

Anti-Human Ideas Justify Barbarity

There are many U.S. North Americans who are justly concerned about the terrible, anti-human ideas in the heads of their North American brothers and sisters.

These ideas have allowed the North American people to justify their participation in the most barbaric acts against the peoples of other nationalities ever to be recorded in human history. For North American socialists there is the question of socialist morality and a humane post-capitalist culture for North American people. They are therefore justified when they say they must struggle against the racism in their society as a priority.

However, when our movement assumes responsibility for North American morality, we are dragged into error after error. I am belaboring this point because I think it is fundamental to pushing our movement forward, as there is much confusion within our ranks on the question of the political reality presented to us by the existence and presence of white people and the relationship of our struggle to their existence and presence.

Let us briefly go back to the question of a mass struggle around education, as an example. We have already established that the independence movement, because it represents our advanced forces, would struggle differently than those who only see the surface or symptoms of the problem. No doubt the independence movement would correctly raise the slogan "Black Community Control of Schools" as a realizable goal to begin rectifying the attacks against our people in the education sphere and as necessary to upgrade our education.

Hopefully, this slogan would be raised not simply because we do not like white people, an attitude which, for all its justification, never solved a problem. Hopefully, this slogan would be in recognition of the real purpose of education, and the fact that, to the degree possible, black education should serve our own purposes, the purposes of liberation, independence, and development. But more importantly, we would also, hopefully, see such a slogan as being in correspondence with our colonial analysis and therefore contributing to the actual process of decolonization.

Therefore, we would never initiate a march against "racism" as we saw occur in Boston on several occasions, but we would march for control of our schools, a march which would be based on the same obvious contradictions which led to the march against "racism."

When we march against "racism," we inadvertently march against all the white people in Boston, thereby liquidating the primary role of the U.S. North American ruling class and state, and

we also obscure an important contradiction of imperialism, one which is at the heart of the antagonistic attitude held by North Americans against African people around the question of education.

The contradiction is the necessary concentration of capital and power with the increasing development of imperialism, with the power generally located in the executive branch of government. This concentration of power moves to assume control of virtually every state-related institution in the country, including educational. As the government moves to assume more control of these institutions, it causes for great alienation of the U.S. North American people from the institutions which used to serve them. More than anything, the anti-busing movement is an expression of that alienation.

Once we understand this, it seems logical that we do not unite with our colonialist masters, either of the right or left, by striking out at the U.S. North American working people, whose actual power is revealed by their inability to determine which schools their children will go to or whether they will go to school with African students.

For the North American Left this error has grave consequences for the development of the struggle for socialist revolution in this country. When they identify the hatred, anguish, and social upheaval of the North American people around the education question as simply "racism," they liquidate the contradictions of imperialism. When they march against "racism," although they call themselves supporting black people, they actually align themselves with a sector of the U.S. North American ruling class against the interests of North American workers.

Were they true socialists, they would unite with our call for



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