

AGAINST TERRORISM FOR PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

"The richest source of power to wage war lies in the masses of people."
(Mao Tse Tung, On Protracted War)

The Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization condemns the bombing of a Wall Street tavern in NYC by the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN) on January 24, 1975. Furthermore, we vigorously reject terrorism, the system of individual political acts of violence, as a strategy of struggle which does not hasten the destruction of U.S. imperialism, but instead, holds it back.

Communists in the U.S. fight for the establishment of socialism in the U.S. and for the liberation of all colonies. We recognize that here in the U.S. we cannot achieve socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat, without the armed, violent overthrow of bourgeois state--just as the colonies, like Puerto Rico, Viet Nam, Angola, cannot be free except through the revolutionary armed struggle against their oppressors.

In order to accomplish our goals in the U.S. and to most effectively render direct and determined support to the national liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism, we must fuse the communist movement with the spontaneous movements of the masses, most especially the spontaneous movement of the working class. This means that the communist

movement armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought, must interconnect itself and lead the spontaneous movements, giving them a planned and conscious political character, educating the toiling masses as to their class interests and how to fight for them, tying up all forms of oppression and linking them up with the final goal--the armed overthrow of the bourgeoisie and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As we stated in Palante, vol. 1, #1;

"In order to accomplish the historic mission, there are 3 strategic tasks that communists must complete. They are: the building of a Bolshevik Party armed with the ideology of the proletariat, Marxism-Leninism; the building of a United Front Against Imperialism, which will enable the party of the proletariat to unite with its allies which constitute the majority of the people, and to isolate, then eliminate, the minority, the oppressing bourgeois class and its lackeys; and the armed struggle of the masses to smash by force the bourgeoisie and turn them from an oppressing class into an oppressed class--oppressed by the proletariat, in the interests of the broad masses, in order to insure the victory of the social revolution. These tasks of communists must be completed simultaneously and in direct relationship

to each other.

When there is no party of the proletariat to wield the weapons of the United Front and the armed struggle, the central task of the 3 strategic tasks becomes the building of such a party, steeled in the struggle against falsehood of all shades from within and without, composed of the most thoroughgoing and resolute fighters of the proletariat and able to lead the proletariat and its allies through the complex twists and turns of the revolution and onto the final aim, the dictatorship of the proletariat."

How does terrorism relate to these tasks?

Terrorism tries to replace the revolutionary struggle of the masses with the acts of individuals; it negates the need for a Party and a United Front. It focuses on individual reactionaries and diverts the attention of the working class from the struggle against the bourgeois class as a whole. It diverts many potential leaders of the people from the urgent and necessary work of organization and agitation. It isolates these people from the masses, and spreads among revolutionaries and the masses confused and distorted ideas of the aims and methods of struggle against the bourgeois state.

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The policy of individual terrorism is based on the erroneous theory that active "heroes," outstanding individuals make history; while the working class and the masses as a whole are incapable of conscious, organized activity and must be "excited" into action. Lacking faith in the masses as the only real makers of history, terrorists reject the immediate task of training the masses in revolutionary activity by preventing the working class from understanding its leading role in the revolution. They thereby, hold back the development of the revolutionary initiative and activity of the working class and its allies.

Terrorism holds that isolated attacks can terrify, disrupt and disorganize the bourgeois state apparatus. But as a strategy of struggle, it is unable to win victory because it does not rely on the true bastion of iron--the masses, the real iron bastion which is absolutely impossible for any force on earth to smash. The terrorists quote Mao Tse Tung and say "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," but they leave out some other lessons that are drawn in Mao's works, "Problems of War and Strategy",

"Experience in the class struggle in the era of imperialism teaches us that it is only by the power of the gun that the working class and the laboring masses can defeat the armed bourgeoisie and landlords; in this sense we may say that only with guns can the whole world be transformed."
(Problems of War and Strategy)

Communists work to put fear into the hearts of the bourgeoisie; to weaken and finally destroy their evil dictatorship of the bourgeoisie--permanently; to seize state power and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. But for this, we don't need terrorism. Proletarian revolution is a war of the working class and its allies; it can only be waged by mobilizing the revolutionary masses and relying on them.

"A well-disciplined party armed with the theory of Marxism-Leninism, using the method of self-criticism, and linked with the masses of the people; an army under the leadership of such a party; a united front of all revolutionary classes and all revolutionary groups under the leadership of such a Party--these are the three main weapons with which we have defeated the enemy."
("On the People's Democratic Dictatorship")

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LONG LIVE THE DICTATORSHIP OF
THE PROLETARIAT!