decay. There is not even one process which is now a feature of capitalism, from which that system can draw strength for itself either for the present or for the future.

On the other hand, all the internal processes which are features of the system of socialism move in the direction that guarantees and spells out increasing growth and strength for the present and for the future.

Capitalism accumulates weakness and borrows on the future, while socialism accumulates strength now and builds for the future. Let us examine some of these inner processes.

It is not possible at the present time to assess fully the compounded and escalated growth and strength that is bound to flow from the attention being focused on science, engineering and the role of scientists in the socialist world. Likewise, we should observe the continued very high rate of economic growth, the joint planning, the international division of labor, and the development of technology and automation in industrial production. Each of these internal processes point not simply to growth, but to rapid growth and accumulated and expanded resources for the future.

On the other hand, every process in the capitalist world leads to continued failure in meeting the needs of the people, and to further weaknesses in the system itself.

Not so long ago the capitalist world superficially appeared to be a united entity, neatly tied together with the strings of NATO, SEATO, CENTO, OAS and the Common Market. U. S. imperialism pretended that it had to be asked to become the leader of this "Grand Alliance." We, who have the use of Marxism knew, of course, that there were other inner processes at work, and that this "Alliance" under United States imperialism was not so "grand."

Now the neat package has exploded. Today, there are no two capitalist countries which agree on any single area of problems. The alliances are reeking with discord, and the leader of the "free world" is freely booted about. The remains of the British empire are being redistributed as so much booty in the negotiations between the United States and West German imperialism. Even the kissing agreement between the old pirates at the head of West German and French imperialism seems to be of short duration, with De Gaulle refusing to share the spoils with MacMillan.

Spokesmen for U.S. imperialism, with hurt and angry feelings, castigate De Gaulle for talking tough to his allies. Only two weeks earlier, these same spokesmen were hailing Kennedy for talking tough to our allies. Capitalist relations today are comparable to the German-Italian alliance during another grave moment in history. Hitler called it a "brutal friendship."

The Common Market now stands exposed. It was to have been an instrument of U. S. imperialism, with West German imperialism serving as a junior partner. But the junior partner took in other partners and now sees no advantage in continuing the junior status under the United States. The Common Market is now in the throes of a bitter struggle for power between France and West Germany, and more and more it is becoming an instrument against U.S. imperialism.

These shipwrecked alliances are a surprise only to those who do not see the inner processes that eat away at the foundations of capitalism and imperialism. A little over a year ago, there was much noise about the Alliance for Progress. It never got off the ground, but bogged down in the dirty mire of U.S. imperialism. As the inner processes create weakness within imperialism, so also do these processes lead to a continued march to victory for movements of national liberation.

A LOOK AT THE ECONOMIC ANATOMY OF OUR COUNTRY

US picture

The United States is the stronghold of capitalism. Since President Kennedy's "State of the Union" message is so evasive with regard to the status of our country, let us take a closer look at the inner processes within this bastion of capitalism.

Economic Growth Rate

Not long ago, the words "Economic Growth Rate" were hardly known. Now there is great concern about it, and the big business magazines are full of articles about this phenomenon. *Business Week* states: "The interrelated problems that have been afflicting