CALL TO UNITE AND FIGHT RIGHT WING TERRORISM

Bombing of the Communist Party’s Brisbane headquarters on the evening of April 19 is further evidence of spreading rightist terrorism.

The anonymous caller who rang the Courier Mail was reported to have said that the reasons for the bombing were to celebrate Hitler’s birthday and to make the communists lay off the protest against the US bombings of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. A demonstration against the US bombings is to be held in Brisbane on Friday as part of Australia-wide anti-war actions on April 20 – 22. The link between US imperialist terrorism and terrorist tactics of Australian rightists is obvious. Of course, the planting of bombs will not frighten the communists or other anti-war activists. The extreme right cannot enlist any mass support for the US aggression in Vietnam, or their other reactionary policies. That is why they resort to terrorism, laying bombs by stealth.

THE CP ACCUSES THE McMAHON GOVERNMENT, THE ASIO AND THE STATE AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY IN QUEENSLAND AND VICTORIA, OF TOLERATING AND THEREFORE ENCOURAGING SUCH TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY THE RIGHT EXTREMISTS.

Mr. McMahon and some of his ministers have attended meetings and made speeches encouraging extremist groups, including the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations and the Ustasha. Mr. McMahon is on record as saying of the Ustasha in 1968 “they seem a good bunch; and their cause is a good one”, when he saw them attacking the Yugoslav Consulate in Double Bay, smashing windows and burning the Yugoslav flag.

At a similar attack on the Yugoslav Consulate, Inspector Longbottom of the NSW Police Special Branch, stood by while bricks were hurled.

The Ustasha and other terrorist groups have bombed Yugoslav Consulates, trading centres and private homes. Several attempts have been made to murder Mr. Marijan Jurjevic, a Yugoslav ex-serviceman, who has consistently and courageously exposed the terrorists.

NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THESE POTENTIALLY MURDEROUS ATTACKS. YET THE AUTHORITIES KNOW THE LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS OF THESE GROUPS WHOSE PUBLICATIONS CONSTANTLY URGE THE USE OF VIOLENCE, TERRORISM AND MURDER.

ASIO has done little or nothing against them and, in fact, encourages their activities. This secret police force is supposed to watch "subversive groups" but spends its time and great resources to spy upon the CPA, other left and radical groups and even Labour MP’s, one of whom, Dr. J. F. Cairns, recently received a death threat from the Ustasha.

The bomb which wrecked the Brisbane Party Headquarters was planted and exploded when seven people were meeting there. All could have been injured or killed. Indeed, Mr. Peter Lammiman was about to go downstairs to investigate a smell of burning (probably from the fuse) when it exploded.

The Liberal-Country Party governments, so addicted to attacking alleged lawlessness by the CPA and the left and militant unions, stand exposed for their inactivity, toleration and encouragement of the real terrorism that comes from the rightist extremists, whose political views they basically share.

UNLESS PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ACT ENERGETICALLY AND AT ONCE TO SMASH THESE GROUPINGS, THE LEFT AND MILITANT WORKERS’ MOVEMENTS WILL HAVE NO OTHER COURSE THAN TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ORGANISE ITS OWN DEFENCE AGAINST THESE POTENTIAL MURDERERS.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE C.P.A. 20.4.72.

* PROTESTS AND CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST RIGHT-WING TERRORISM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO McMAHON.

* AN APPEAL IS NOW OPEN TO COVER THE COST OF REPAIRS TO THE BRISBANE CPA HEADQUARTERS – THE INSURANCE COVER DOES NOT INCLUDE "MALICIOUS DAMAGE".

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