shortages, and population, environmental and food problems?

Can it offer the so-called Third World countries any hope for a solution to the problem of development?

Can it be in the interests of the people of the United States, China, the Soviet Union or any other country in the world?

No one has the right to play around with the future of mankind. It is absurd to think that the progressive camp will permit itself to be intimidated by this unheard-of blackmail.

In 1969, Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the

Communist Party of the Soviet Union, energetically answered these provocations:

"The newspaper Kuang Min Ribao," Brezhnev told the International Conference of Communist and Workers' parties held in Moscow, "has launched an appeal to prepare both for conventional war and for a great nuclear war against Soviet revisionism. It is clear that between their wild cries and their real possibilities of doing what they say, there is a wild gap. The Soviets have strong nerves. They are not alarmed by cries. But the orientation of official Chinese propaganda is completely clear."

'The Chinese Leaders' Great Betrayal And Their Anticommunist Alliances'

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Peking's new mandarins have become the most loyal allies of the most retrogressive world bourgeoisie and the warmongering circles of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), led by the United States.

In recent months, visits and contacts between the Chinese military and NATO dealers in war — especially those of West Germany, France, England and Japan — have been stepped up.

Naturally, the United States is not lagging behind in this mad, unrestrained arms race directed toward a tempting market.

As far back as the summer of 1977, the New York Times leaked a secret document revealing that high levels of the Pentagon and State Department were discussing the pros and cons of supplying China with military technology, communications installations, nuclear reactors, laser equipment, planes, helicopters, antitank missiles, etc.

Chinese military delegations have become assiduous marauders of NATO arsenals.

Last fall, a Chinese military delegation headed by Yang Cheng-Wu, Associate Chief of the General Staff, traveled to France. It visited land and naval bases and expressed an interest in acquiring air-to-land and surface-to-surface missiles.

China hopes to purchase vertical takeoff Harrier fighter planes in England. A British spokesman has already said in Parliament that the British were prepared to fill the Chinese request.

The NATO generals are openly delighted with these visitors, who passionately defend maintaining the military bases of this aggressive pact and who unreservedly support strengthening a military alliance aimed not only against the socialist countries of Europe but also against the liberation movements and progressive governments in Africa.

It was NATO that sustained the colonialist Portuguese regime to the very end. Thousands of citizens of Angola,

Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde were killed by the bullets and shrapnel of weapons that came from the arsenals of that military alliance.

The NATO member countries sustain, arm and incite the bloody racist and fascist regime of South Africa, which holds patents on and manufactures the most sophisticated war weapons, now being used to massacre the patriots of Zimbabwe and the fighters of Namibia and to repress the black populations of the Soweto and Johannesburg bulwarks of the apartheid system.

China seeks its allies in countries such as France, whose government has sent thousands of paratroopers to intervene in Zaire to save the corrupt and bloody regime of Mobutu Sese Seko. The French air force bombs and massacres the fighters of the Polisario Front who are struggling for the independence of Western Sahara.

In recent months, Peking has been a mecca for every arms salesman in the world. The list is too long to include in its entirety, but a few examples are worth giving:

- * West German General Johannes Steinhoff, former Chairman of the Military Committee of NATO, accompanied by Adolf Kilmanzeg and Hendrich Tretner, specialist in surprise attacks and aerial landings. Both are, of course, very closely linked to the revanchists.
- * Manfred Woerner, current chairman of the Federal Republic of Germany's Bundestag Commission on Defense.
- *Admiral Poser, former head of NATO Information Service.
- * James Schlesinger, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and current director of the U.S. Federal Energy Agency (sic), considered to be a Pentagon hawk and a bitter enemy of the process of international detente.
- * Marshal Neil Cameron, Chief of the General Staff of the British Army, who, while in Peking recently, stated without any beating around the bush that the British and Chinese both considered the Soviet Union to be the main

enemy. This led to a diplomatic flurry and a official protest by the Soviet government.

- * Hideo Miyoshi, former Chief of the General Staff of the Self-Defense. Forces of Japan, who stated on June 9. 1977, that visits to China by Japanese military officials would increase.
- * Hisao leachshima, civilian instructor at the Japanese National Defense College, and a group of retired naval officers from the Self-Defense Forces also paid a visit. At the same time, it became known that the Chinese authorities were in contact with high-ranking officers in the intelligence department of the Self-Defense Land Forces of Japan.

According to estimates made by Far Eastern Economic Review, a magazine that specializes in Asian affairs, China's military expenses amount to 28 billion a year, an exorbitant investment for China's economy and one that will subject its people to ever lower standards of living.

This past April 3, the European Common Market granted China most favored nation status, which only the United States and Japan had enjoyed up until then. This will facilitate increased trade between China and the western European capitalist countries, for the purposes already mentioned.

In reality, however, the strategic objective goes beyond this. Through these exchanges, credits and ties with western Europe, the new mandarins hope to find the front door open for helping themselves from the military arsenals of the capitalist countries of western Europe.

Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, warned on February 9 that, according to a Common Market representative, this agreement set no limits on the sales of strategic material to China.

The French right-wing daily Le Figaro was even more explicit. It commented that the Chinese, in blackmail fashion, had let it be known that if France didn't give them what they wanted in the military field, they wouldn't be in any hurry to place their orders in other branches of French industry.

The bourgeois politicians who dream of using China in their anti-Soviet maneuvers should not forget that her hegemonic designs represent a danger for all mankind, including of course, the capitalist states.

Have these war lords forgotten the lesson of recent history, when they protected, armed and encouraged the German imperialists and then the Nazi hordes occupied almost all of western Europe?

Have they forgotten the lesson of recent history, when the heroic struggle of the Soviet Union, that paid a price of more than 20 million dead, was the decisive factor in freeing humanity of the fascist yoke?

The Chinese traitors have forgotten that, without the triumph of the October Revolution and the Soviet viotories over Nazism and the Japanese fascist army of Manchuria, the October 1, 1949, victory of the Red Army in China - a victory that was greeted and supported by all progressive people in the world — would have been impossible.

Some petty, hackneyed theoreticians try to deny that the decay of the colonial system in the world has been

possible because of the existence of the Soviet Union and the rest of the socialist community.

However, the Chinese have not limited their flirting to

On February 16, China and Japan signed an important long-term private trade agreement worth more than 20

Chinese heavy industry, the basis of the military modernization which they advocate, will be reinforced with Japanese technology.

At the same time, the new mandarins are using every possible stratagem to convince the Japanese government to sign a so-called Peace and Friendship treaty with China.

According to an editorial in the January 6 edition of the Japanese daily Sankei Shimburn, the Chinese government places special importance on this treaty because it is included in "its strategy against the Soviet Union."

The treaty contains a certain antihegemony clause which the Chinese are turning against the Soviet Union. Under the label of "hegemony" - which some scatterbrained politicisns call by another name but which, in essence, coincides with the main objectives of this term - the Peking leaders are keeping up an anti-Soviet barrage that the rulers of the United States, those of other capitalist countries and, of course, their puppets all find so

This infamous, despicable policy of the Chinese leaders meshes perfectly with the strategic interests of the U.S. imperialists. This is the reason for the special attention given to these aspects by President James Carter's adviser.

For revolutionaries, this is the clearest, most categorical expression of the fact that China has taken the final step in its conscious betrayal of Marxism-Leninism, socialism, communism and proletarian internationalism and that its alliance with the imperialists is growing ever stronger.

In May last year, in an interview granted Afrique-Asie magazine, Fidel Castro, president of the Council of State of Cuba, said, "We have received reliable reports stating that the Chinese secret services are working in close collaboration with the French, U.S., West German and NATO secret services. It must be said that, incredible as it seems, it is absolutely true."

Coordination in all fields is notorious and evident. The Chinese made no bones about their absolute coinciden with the imperialist countries. Recently, The People's Daily, organ of the so-called Communist Party of China, dedicated an entire article to extolling the European Common Market countries' position on the political situation in Africa and the Middle East.

Referring to a meeting that the nine member countries of the Common Market held last February, the Chinese paper commented: "The results of the deliberations on the events in Africa and the Middle East reflect the desire of the Western European countries to increase their ties and their cooperation with the Third World so as to oppose the big power hegemony of the Soviet Union. Their position favors a common struggle of the Third

World and of Western European countries against the powers that seek hegemony."

How can anyone think that the West German government, that has set up a missile-testing base in Zaire, favors the struggle of the "Third World"?

Is France, which has supplied South Africa with nuclear plants and weapons of all kinds, an ally of the progressive countries and the liberation movements?

Can the countries representing the system that has historically plundered Africa help in its independent development for the benefit of the African peoples?

In the case of the Middle East, the commentary is even more despicable and cunning. It says: "The foreign ministers of the nine countries of the Common Market stated that they appreciated the initiative of Egyptian President Sadat on the Middle East and asked for a general solution to the problem. This position adopted by the countries of western Europe constitutes support for the just struggle of the Arab Peoples against Zionism."

So, Sadat's capitulationist attitude constitutes "support" for the struggle of the Arab Peoples?

This is the height of cynicism, a slap in the face to the Palestinian people and to the progressive Arab governments of Algeria, Iraq, Syria, Libya, the Democratic People's Republic of Yemen and other countries that have denounced the Egyptian President's treason.

What is the basis in doctrine for these Chinese positions?

It is the "Three Worlds" hypothesis, that was finally reformulated in 1977. According to this archreactionary, anti-marxist folderol that flatly denies class struggle, the world is divided into very peculiar political areas.

The Chinese place what they call "the two superpowers" — the United States and the Soviet Union — in the "First World." Since they maintain that the USSR is the main enemy, all their attacks and all their actions are aimed against the Soviets.

They place the capitalist countries of Western Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia and some other countries in the "Second World." Here, too, are the European socialist countries, which they consider to be "exploited" by the Soviet Union.

The Chinese leaders place the underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America — themselves included — in the "Third World."

According to the Chinese leaders, all the countries of the "Third World" should unite with those of the "Second" and even collaborate with the U.S. "superpower" so as to create a great alliance to destroy the Soviet Union.

These renegades consider all alliances good in the struggle against the Soviet Union, whether with the capitalist monopolies, the Bonn revanchists or the most warlike circles in the United States.

The Chinese leaders have assumed the enormous historical responsibility of having destroyed the unity of the revolutionary forces and of practicing a policy against socialism, the worker's movement and the national liberation of the peoples.

With this crafty policy, that tries to undermine the unity of the progressive forces, the Chinese leaders rendered an incalculable service to the imperialists, who, at that time, were escalating their criminal war of aggression against the heroic people of Vietnam.

With this deceitful, opportunistic, unprincipled doctrine, the Chinese leaders have helped to lengthen the life of imperialism, neocolonialism, colonialism, apartheid and to increase confusion and all kinds of ideological deviations.

It is the basic duty of all who struggle for peace. social progress, national liberation and socialism to expose the actions and phraselogy of the Chinese leaders and their strategic alliances with the imperialists and reactionaries.