and "human rights," or "independence," and other hypocritical nonsense. And that is also why in every war, we must examine the class forces involved and how their interests are reflected. This is so that the international working class can develop the correct orientation towards it, and can carry out its historic tasks.

For example, if we look at the war presently being fought in the Middle East between the ruling bourgeois and reactionary classes of Iran and Iraq, we can see that this is precisely the type of war that we spoke of above. This war is being fought in the interests of classes that exploit and oppress the workers and toilers in both countries to see who will control the rich oil reserves, and to see who will annex who in the Persian Gulf region. Whose side should the international working class support? What should be the stand of the Iraqi and Iranian working masses? To answer both of these questions, the international working class has nothing to gain in this war. Therefore, there is not a question of supporting one side or the other (who of course have international connections as well). The only "winner" in a bourgeois war over profit, i.e., an imperialist war, is one or the other bourgeoisie (and a portion of labor aristocrats and petty bourgeoisie). Hence, imperialist wars chiefly benefit the bourgeoisie, and never the masses of working people. As for the Iraqi and Iranian working class and poor peasants, their main task is to work for a civil war to overthrow their respective bourgeois and reactionary ruling governments, and the establishment of their own dictatorship (of the workers and poor peasants), i.e., the socialist revolution.

Imperialist oppression and exploitation also brings forth just wars for genuine national liberation and socialism. These wars, as opposed to imperialist wars, deserve the full support of the workers and revolutionaries the world over. Let us briefly examine a couple of contemporary examples.

El Salvador is a nation in Central America that has been dominated by imperialism, specifically U.S. imperialism, for many decades. Many large monopoly capitalist corporations (including United Fruit Company, Standard Oil, Exxon, Mobil, IBM, General Electric, Caterpillar Tractor, Westinghouse, and many others) have vital economic interests in the Central American region.

The workers and peasantry in these countries of Central America--El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras--have been dominated, impoverished, and denied even "bourgeois" freedoms by the U.S. imperialist supported juntas and dictatorships. For example, Somoza in Nicaragua was nothing more than a puppet for U.S. imperialism in that country. That dictatorship viciously oppressed the Nicaraguan workers and peasantry (similar conditions existed in Iran under the regime of the U.S. imperialist-backed Shah). Just like in Nicaragua (and Iran), this harsh imperialist oppression and exploitation is producing a mass revolutionary movement for true national liberation and socialism. This movement has been temporarily derailed in Nicaragua, is presently occurring in El Salvador, and is also developing in all the other oppressed nations in that area. Another development, and one that the U.S. imperialists are using in an attempt to cover their bloody claws, is that their competitors, specifically the "Soviet"-Cuban "socialist"-imperialists (socialist in words, imperialist in deeds), are seeking to benefit from the revolutionary energies of the masses and their hatred for capitalism and imperialism, for their own imperialist-minded benefit and economic interests.

Both of these sections of the international bourgeoisie are nothing but hypocrites. Reagan, representing the U.S. (and Western Bloc) imperialists, talks about fighting "international terrorism," when it is the U.S. bourgeoisie's class terrorism against the working masses in these nations, that produces not only individual terrorism, which Marxist-Leninists are fundamentally opposed to, but also the developing revolutionary movement that will eventually be victorious. Reagan further blows a lot of wind about "freedom" and "rights" (as did his predecessor Carter), when the only freedom they really are speaking of is freedom for the bourgeoisie to continue its super exploitation of the working masses in Central America and elsewhere, and its "freedom" to continue reaping enormous super-profits from their labor and raw materials. The "Soviet"-Cuban "socialist"-imperialists on the other hand, merely want to take the place of their competitors, and that is the basis of their hypocritical "aid." It is time that the working classes of the world learned that imperialist "aid" always comes with strings attached.

It is the proletarian internationalist duty of the American, Russian, Cuban, and international working classes in general, to support the just wars for national liberation and socialism being waged by the workers and peasants throughout Central America, especially at present in El Salvador. Our duty is to oppose "our" imperialist country's involvement, not by letter-writing to Congressional and parliamentarian "leaders," not by merely protesting in opposition to the bourgeois military and financial "aid," but by working now and gathering our forces to carry out the proletarian revolution in our respective countries. What we mean here is the need for the advanced working class forces to struggle for and build a genuine Marxist-Leninist