

OPPOSE TED KENNEDY, U.S. IMPERIALIST!

The last ten years of world history have shown fundamental developments in the world-wide struggle against imperialism.

In particular, the imperialist ruling class of the United States of America have been bogged down in crisis more and more in their headlong rush towards total collapse, both at home and abroad. The very foundations of their economy have tilted, swayed and are now tottering under the impact of inflation, recession and overproduction. At the same time, the rising militancy of the American people, especially that of the oppressed black minority, has been dealing heavy blows to the tottering edifice of U.S. imperialism. Their ignominious defeat at the hands of the heroic Vietnamese people has given inspiration and encouragement to the flames of People's War in 45 different countries around the world. The ugly roots of U.S. imperialism, exploitation and oppression have been completely isolated and exposed to the full fury of the world's people.

Hand in hand with these developments over the past decade has been the frenzied attempt by the reactionaries of all countries (including those of the Soviet Union) to promote and whitewash the image of U.S. imperialism around the world. This attempt at political deception is exemplified by the reactionary propaganda that has been done on what the Kennedy family stand for.

Joseph P. Kennedy Senior, a multi-millionaire who rose to power on the sweat of the American working class, was the father of a family deeply imbued with the imperialist world outlook. Into his children he bred the nauseous attitude of self-promotion, careerism and exploitation. He put millions of dollars at the disposal of his sons to ensure their political futures — in other words to buy their way to power — especially through massive advertising campaigns.

Joseph Kennedy, one-time ambassador to England, was a conscious exploiter, fully aware of the impending doom facing his class, and he sought by every means to prolong its cancerous life. As he put it himself:

"Long before the stock market began to fall, back at the peak of the boom, when Jack was nine or ten years old, I established million dollar trust funds for each of the children. After the crash I began to wonder if these trust funds were going to be worth a damn. I was really worried. I knew that drastic changes had to be made in our economic system. I felt Roosevelt was the man who would make these changes. I WANTED HIM IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MY OWN SECURITY AND FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN. I WAS READY TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP ELECT HIM."

These are the words of a parasite who sees that the main struggle in the world is between the imperialists on the one hand, and the oppressed peoples and nations on the other for political and economic power, yet who seeks the reactionary rule of his class to further exploit the people of the world. His second son, John F. Kennedy was brought to power to carry on this "great tradition".

J. F. K.'s advertising campaigns were designed for the sole purpose of glamourising the Kennedy family life in such a way as to gain completely unprincipled emotional support for their political activities. The cultural aspects of the Kennedys' lives were advanced to do propaganda for U.S. imperialism both in America itself and all over the world and to divert the attention of the people from the criminal activities being perpetrated against them.

The terms of office of John and Robert Kennedy (as President and Attorney General, respectively) were noted for the brutality with which the revolutionary struggles of the people were suppressed

both within America itself and around the globe.

At home, R. F. K., in a frantic attempt to obscure the roots of the problem and to maintain his own image of being pro-people, attacked various State Governors as being "solely responsible" for the suppression of the people's struggle, especially that of the Afro-American people. This policy provided the imperialist system with a number of disposable buffers at the same time as confusing the real basis of the problem.

Abroad, J. F. K.'s policy rested on promoting such "national leaders" as Diem of Vietnam, Lester Pearson of Canada, Lemass of Ireland etc, as their countries' representatives, whereas, in reality, these people were nothing more than acquiescent lackeys of imperialism.

Under the Hitlerite theory of the "Free World" (ie. that the U.S. imperialists have the right to butcher the people of the world in order to preserve their interests and their profits) J. F. K. escalated the suppression of the Vietnamese people and stepped up arms expansion trying to provide new sources of investments and contract for the giant monopoly capitalist corporations. Besides open aggression, he also put forward foreign "aid" as a means of preventing revolution in the super-exploited "under-developed" countries. In this way it was possible to increase still further the exploitation of the oppressed nations under the cloak of U.S. paternalism. According to Kennedy, it was a tragedy that the People's Republic of China was meeting with more and more success in grasping revolution and promoting production.

"THE HARSH FACTS ARE THAT IN THE LAST DECADE, CHINA HAS SURGED AHEAD OF INDIA ECONOMICALLY." (1959)
This terrible blow (to the imperialists and their lackeys) drove JFK to put forward the idea of a "green revolution" to prevent the red revolution — in other words, to pump in capital and further increase production (ie. U.S. profits) in India.

This is how the U.S. imperialists juggle with the lives of the toiling masses. This is why they will surely be opposed!

Every unexpected event in the family life of the Kennedys (eg. both assassinations, Jackie's wedding to arch-fascist ONASSIS, the Mary-Jo Kopechne case etc) has been used to promote the Kennedys while at the same time confusing the people as to what the Kennedys actually represent in the world today. From time to time members of the family travel to various countries around the world (eg. JFK to Ireland 1963, Jacqueline to Cambodia 1965, R. F. K. to South Africa 1966 etc). Presenting themselves as "friendly visiting celebrities" these people come for the sole purpose of glorifying the Kennedy 'image' and confusing people as to the true nature of U.S. imperialism. At the same time, whenever possible, they confer with the sell-out governments (such as ours) about how to increase the level of exploitation of the human and material resources of the respective countries.

It is in this context that Senator Edward Kennedy proposes to come to Ireland at the beginning of March. Ted Kennedy, the inheritor of the Kennedy fortune which is dripping with the blood and sweat of the world's people, carries on the ignominious tradition of his family in glamourising and doing propaganda for U.S. imperialism!

The Irish people, who have a long and glorious history of struggle against imperialism, and who still carry on that struggle to this day, know well the deceit and brutality that the imperialists are wont to stoop to. TED KENNEDY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MOST BARBAROUS CLASS OF PARASITES THIS WORLD HAS SEEN, HAD BETTER REMEMBER THAT FACT!

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