

# American Negroes' New Revolutionary Storm

**T**HE new storm of the Negro people's struggle against racial discrimination and persecution in the United States has risen to unprecedented heights. The Negroes in Los Angeles staunchly resisted bloody suppression by 20,000 troops and police; they wrote an epic page in the annals of the American Negro movement. In Chicago, too, their struggle against tyranny has developed on an unparalleled scale. In New York, Springfield and other cities, Negro demonstrations against racial discrimination are surging forward. The angry flames of their fight against tyranny are spreading to more and more cities. **The American Negroes' struggle for freedom and democratic rights has entered a new stage.**

This unparalleled upsurge in their struggle shows that the American Negro masses, suffering both racial and class oppression, are experiencing a new awakening. The aim of their struggle has become clearer; their will to struggle has grown more resolute, and their methods of struggle have become sharper. **The 20 million American Negroes, whose level of political consciousness is being enhanced every day, have become an important revolutionary force in the United States, a force that cannot be overlooked. Their unyielding struggle has dealt ever more powerful blows at the reactionary rule of U.S. monopoly capital and has shaken the very foundation of U.S. imperialism.**

## **Oppose Counter-Revolutionary Violence With Revolutionary Violence**

A most important feature of this new awakening of the American Negroes is that more and more of them have come to realize through their experience in struggle that they must oppose counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence. In the Negro movement in the United States, barbarous racist persecution and brutal suppression by the authorities are being met with collective self-defence and counter-attack. This is a new trend. The Negroes in Los Angeles, not hesitating to shed their blood and ready to make any sacrifice, advanced wave upon wave in their heroic struggle against the reactionary troops and police. They showed the growing militant spirit of the American Negroes.

For one hundred years the American Negroes have on countless occasions petitioned and protested, and have tried in all kinds of ways to oppose racial discrimination and win equality and freedom. But, discriminated against, oppressed and exploited, there has been no alleviation of their misery and suffering. Grim reality has taught the broad masses of the Negroes. They have started to cast aside illusions and to go out into the streets and wage resolute struggles. In face

of this daily growing movement, the U.S. ruling circles have cunningly resorted to counter-revolutionary dual tactics in their attempt to hold back and undermine the struggle. Facts have proved that all the "promises," "bills" and "programmes" of Kennedy, Johnson and their like about improving the status of the Negroes are all swindles. Ruthless persecution and suppression have not diminished but greatly increased.

With the hypocritical features of the Johnson Administration being daily more exposed, the masses of the American Negroes have become increasingly resolute in abandoning the road of "non-violence" of the Right-wing leadership in the Negro movement and taking to the road of struggle in "meeting violence with violence." Not long ago the American Negro leader Robert Williams expressed the will of the broad masses of the American Negroes when he said: "...let us not be so naive as to believe that we can conduct a revolution without violence. Let us not be so asinine as to believe that we can appeal to the conscience of a brutal oppressor to the extent that he will voluntarily release our people from almost 400 years of shackles and the dark dungeon of slavery and misery." The recent frenzied and brutal suppression of the Negro people in Los Angeles by the U.S. authorities once again proves the truth of this.

## **Unity With World Revolutionary Struggle**

The American Negroes are linking up their struggle for freedom and equal rights more closely with the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed nations and peoples of the world against U.S. imperialist aggression. This is another important characteristic of the new awakening of the American Negroes. They are coming to see more and more clearly that the U.S. imperialism which oppresses them is the same U.S. imperialism which carries out aggression in every part of the world. The fascist policies which the U.S. ruling circles carry out at home are closely linked with their policies of aggression and war abroad. Some advanced American Negro leaders have already raised the clarion call for struggle: Build a new world free of colonialism, racism, imperialism, exploitation and national oppression! Since the beginning of this year, the American Negroes, while carrying on the struggle to win and safeguard their own rights, have at the same time taken an active part in the widespread struggle in the United States to oppose the U.S. Government's aggression against Viet Nam. The Chicago Negroes in their recent struggle against tyranny explicitly proclaimed: "After years of frame-ups, brutalities and intimidations, the Black people are throwing off control of the same rulers who are making war on people

throughout the world—in Viet Nam, the Dominican Republic and the Congo.” This important development in the American Negro movement marks a big advance in the revolutionary level of their struggle for liberation.

**Chairman Mao Tse-tung, in his statement supporting the American Negroes' just struggle two years ago, said: "The fascist atrocities committed by the U.S. imperialists against the Negro people have laid bare the true nature of the so-called democracy and freedom in the United States and revealed the inner link between the reactionary policies pursued by the U.S. Government at home and its policies of aggression abroad." More and more facts have proved the correctness of this thesis.**

U.S. imperialism has always styled itself the defender of "democracy and freedom" and "law and order." But the misery to which the American Negroes have been condemned clearly shows what kind of "democracy and freedom" U.S. imperialism wants to defend and what kind of "law and order" it wants to establish throughout the world. How can anybody imagine that the U.S. ruling circles which relentlessly persecute and suppress the 20 million Negroes at home can possibly follow a peaceful foreign policy of co-operation with other countries on an equal footing? How can anybody imagine that the implacable enemy of the American Negroes can be the true friend of the people in Africa?

### **Provocation Against People of Africa and the World**

It is clear that just as it practises racial discrimination and oppression at home, U.S. imperialism pursues a policy of aggression against other countries and of enslavement of other nations. Is it not the same Johnson Administration which bloodily suppressed the Negro people in Los Angeles and carried out armed aggression against the Congo (Leopoldville) and subversive and sabotage activities against the Congo (Brazzaville)? Facts prove that the United States is the chief bulwark of racial discrimination, and that U.S. imperialism is the ringleader in the brutal persecution of Negroes and in pursuing policies of national oppression and aggression everywhere in the world. The American Negroes and the people of the world face the same common enemy. **The Johnson Administration's victimization and killing of American Negroes is not only a provocation against the 20 million American Negroes but also a provocation against the 300 million Africans, against all oppressed nations, and against the people of the world as a whole.** The African people and all the people of the world who cherish peace and uphold justice must stand firmly with the American Negroes and the other Americans who oppose racial discrimination, and fight to the end against the U.S. imperialist policies of racial oppression, aggression and war.

The American Negroes' struggle against racial discrimination is an inseparable part of the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed peoples and nations of

the world. Our American Negro brothers who are shedding their blood in the streets of Los Angeles are standing on the same battlefield as and are closely related to the south Vietnamese people who are fighting in the Mekong Delta and the Congolese (L) patriots who are steadfastly carrying on the armed struggle in the jungles of the Congo (L). Every blow dealt and every victory scored by the American Negroes is a blow that weakens U.S. imperialism and a powerful support for the revolutionary struggles of the people in other parts of the world. The revolutionary people of the whole world stand firmly by the American Negroes. The bonds which link them in their common struggle will be strengthened as the Negro movement grows in the United States.

### **Final Victory Is Assured**

The Johnson Administration is sending large numbers of troops and police to bloodily suppress the Negroes' anti-tyranny struggles in Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities. Johnson has raved repeatedly about "relentless" suppression of Negro "violence." The utter brutality of the Johnson Administration reveals its extreme weakness. **It had to dispatch tens of thousands of troops to oppose the Negroes' struggle against tyranny in Los Angeles. Should the revolutionary storm of the American Negroes spread fiercely throughout the whole of the United States, how many more troops has it at its disposal to use as weapons to suppress the revolution?** As the Chinese saying goes: "The roof leaks and the rain pours down day and night without end!" With its policy of aggression abroad suffering defeat after defeat, the badly harassed Johnson Administration is living through increasingly difficult days.

The ruling circles in the United States control the military machine and can use the most brutal methods of terror to suppress the Negroes' struggle. They may gain the upper hand for a time, but they can never subdue the awakened Negroes. On the contrary, their ruthless suppression can only further awaken the masses of the Negro people. **Comrade Mao Tse-tung pointed out long ago: "All reactionaries attempt to stamp out revolution by mass murder and think that the more people they massacre, the weaker the revolution will become. But, contrary to this reactionary wishful thinking, the fact is that the more people the reactionaries massacre, the greater becomes the strength of the revolution and the nearer the reactionaries come to their doom. This is an irresistible law."** The Chinese saying aptly puts it: "Fire cannot kill the prairie grass which will grow again when the spring breeze blows." The tide of the revolutionary struggle of the American Negroes for emancipation cannot be dammed. The road of their struggle may be arduous and tortuous and beset with difficulties and obstacles, but, so long as they strengthen their unity and persist in the struggle, they will overcome all difficulties and emerge victorious in the struggle for complete emancipation.

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