products that are produced in them, the raw materials, the bulk of the land, etc. The class that controls the means of production also has political power to protect its ownership of the means of production, regardless of how or if it attempts to conceal this fact.

Under captialism and imperialism it is the bourgeoisie, the richest and smallest portion of the population, that owns and controls the means of production, as well as maintaining political power--the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. Production under capitalism and imperialism is based on the continuous profit and benefit of this minority of society, without real regard for the conditions of the class that actually produces all these commodities, the working class, the majority of the populus. Under imperialist rule, wars are inevitable since the bourgeoisie is always in quest of new markets, raw materials and labor to exploit, and to defend its "interests" from its competitors in crime. Under the imperialist system, the bourgeoisie controls not only the economic and political life of its "home" country, but also the economic and political life of others. This results in harsh national oppression, which again has as its basis the quest for larger and larger profits. Imperialism also means the oppression of women, again mainly in the quest for higher profits, and also to keep the working class divided. In other words, the bourgeoisie uses every available means to keep the workers of the world divided, playing on national, sexual, age, cultural, and whatever differences they can create. It is the task of the Marxist-Leninist (M-L) Parties to educate the workers of all nations to the essence of imperialism and promote true proletarian internationalism. Imperialist production also means anarchy since it is production for profit, and not connected with the real needs of society and the masses. That is why we see continuous crisis in the economy of imperialism, "over" production and mass unemployment. Imperialism also means the crushing of small producers and their "acquisition" by the large producers, i.e., by the monopolies and large non-monopolies. In sum, imperialism is a system of the bourgeoisie, for the bourgeoisie, and is fundamentally opposed to the real progress of mankind as a whole.

Socialism on the other hand, represents the dictatorship of the proletariat (working class). With socialism, it is the working class that owns and controls the means of production, since it has wrestled it from the dictatorship of the imperialist bourgeoisie. It is also the working class that dictates its control over the economy with its political dictatorship over the bourgeoisie and other reactionary classes and elements. With socialism, production is planned to meet the real needs of the masses of the population and not the propertied few, as under imperialism. Genuine socialist countries will not carry out wars for conquest, since the aim of the working class is to do

away with all exploitation and oppression (in all its various class, national and sexual, and other forms) and give true prosperity and equality and freedom to the vast majority of society. Socialism will also transform small-scale production into large-scale industry, which will also be an advantage over imperialism. This will mean a vast increase in output of beneficial goods and services. Socialism will also see a new and higher level of growth and expansion of science, technology, and the arts, since the masses of the population will be freed up to pursue these interests, which previously were reserved for the propertied classes and their intellectual servants. With socialism, the working masses themselves increasingly take class-conscious charge of running society for their benefit. Socialism is a superior system to imperialism precisely because it, for the first time, is the class rule of the majority of society and not the minority.

Taking all these features into account (and there are more), it should be clear that no socialist country exists today. The once socialist Soviet Union has been transformed from a society where the workers once ruled and owned the means of production (after the October 1917 Bolshevik Revolution), to a country ruled by a bureaucratic, "socialist" in words and imperialist in deeds, bourgeoisie. The aim of this class is the same as the aim of the bourgeoisie and revisionists of all countries--to dominate and live at the expense of the exploitation and deprivation of international labor.

That is why is is the task of the workers of the world, in all countries, to begin taking up their historic mission for the socialist revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat, and eventually classless society, world communism. There is absolutely no other road forward. This road may take different steps in different countries. In the colonies for example, the workers have to go through a bourgeois-democratic revolution before stepping on to the socialist revolution. The working class must oppose the imperialist attacks on themselves and on workers of all lands through revolutionary struggle and socialist revolution. We must never support the wars that any bourgeoisie initiates or participates in to exploit labor and resources of other lands. We must oppose imperialist wars--with a war of our own--a civil war for socialism! Any other talk about opposing imperialist wars with merely "anti-draft" demonstrations, sit-downs, "boycotting" wars, and other pacifist actions is strictly nonsense and a betrayal of the working class. Pacifism is incorrect because the imperialists must carry out imperialist wars to achieve their economic aims. The only real way to stop imperialist wars is to overthrow imperialism. In order to overthrow imperialism, workers and toilers must carry out a mass, revolutionary uprising, must carry out a revolutionary civil war