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TAMPA LEAFLET

We publish below a leaflet which was produced by the American Tampa Workers Affinity Group. It illustrates to some extent the breadth of the international responses which are to be found in the proletarian movement. The style adopted in the leaflet would probably not be found in those of the CBG, however its general concerns overlap with ours: stating the global nature of capitalism; the ever-present drive of capitalism towards war and the need for an international response by the working class to destroy capitalism and replace it with a humane socialist society, the only alternative to nuclear war. In stating this the Tampa group show themselves to have no illusions about the nature of Leftism as part of the bourgeoisie.

We do think however that the comrades underestimate the role of the political organisation in the development of the proletarian revolution. For example, Tampa say that the "greatest weapon" available to the working class is the "spontaneous general strike" and go on to stress the role of the Workers Councils. Undoubtedly these are central elements of the revolution; without them capitalism will not be destroyed. But what is meant by "spontaneous"? For us the mass struggle is one part of the revolutionary equation. The other, and equally crucial element is that of the organised political minorities of the class. They, especially at times of mass struggle, intervene, bringing to

the class preformed, (although not static and rigid) interpretations of struggle, capital and the goal of the proletariat. This cannot be said to be spontaneous. The Tampa group is not a spontaneous product of class struggle nor are its interventions.

As a result of this structured and 'thoughtful' activity it cannot be said that the revolutionary thrust is founded on simple spontaneity. Obviously all this presupposes that we believe that the political fractions of the class have a fundamental role in the development of revolutionary action. This we accept. The fragmentary forces of the capitalist division of labour undermines the tendency for the working class to act as a revolutionary class. The global nature of capitalism and all the consequences which flow from this are grasped, not in the daily mass struggle but by the conscious minority. (For a fuller development of what we mean here see the exchange of correspondence on class consciousness with Hong Kong letter in this issue of the Bulletin) The minority has a consciousness not only of the exploitative relations of capital but also of the goal which the proletariat must fight for. The interaction of the conscious minority with the mass struggle coalesces to produce the conditions necessary for an onslaught against capital. Without the minority the mass struggle will founder and, conversely without the "spontaneous general strike" the revolutionary group remains impotent.

NO!!! TO BOTH BLOCS, EAST AND WEST

Hundreds of new SS-20 nuclear missiles on the western perimeter of Russia. Over 500 Pershing II and Cruise missiles going into five Western European countries. Government and black market trade in modern weapons and munitions across the globe at an all time high -- billions of dollars worth of the business of death.

Crazed national wars being fought on every continent -- Ethiopia, Afghanistan, El Salvador, Cambodia, Iraq-Iran, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Chad. The South Korean Boeing 747 jet shot down over "Russian air-space". The U.S. Naval armada off the coast of Central America, then on to Lebanon, the Persian Gulf, and now again to Lebanon. An "international peace-keeping force" of Western combat troops sent to Beirut, more savage fighting, and then 230 U.S. marines blown up. Next, an American invasion of the Soviet-oriented island of Grenada in the southern Caribbean.

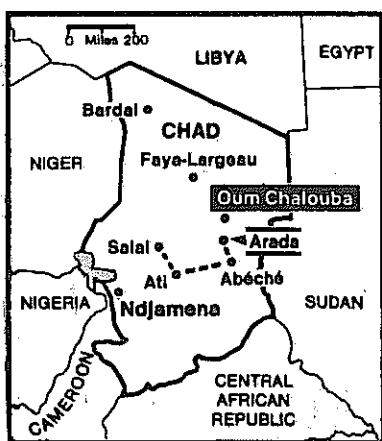
What the hell does it all mean?



Reagan's sweet dreams are made of this
Military power is Weinberger's bliss.

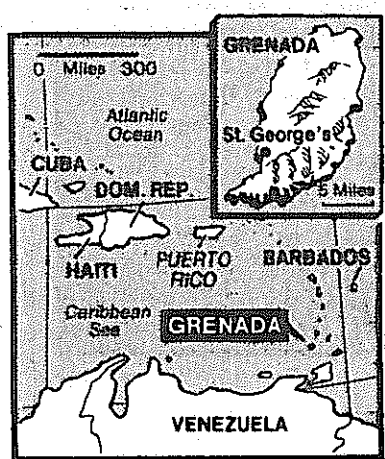
It means simply this: in our precarious world there are two giant-power formations -- the Western bloc led by the U.S., and the Eastern one headed by Russia. Each of these is hell-bent on crushing the military, economic, and political power of the other. The escalating rivalry and violence of these two equally aggressive sides is shoving us -- humanity -- closer and closer to total war, to nuclear war which now, after the Sagan report, means the extinction of our planet.

But why? And Why now? What is causing the new levels of military tensions and clashes? What ever happened to "detente" To "peaceful coexistence" and "friendly competition"? The American and Russian blocs are going after each other because the internal systems of each -- generally speaking, private capitalism in the West and state-capitalism in the East -- are experiencing a severe breakdown. The economic crisis being felt by all nation-states, regardless of its spoken claims about itself -- "Democratic", "Socialist", "Non-aligned" -- is further being converted into political and social discord ... and military aggression. History has shown in the 20th century that the only way that the rulers of the world can resolve the dilemma of their national systems is by suppressing other nation-states, that is, by WAR!!!



The New York Times / Sept. 3, 1983

Heavy fighting was reported at Oum Chalouba. The nearest French forces were reported at Arada. Broken line indicates line of French deployment in Chad.



No cameras, only corpses.

But what exactly is this system which is in major crisis, and is carrying us ever more rapidly toward all-out war, toward a nuclear exchange which spells the end of everything? It is called CAPITALISM. It means that the social system by which we sustain human life on this planet is not consciously and democratically determined by the mass of individuals who labor daily, who actually produce all that we use for survival and enhancement -- food, clothing, shelter, medicine, machinery, tools -- but by blind and dumb market forces.

~~These~~ market forces hinge on human beings making commodities to be sold for a profit by and for others -- the bosses -- in exchange for a money-wage. Under this system, we don't make anything for our own direct use, or the direct use of others, but for a commercial market, a mindless mechanism whereby goods and services are allocated only where a profit

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(from our unpaid labor) can be realized -- either by private owners or state bureaucrats.

This is what CAPITALISM is all about: wages-labor, commodities, the market, profit, competition, the nation-state. The workers produce and activate everything but the owners run everything! The managers can only gain a profit or capital by hiring workers for less than the real value of their work. In a word, one class -- the Big Shits -- lords over another class -- the workers. Just as long as this system of exploitation and domination exists, just as long as humanity does not exercise globally coordinated and democratic decision-making about the production and distribution of the means of life, we will have national economic competition, patriotic political propaganda, armed aggression, suffering and WAR.

Young & old,
Black & white
Screw the bosses
Go bump in the r

Do we, the workers of the world, take sides as the two blocs confront each other more openly and violently? NO!!! Absolutely Not!!! We are the Third Force -- the international working-class -- whose subjugated condition is the same across all national frontiers, and who must oppose both the lunatic system of Reagan as well as Andropov, because these two are in essence one -- CAPITALISM.

We must give a resounding NO!!! not just to the main stooges Reagan and Andropov, but to all of their cronies too:

Castro - Eat a Big One! ¿Tu sabes?

Thatcher - Kiss me arse, Ma'am!

Khadafy - Put your army where the sun don't shine!

Mitterand - Get Lost! ... and in the Sahara!

The P.L.O. - Shove it! AK-47 and all!

Felipe González - This finger's for you, Señor Slick!

Marcos - Croak, you A-hole!

The Sandinistas - No Way, José! Am-scra!

The Pope - We ain't buying that Holy Joe slop, Fahdah!

But can we simply shout at (not to mention the stupidity of lying down limp before) our masters? Again, NO!!! We must use our class power, the only social weight which can check the hand of the political and military elite, and draw us back from the brink. Our greatest weapon is this: the spontaneous general strike, a universal strike for our own well-being against the crisis of the system -- layoffs, wage and benefit roll-backs, speed-up, tighter boss control, indebtedness. Mass strikes -- like the one in Workers of the World Poland in August, 1980 -- outside all union and political party control, permit us to see our latent social power, to see possibilities to change drastically all political, economic and cultural relations, to alter the course away from nuclear war and death toward a New World of truly free and democratic human association and life.

The Third Force is a workers' democracy where all who produce and service decide the what, how and where of their work (and play), and exchange goods and services with others on the basis of mutual need. Such a New World can be organized through an international association of Workers' Councils based on the open and democratic agreements of general assemblies of all workers, starting at the factory and shop level and moving up to a global scale. These Workers' Councils



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are no ideal phantoms; they have come into existence many times before -- the Paris Commune of 1871, the Russian Soviets of 1905 and 1917, in Germany and Hungary, in 1919, in Spain, 1936-37, again in Hungary in 1956, and, most recently, in France, 1968 and Poland, 1980. The international Workers' Councils are the real, practical vehicle whereby humanity can finally liberate itself from the want, neurosis and destruction of the market system. Brute force by the old order has always been used to tear down these Councils. Now, for the sake not only of workers' self-emancipation from servitude and misery, but for the safeguarding of All Planetary Life, we, the international proletariat -- those of us who are the pawns and chattel of this world and know it -- must move and strike on behalf of Freedom and Life.

MEN AND WOMEN WORKERS OF ALL LANDS AND RACES;
 UNITE IN CLASS STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL BOSSES
 AND THEIR MORBID SYSTEM!

TAMPA WORKERS' AFFINITY GROUP
 November, 1983.

Developments in Lebanon

The Search

At nightfall, 191 marines listed as dead, about 75 injured, with little hope of further survivors. About 300 marines due to arrive by air from U.S.



REPLACEMENTS

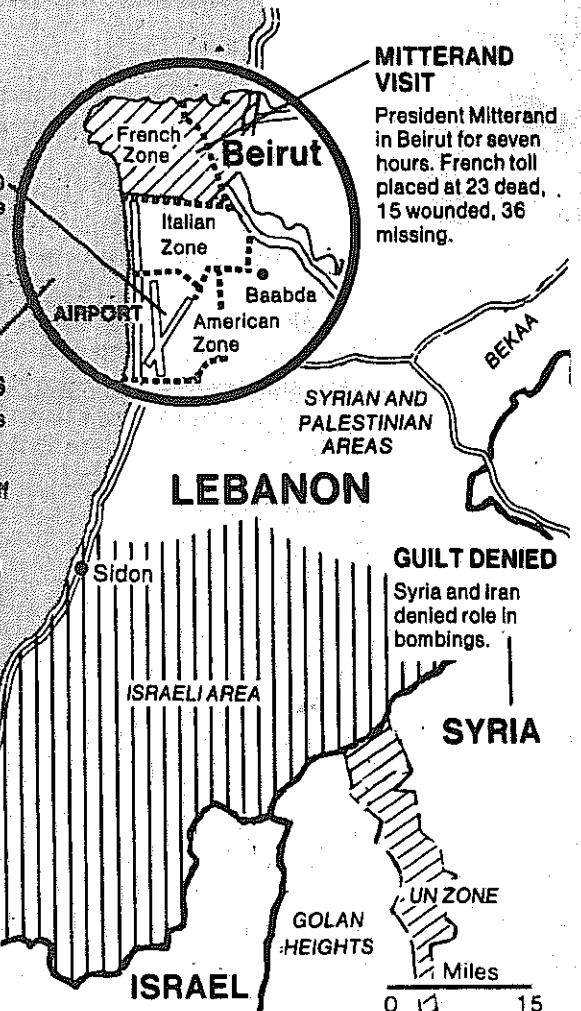
About 1,800 marines aboard ships near Grenada due to replace those now off Beirut.

MIDEAST TALKS

Lebanese President Gemayel reaffirmed plans to convene reconciliation conference in Geneva next week.

ISRAELI AID

Israel offers of rescue and medical aid turned down.



MITTERAND VISIT

President Mitterand in Beirut for seven hours. French toll placed at 23 dead, 15 wounded, 36 missing.

GUILT DENIED

Syria and Iran denied role in bombings.

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