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Under the direction of U.S. imperialism Japanese militarism has been revived.

Now reeling from the devastating defeats it has suffered from the people of Vietnam and more lately from the three peoples of Indochina, U.S. imperialism is desperately trying to save itself through the so-called Nixon doctrine which rests on the plan to "fight Asians with Asians".

Japanese militarism is a central pillar of this scheme. U.S. imperialism places great hopes on revived Japanese militarism. That is why it has given it every encouragement. Exactly 12 months ago when Nixon emphasised his "doctrine" of making use of revived Japanese militarism, he said Japanese militarism had "a unique and essential role to play in Asia". He went so far as to say that the U.S.-Japanese "partnership" will be the key to the success of his "doctrine in Asia" and that U.S.-Japanese "co-operation" is the "linchpin for peace in the Pacific".

When the U.S. imperialists talk "peace" they mean war. What is happening is that Japanese militarism is being hurriedly built up to assist U.S. imperialism in its aggression against the Asian peoples.

The revival of Japanese militarism poses a serious threat to the Australian people. U.S. imperialism's puppets in Canberra, faithfully obeying the dictates of their masters, bow and scrape before the Japanese militarists. Whatever the Japanese militarists want, the representatives of the Australian traitor class quickly arrange.

Who can deny that the Japanese militarists have the run of Australia?

Who can deny that through the treachery of the traitor class the Japanese militarists have gained what they failed to gain through military aggression in World War II?

Where are the protests from the self-styled patriots like Santamaria and those reactionary and vocal R.S.L. leaders who want to shoot young people for writing the word "peace" on war memorials?

These gentlemen are silent because they are the puppets of U.S. imperialism and are loyal to the traitor class and not to the Australian people.

Japanese militarists and their henchmen strut about Australia arrogantly. They lay down conditions; they make demands. They make surveys; map the coast and secure supplies of copper, nickel, bauxite, coal and iron ore for their war machine. As they grow stronger their arrogance mounts.

MASSIVE REARMAMENT

A few days ago the Japanese militarists published the draft of their fourth five-year military expansion plan.

This plan stipulates that during the 1972-76 period, Japan's direct military expenditure will come to about 5,800,000 yen, or 2.4 times more than the third military expansion plan.

The draft of the plan reveals that Japanese militarism's arms expansion and war preparations have attained a scale and tempo never before known.

The target of the plan in armament is to increase the **offensive** capability of the armed forces, especially to speed up the strengthening of the navy and air force. If the plan is fulfilled (we say "if" because the people of Japan are struggling hard and heroically against the Japanese militarists) the Japanese militarists will have in their command 180,000 first-line troops and 41 regiments of second-class troops totalling 60,000 men. Naval tonnage will soar to 247,000 tons and the air force will be equipped with 1,750 planes.

The plan also provides for the stepping up of recruitment, the establishment of more medical training centres, the setting up of an "intelligence department" which, no doubt, will be very active in Australia, and finally the development of a nation-wide communication system.

The Japanese militarists do not boast about their plans for equipping their armed forces with nuclear weapons. However, despite their comparative silence on this, the militarists have the full approval of the U.S. imperialists to develop nuclear weapons and are doing so as fast as they can. As a matter of fact, the U.S. imperialists' scheme to make super profits out of the Japanese militarists' nuclear ambitions. The giant U.S. monopoly, Westinghouse, occupies a central place in this conspiracy against the world's people, especially the Japanese people, who are demanding and fighting for the expulsion of U.S. forces from their country along with their nuclear, chemical, germ and other monstrous weapons.

The Australian traitor class also keeps a tight lip about Japanese militarism's nuclear preparations. And for a very good reason too — **THE FACT IS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL SUPPLY THE VITAL MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR JAPANESE MILITARISM'S NUCLEAR ARMAMENT — URANIUM.**

This is exactly similar to the export by the Australian traitor class to Japan in pre World War II days of scrap and pig iron. It killed Australian soldiers in the Japanese militarists' aggression against Australia.

McMAHON BOWS AND SCRAPES

Last month (April) a large team of Japanese monopolists visited Australia. They were given a royal welcome by the Canberra puppets. McMahon drooled over them. Echoing his boss Nixon, McMahon said he hoped that Japan "will play a bigger role in the affairs of Asia". Japan can be a great "stabilising factor in this area". Australia "will welcome its more active participation in the affairs of Asia and will give it all the help it can".

What does McMahon mean by all this sickening kowtowing?

He means simply that now U.S. imperialism is weakening and is unable to shoulder the full burden of the role of gendarme against the Asian peoples, Japanese militarism must fill the breach. To McMahon, the lickspittle of the traitor class, "this is most welcome . . ." And when he

says that Australia will give the Japanese militarists all the help they need, he means that they can have what they like—minerals, coal, uranium, transport, facilities for investment, a greater share of the Australian market. And it is no secret that plans are afoot to relax the immigration laws so that Japanese “technicians” can come here in their droves.

What a picture of treachery? What a shameful thing this all is?

Here we see the traitor class selling out the country to the Japanese militarists who, not very long ago, launched military aggression against Australia.

But, of course, this is nothing new for the Australian capitalist class. In the 30's this traitor class, with Menzies as its chief spokesman, bowed and scraped before the Japanese militarists. Menzies on behalf of the traitor class offered the northern half of the country to the Japanese militarists. We refer to the notorious Brisbane line under which Australia would only be defended south of a line drawn across Australia from Brisbane. Menzies has spent most of his life since then, trying to deny this treachery. But anyone who was in the army and stationed in the north in those early days of World War II knows that the Brisbane line was real. Thousands of people left their homes in Northern Queensland and came south. Cairns was almost deserted in those days. The people left because they expected the Japanese aggressors to take-over.

Well, the Japanese aggressors are back. And they are taking over more cunningly, and still with the help of the traitor class.

The Japanese militarists have always regarded Menzies as their friend. They referred to him in the early days of World War II as a clear-eyed soul who understood the problems of Japan very well.

And it was Menzies who assisted the Japanese militarists against the Chinese people with his moves to close the Burma Road over which vital supplies were being transported to China. McMahon is his true successor.

PREPARING FOR AGGRESSIVE WAR

The Japanese militarists are taking advantage of the growing weakness of U.S. imperialism. As they build up their war machine they cannot contain themselves. They let slip their ambitions. For instance, at the end of last year, the Japanese militarists headed by Eisaku Sato boasted that Japan had become a “big power” next only to the United States in the “free world”. They have let slip out that their “sphere of influence” embraces the vast Asian-Pacific regions from Korea in the north to Australia in the south, through the Strait of Malacca into the Indian Ocean in the west. Already Japanese militarism (as it has done in Australia) has invaded economically, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaya, India and to some extent Latin America. Its

claws have even reached out as far as Africa where the racists have declared the Japanese militarists "honorary whites . . ."

Japanese militarism is already plundering many countries. Japanese monopoly has increased industrial production nearly eight times since the pre-world war II years. It exports capital on a large scale. The recent delegation to Australia had millions of yen to invest here.

Yasuhiro Nakasone, the head of the Japanese militarists' "defence agency" also at the end of last year, revealed some of the aggressive plans of the militarists. He said that "by 1980, Japan will need 700 million tons of petroleum and 60 million kilowatts of electrical power". He went on to say that "it is of great importance to set up a joint organisation for the production of enriched uranium to back up Japan's economy".

Enriched uranium, of course, is the basis of nuclear weapons.

We could go on giving more facts revealing the aggressive nature of Japanese militarism and how it is being fostered by U.S. imperialism for counter-revolutionary aggression against the peoples of Asia.

Australians have had one lesson with the Japanese militarists. In the thirties there was a nation-wide campaign against the Japanese militarists. "Boycott Japanese

Goods" was a slogan that could be seen all over the country. The wharfies refused to load pig iron to Japan. Menzies forced them to do it with his dog-collar act and earned the title "Pig Iron Bob". It still clings to him. All the supplies sent to Japan helped the Japanese militarists to launch aggression. The pig iron came back in bombs.

AUSTRALIA MAIN SUPPLY BASE

Today, Australia has become a main supply base for Japanese militarism. Do not let us be naive and think that we can dictate terms to the Japanese militarists. They aim to take over this very rich supply base. There is not the slightest doubt that the U.S. imperialists have agreed to Australia becoming a part of the "sphere of influence" of the Japanese militarists.

In the 30's the traitor class sent several thousand tons of pig iron to Japan. Today the traitor class is sending millions of tons of war material to Japan. And the quantity will become ever-greater unless it is stopped. And this is not to forget uranium which the Japanese militarists are feverishly plotting to get their hands on.

It is no exaggeration to say that Australia is a vital and essential supply base for Japanese militarism.

This position can be reversed. It must be reversed.

Let us raise the slogan—No Supplies For Japanese Militarism's Nuclear Weapons.



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Australian workers and other patriots have a special responsibility to see that Japanese militarism does not get the war supplies it needs. To strike a blow against Japanese militarism is a patriotic act.

In the thirties the true patriots were the wharfies and those other people who fought against sending supplies to the Japanese militarists. The traitors were Menzies and the class he represented.

Today the situation demands even greater action.

UNITED ACTION NEEDED NOW

The Japanese militarists can be stopped. We are not living in the thirties. On the contrary, we are living in a period when the world revolutionary movement is advancing to final victory. Every day the unity of the world's peoples develops.

The resurgence of Japanese militarism has already resulted in the Chinese, Korean and Indochinese people coming together in iron unity. Japanese militarism is a pygmy in the face of this unity.

The people of Japan are rising up in their millions against their militarists. They are our allies.

There is no doubt that when the situation is made clear to the Australian people, then the Australian people's fighting unity will reach a new stage. Japanese militarism is

hated by the Australian people. The puppets know this, that is why they tread warily and try to cover up for the Japanese militarists.

A mighty campaign against Japanese militarism will at the same time be a mighty campaign against U.S. imperialism. In the struggle against Japanese militarists the real face of U.S. imperialism will become more clearly revealed. The role of the traitor class and the puppets will also become clearer.

To fight against Japanese militarism is to fight for peace. While the danger of Japanese militarist aggression is great, we must never forget that the main trend in the world is revolution. By stepping up revolutionary struggle against the Japanese militarists we can thwart their aggressive war aims.

Let us unfold a mighty, patriotic campaign against Japanese militarism and its sponsor, U.S. imperialism!

Let us bring an end to the treachery of the puppets!

No war supplies for the Japanese militarists!

No copper, no bauxite, no nickel, no iron ore, no URANIUM!

Kick the Japanese militarists out of Australia!

Full support to the Japanese people's heroic struggles against their militarists and the occupation of their country by U.S. imperialism!

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