight against their poverty and to bring in a society free of oppression and exploitation.

CAPITALISM IS WASTEFUL

- To maintain high prices and profits milk, eggs, fruit, etc are destroyed or dumped while people are starving.
- It does not provide work for all those who want to work.
- It is wasteful because millions must be devoted to war, the merciless destroyer of all that is good in life, as well as of life itself.

CAPITALISM IS IRRATIONAL

- It is irrational in its very nature because, instead of basing its production needs on the basic needs of all, it bases production on the profits of the few.
- It is irrational because instead of a harmonious nation we have conflicting interests of the bosses and the workers.

CAPITALISM IS UNJUST

- Its foundations stone is inequality with the good things in life flowing in a never ending stream to a small privileged rich class; while unemployment, degrading poverty and starvation are part of the lot of the large unprivileged class. This is true of the United States, the strongest, richest capitalist nation on earth. This is also true of South Africa, but in addition the majority of the people also face national oppression in the form of apartheid.

WHOSE INTEREST DOES KENNEDY SERVE?

Senator Kennedy is a representative of Foreign Capitalism - Imperialism - which has over R60 000 million invested in South Africa. Imperialism owns or controls most of the mines, factories and banks in South Africa eg., Ford, General Motors, Caltex, Consolidated Goldfields, Barclays and a host of other



companies. The "White" ruling class, Botha and Co., together with the local capitalists (arch exploiters in their own right), manage and protect these investments in South Africa on behalf of Imperialism. Senator Kennedy is a member of and spokesman for the foreign capitalists who siphon R1 000 million every month (R35 million every single day!) out of South Africa in the form of SUPER PROFITS. They are able to reap such big profits because they pay black workers in South Africa slave wages. This is the main reason for the poverty and homelessness of the majority of people in South Africa.

The Imperialists will never completely disinvest from South Africa because they make enormous profits from this system of oppression and exploitation. In addition, the South African state acts as a policeman protecting the interest of Imperialism, in the whole of Southern Africa.

Senator Kennedy is attempting to strengthen and support liberal organisations and individuals, both 'black' and 'white' who want the same sham reforms in South Africa as the Imperialists do. These people want to set up a NATIONAL CONVENTION, (see article on national convention page), to negotiate a deal with the ruling class. The deal will result in more "black" faces in parliament and will ensure poverty, oppression and exploitation is perpetuated.

The Imperialists and their allies are worried that the black workers in South Africa are seeing through the evil capitalist system. Senator Kennedy is attempting to trick the oppressed into believing that the "FREE" enterprise system of capitalism is beneficial to them. They want to fool the oppressed and exploited people with gimmicks like the Sullivan Code and financial support for liberal organisations and certain educational institutions. This is done to protect their (imperialism's) interests in South Africa and not the interests of the black workers who will continue to be exploited.

We, the people of South Africa, cannot embrace the representative and supporter of a policy that has napalmed, murdered, invaded and exiled our fellow oppressed in countries like Vietnam, Grenada, Nicaragua, Cuba and occupied Palestine (Israel). They are also intervening and wreaking havoc in Namibia, Mozambique and Angola in collaboration with the South African ruling class.

WHY WAS KENNEDY HERE?

Kennedy comes to South Africa at a time when the consciousness of the exploited and oppressed and especially that of the black working class is increasing. The evils of capitalism are being identified and confronted. To misdirect these struggles there have been calls by Kennedy and his local liberal allies to fight apartheid, while ignoring its root - Capitalism. The struggle is one against racial capitalism for a new society without national oppression and class exploitation.

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