

On Saturday evening, April 8, Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew is coming to Palo Alto. To many people, Spiro Agnew is a joke, a bumbling clown. That Agnew is crude is undeniable. But he must be taken seriously.

For the past three years, Agnew has faithfully served President Nixon as both front-man and hatchetman, defending Administration policies and attacking any and all critics of those policies. Agnew's role, with his fiery right-wing rhetoric, is designed to make Nixon look like a "moderate," when in reality, Nixon's genocidal conduct of the war in Indochina and his repressive domestic policies make him a deadly enemy of poor and working people everywhere.

We intend to massively confront Agnew with our opposition to the policies of the Nixon Administration. Specifically, we are calling for:

- 1) U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 7-POINT PLAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM FOR PEACE IN INDOCHINA. In response to defeats on the battlefield, growing resistance within the U.S. military itself, and mounting anti-war sentiment at home, Nixon introduced his "Vietnamization" scheme. Under Vietnamization, U.S. ground troops are being pulled out of Indochina and the fighting is being turned over to local puppet armies under the cover of massive U.S. airpower. The two key points of the 7-point peace proposal of the PRG are a) the U.S. government must set a definite date for the total withdrawal of all troops, advisers, military personnel, weapons, and war materials, and b) the U.S. must withdraw all support for the government of Nguyen Van Thieu. This proposal is the only just and reasonable basis for an end to the war.
- 2) AN END TO U.S. POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY OPPRESSION OF FOREIGN -- PARTICULARLY THIRD WORLD -- NATIONS. To defend American trade and investment across the globe, Nixon devised the so-called "Nixon Doctrine." No longer able to defend its interests through repeated direct military intervention, U.S. imperialism will rely on puppet governments in countries like South Korea, Taiwan, Iran, Israel, South Africa, and Brazil do its dirty work. These governments will be propped up by U.S. military and economic aid. The Nixon Doctrine, in fact, means the Vietnamization of the world. The Nixon Doctrine must be defeated; the American Empire must be dismantled.
- 3) AN END TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S DOMESTIC POLICIES OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND RACIAL OPPRESSION. Through his New Economic Policy (NEP), Nixon is attempting to place the burden of the current international economic crisis squarely onto the backs of America's poor and working people. Wages are being held down in order to raise profits, and the corporations are receiving huge tax handouts. Recently the longshoremen have seen their hard-won wage increase cut by the Pay Board. The National Labor Relations Board recently decided that the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee is covered under NLRB jurisdiction in order to outlaw the Farmworkers' most effective tactic, the secondary boycott. The oppression and brutalization of Third World people in this country, particularly those in prisons like Attica and San Quentin, grows each day.

On all these fronts, however -- in Indochina, in other Third World nations, and here at home -- resistance to Nixon's policies is mounting.

This, then, is the setting in which Spiro Agnew is coming to Palo Alto to drum up support for Nixon in an election year. Agnew will be speaking to the right-wing California Republican Assembly. This stop is part of Agnew's nationwide tour designed to prove the popularity of the Nixon Administration and to show that high government officials can still appear in public whenever and wherever they choose without opposition.

We plan to prove Agnew wrong. On Saturday, April 8, we will be marching thousands strong to the Cabana Hyatt House where Agnew will be speaking to present him with the richly-deserved MOUTHPIECE OF THE EMPIRE award.

We ask all those who oppose the repressive policies of the Nixon Administration to join us.

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